



Commissioners of Leonardtown

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Commissioners of Leonardtown **Town Council Meeting Minutes** **August 10, 2015**

Attendees: Daniel W. Burris, Mayor
Leslie Roberts, Vice President
Thomas M. Combs, Councilmember
Hayden T. Hammett, Councilmember
J. Maguire Mattingly IV, Councilmember
Roger L. Mattingly, Councilmember

Also in attendance were: Teri Dimsey, Secretary; Laschelle McKay, Town Administrator; Rebecca Sothoron, Treasurer; Cindy Williams, Planning Assistant; Evelyn Holland, Resident; Wayne Hunt, LSR; Francisco Hernandez, Resident; Margaret Forrest, Resident; Lois Coryell, Resident; Wayne and Anne Davis, Property Owner; Susie Hasel, Resident; Anita and Mike Russell, Resident; Marjorie Jones, Resident; Allen Gass, Resident; Rodney Gertz, Quality Built Homes; Michael Lenhart, Lenhart Traffic Cons, Inc.; John Edwards, Quality Built Homes; Dick Myers, The Bay Net. A complete list of attendees is on file at the Leonardtown Town Hall.

Mayor Burris asked that Councilmember Hammett lead the invocation and Ms. Dimsey lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Burris stated that we do have four Public Hearings scheduled today and moved on to the first order of business.

Approval of Minutes

Meeting minutes for the July 13, 2015 Town Council meeting were presented for approval.

Mayor Burris entertained a motion to accept the minutes as presented.

Councilmember Roger Mattingly moved to approve the July 13, 2015 minutes as presented; seconded by Councilmember Tom Combs; motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report – Rebecca Sothoron

Ms. Sothoron reported that she provided Council with two different financial reports. During the month \$350,000 was transferred out of the checking account to the LGIP and that was the function and timing of utility billing and payments. We are 8% through the budget year. A number of the revenues are where they will be for the fiscal year but there are some revenue accruals that we do not have the information to post. Income tax, Highway User and Accommodation tax are yet to be determined. Property taxes were billed and mailed out. We received great assistance from the Printing Press in getting them out in a timely manner.

We have Budget Amendment BJ01-16 – Park Avenue Building Repair – to cover unexpected repair expenses for the Park Avenue Storage building.

We also have Budget Amendment BJ02-16 – Sound System Upgrade – to carry forward funds that were appropriated in FY15 to do some upgrading for the sound system in the square but the logistics of getting the parts did not happen before the end of FY15.

Councilmember Roger Mattingly moved to approve BJ01-16 and BJ02-16 as presented; seconded by Councilmember Hammett; no further questions, motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Sothoron noted that the last item on her report was the purchase of the waterfront parcels prior to the Wharf project being built for which we borrowed \$1.5 million August 2010 that mortgage loan was set as an adjustable rate for a five year reset and that reset happens September 1, 2015. We talked with the bank about our options and the reset rate was just established at 5.512% and they provided us with other loan modifications.

We were given three proposals. Mayor Burriss recommended they go with the third option of a 3.5% fixed for 10 years with a fifteen year amortization and that would reduce our payment by \$1,300 per month but we would keep making the same payment of \$1,600 that we have been making and at the end of ten year period that would leave us with a balance of just over \$300,000. If for some reason we need to decrease the payment we have that option.

Ms. Sothoron noted that that extra principal if we are able to maintain it over the course of the remaining loan will save the Town about \$63,000.

Councilmember Hammett noted that this loan is backed by the full faith and credit of the taxpayers of Leonardtown and a publicly recorded lien on the property.

Councilmember Hammett moved to approve the third option loan modification as recommended for a fifteen year amortization and ten year fixed rate of 3.5% and approval for the Mayor to sign and execute the required documents; seconded by Councilmember Combs, no further discussion, motion passed unanimously.

4:15 Public Hearing- Resolution #5-15-Annexation of 241.5 +/- acres on Hollywood Road

Mayor Burris entertained a motion to close the regular meeting and open the Public Hearing on Resolution 5-15 Annexation of 241.5± acres on Hollywood Road.

Councilmember Combs moved to close the regular meeting and open the Public Hearing; seconded by Councilmember Jay Mattingly, motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Burris asked Ms. McKay to provide a brief summary.

Ms. McKay reported that this Resolution was introduced at the June 9, 2015 Town Council meeting to begin the process. The Annexation Petition, Plat, Metes/Bounds description and the entire Annexation Plan are incorporated into the Resolution. The proposed zoning categories are spelled out in Section 4 and will be further codified later in the meeting with Ordinance No. 171. The properties were posted and ads were placed in the County Times for 5 consecutive weeks (6/18, 6/25, 7/2, 7/9, 7/16). The last being at least 15 days prior to the hearing per Section 6. The Board of County Commissioners for St. Mary's County and the Maryland Dept. of Planning and Tri County Council were notified and the BOCC and MDP have responded (letters attached). The one caveat from St. Mary's County Government was to make sure that it did not impact the EDUs for the library to move forward. Per Section 8 the Annexation Plan has been signed by the petitioner and the Town Attorney and will be available for the Mayor to sign upon approval of this resolution. The annexation becomes effective 45 days from approval of the Resolution. The Town Council can approve/delay or deny the decision on the resolution.

The Annexation agreement has been signed by Quality Built Homes, owner of the Wathen and Wilkinson Farm and agreed to the studies that will need to be done and as part of the planning process they have agreed to build the roads for the development, as well as the water and sewer requirements. They are also donating a well and/or water tower if the Town needs them for future growth. Both documents incorporate into the petition that 100% of the properties being proposed for annexation have signed, 25% is required but we have 100% signed.

Mayor Burris asked Ms. McKay to describe the annexation process.

Ms. McKay stated that the Resolution was introduced in June, the petition was submitted and we are required to have 25% of the property owners' sign it and then we are required to advertise and notify the County and the State planning agencies. Then we work through the Annexation agreement and we are required to submit an Annexation plan and advertise this for four consecutive weeks. We then hold a Public Hearing on the Annexation. The second Public Hearing codifies the zoning of the parcels and makes it part of our zoning map. Once it is part of the Town then we start the development process.

Quality Built Homes have stated that they plan to develop the Wathen farm first for approximately 100 units and that will be a two Public Hearing process. Today is just about the Annexation and the properties mentioned being incorporated into the Town limits.

Mr. Rodney Gertz, the property owner and President, Quality Built Homes, is in attendance today to answer any questions or concerns.

Mr. Gertz stated that he has had an excellent working relationship with the Town while building the Leonard's Grant neighborhood and is looking forward to doing so again with these next two neighborhoods.

Mayor Burris opened the floor up for any comments or questions.

Ms. Margaret Forrest on Speith Road wanted it clarified that the Wilkinson Farm annexation would not affect her taxes.

She was told no it would not.

Ms. Forrest inquired as to how many units they would be building on the Wilkinson Farm.

Ms. McKay responded that that has not yet been determined. The Wathen farm will be developed first but both properties will go through a development process. The developer will bring forward a concept plan, public hearings will be held, they will go through an engineering process then finally back to the Town Council for final approval.

Mayor Burris remarked that at this time, until the treatment plant is upgraded, there are not enough EDUs to support the Wilkinson Farm development so it will be quite a few years before that begins.

Ms. Lois Coryell stated that she lives on Hollywood Road and is concerned about the future traffic issues.

Ms. McKay noted that there is a more detailed study that will come forward as what improvements State Highway will require the developer to make.

Councilmember Combs remarked that it is the State Highway that has sole control over what happens as Hollywood Road, it is under State Highway control. The Town can ask and make suggestions but ultimately it is the SHA that will make the final decisions.

Mr. Mike Russell, 41913 James Richel Lane, the sewage access to the Wathen property, is it proposed to come from behind Leonard Hall?

Ms. McKay responded that we are looking at that and will need to work with the developer once the studies have been completed.

Mr. Russell also inquired if any of the zoning maps are available on line for public review.

Ms. McKay responded yes, it is available on the Town website at www.leonardtown.somd.com and she would help direct him if needed.

Mayor Burris remarked that if there are no further questions, he entertains a motion to close the Public Hearing and reopen the regular meeting.

Councilmember Roberts moved to close the Public Hearing and open the regular meeting; seconded by Councilmember Combs, motion passed.

Councilmember Roger Mattingly remarked that he attended the Planning and Zoning meeting on July 20th and there were no objections to the Wathen and Wilkinson Farm at the time. There were a couple of questions from Mr. Russell and Mr. Lumpkins concerning the property rights about the new neighborhood which adjoins the farms. They were discussed and both parties were satisfied that their concerns would be addressed.

Councilmember Combs noted that Council discussed a basic concept plan put in the Annexation agreement and he proposed that we stipulate that we are not agreeing to that as the actual concept plan as we are concerned we have not yet had ample time to review.

Councilmember Hammett moved to adopt the Annexation Resolution 5-15 which annexes 241.5± acres on Hollywood Road into the corporate limits of the Town of Leonardtown with the understanding of all the accompanying documents become part of the Resolution and that the site plan included be noted as for informational purposes only. We also grant Mayor Burris authorization to sign the Resolution on behalf of the Council; seconded by Councilmember Combs, no further discussion, motion passed unanimously.

4:30 Public Hearing- Ordinance No. 171- Leonardtown Comprehensive Zoning

Mayor Burris entertained a motion to close the regular meeting and open the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 171 – Leonardtown Comprehensive Zoning.

Councilmember Roberts moved to close the regular meeting and open the Public Hearing; Councilmember Roger Mattingly seconded; motion passed.

This Ordinance was introduced at the July 13th Town Council meeting. The Ordinance is to codify the recommended zoning categories for the properties proposed for annexation along Hollywood Road. This Ordinance adopts the proposed changes to the Comprehensive Zoning Map for Leonardtown. The Planning Commission held a public hearing at their July 20th meeting. The Planning Commission sent a unanimous, favorable recommendation for the zoning recommendations (see attached minutes). The Public Hearing was advertised in the County Times on July 9th. No comments were received.

Mayor Burris asked for any comments, hearing none, he entertained a motion to close the Public Hearing and open the regular meeting; seconded by Councilmember Hammett; motion passed.

Councilmember Roberts moved to approve Ordinance No. 171 as presented; seconded by Councilmember Combs, motion passed.

Mayor Burris noted that it was not yet 4:45 pm for the next Public Hearing moved on to the next order of business.

Planning & Zoning Report – Laschelle McKay

The last Planning & Zoning meeting was held on July 20, 2015. We had the following items on the agenda:

Case #36-15 – Map 133 Parcels 460 and 482, 22715 Johnson Lane
Boundary line adjustment request

The Planning & Zoning Commissioner approved the boundary line adjustment, increasing the size of the parcel to remain R-SF and decreasing the parcel seeking rezoning to R-MF. A Boundary Line Adjustment Plat will be recorded.

Case #36-15A - PUBLIC HEARING – 22705 Johnson Lane – rezoning request

The Planning & Zoning Commission recommends (by 2 to 1 vote) that Town Council approve the rezoning of this property from R-SF to R-MF to allow for the construction of four townhomes.

PUBLIC HEARING – Ordinance #171 – Town Comprehensive Zoning Map Changes

The Planning & Zoning Commission recommends that Town Council adopt the changes.

Case #78-14 – Leonardtown Volunteer Rescue Squad; 22855 Lawrence Avenue
Request for concept plan approval

The concept plan was approved for a 4,640 sq. ft. two-story addition, which will include office space as well as accommodations for volunteers, including a kitchen, lounge and dining areas, bathrooms with shower facilities, a laundry room and bunk rooms.

The next Planning & Zoning meeting scheduled for August 17, 2015 may be cancelled if the Rescue Squad project is not ready for final site plan approval.

Police Report

Ms. McKay reported that Deputy Smolarsky is unable to attend today's meeting but she provided Council with a written report.

Town Administrator Report – Laschelle McKay

Support for the Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Dept. to submit a Community Parks and Playground Grant in the amount of \$200,000- This is a resubmission to try again for the grant for the Fireman’s Park and Heritage Museum to be located on Lawrence Ave.

Councilmember Roger Mattingly moved to support submission of a Community Parks and Playground Grant in the amount of \$200,000 for the LVFD Fireman’s Park and Heritage Museum; seconded by Councilmember Combs, no further discussion, motion passed unanimously.

Submission of Waterway Improvement Fund Grant Application- A grant in the amount of \$99,500 to build a pier and slips at the Wharf Park has been prepared for submission to the Dept. of Natural Resources. Authorization is needed to submit the application. This is a non-matching grant.

Councilmember Roberts moved to support submission of a Waterway Improvement Grant in the amount of \$99,500 for a pier and slips at Leonardtown Wharf; seconded by Councilmember Hammett, no further discussion, motion passed unanimously.

4:45 Public Hearing-Case #36-15- Map 133 Adjusted Parcel 482- Request for Rezoning from R-SF to R-MF

Mayor Burris entertained a motion to close the regular meeting and open the Public Hearing.

Councilmember Hammett moved to close the regular meeting and open the Public Hearing; seconded by Councilmember Roberts, motion passed.

The Public Hearing for this case was advertised in the County Times on July 23, 2015 and all properties on Johnson Lane as well as all adjacent properties were notified by certified mail. The property was also posted. The Planning and Zoning Board held a public hearing on July 20, 2015 and sent a favorable recommendation for the rezoning on a 2-1 vote (minutes attached). A packet of information was enclosed in your packets including the application, proposed concept plan, proposed architectural and an overall zoning map. Also attached is a letter from neighbor Francisco Fernandez and Sonia Fernandez and a letter from St. Aloysius.

Owner:	Annewayne Investments, LLC
Developer:	W.M. Davis Development, LLC
Engineer:	Little Silences Rest, Inc.
Project Size:	1.31 ac. +/-
Current Zoning:	R-SF
Critical Area Overlay	LDA Limited Development Area

This property is the remainder of Parcel 482 after the boundary line adjustment completed at the July 20, 2015 meeting to assure neighbors that the back 67,000 square feet of the parcel would remain R-SF as part of Parcel 460. Mr. Davis is proposing construction of one building consisting of four townhomes if the rezoning is approved. A copy of the site plan is included in your packets but this hearing is just for the rezoning. A request for concept approval on the site plan would come at a later date. There would be a separate entrance to the townhomes off of Fenwick Street. Mr. Davis has also agreed to put a limit of 4 homes that can be built on the recorded plat to alleviate concerns of the neighbors.

Mr. Wayne Davis, property owner, noted that the property is zoned Single Family and we had several scenarios that we could have done on the property. We hired LSR to take a look at the property and determined that it was less invasive to build four townhouses. There is also a possibility that it may be determined after a feasibility study that we may not be able to develop the property.

Mayor Burris opened the floor up to the public for comments.

Mr. Hernandez, adjoining property owner, came forward and made a statement that he has a concern about this rezoning based on what he has learned during this process. He looked at both the Leonardtown Code and the Comprehensive Plan. He felt there were a lot of contradictions on the process. It was mentioned that Foxwell and the future Hamptons are part of the neighborhood. The zoning plan clearly notes that the neighborhood can be subjective and hard to define sometimes but it does state very clearly that there are natural and physical man made barriers that define what a neighborhood is. In looking at the map you can see the tributary and cemetery that gives us the separation and feel this determines us as a different neighborhood. Another thing is that it states it needs to be a physical change and not a plan so that the Hamptons, which is only a concept, cannot be considered as a neighborhood change. Our specific group of houses is a very historic part of the Town. All of these groups of homes were built over 100 years ago and adding a multi-family will change the character of our neighborhood and in reading the zoning comprehensive plan that is exactly what the recommendation goes against. Another proof that we are not part of the neighborhood is that we are part of the historic Leonardtown district and the comprehensive plan specifically stipulates that you have to conserve the historic district of the Town and not modify it. The property to be developed has a definite slope and is with the critical area and much of it is forested and any construction will alter the soil.

The deep slopes, the change to the neighborhood and historic district should be noted that there would be significant change to the neighborhood and this re-zoning should not be granted. He urges Council to deny the re-zoning proposal.

Ms. Agnes Hayden, who resides in Leonardtown and whose husband is buried in St. Aloysius Cemetery, is concerned about the soil being disturbed as it is already collapsing in and around many of the graves. What harm will this do to the cemetery?

Ms. Caroline Farren, 22705 Johnson Lane, her property adjoins this property and is concerned about townhouses in this location and feels it changes the character of their neighborhood of old homes. Townhomes do not have an historic look and will not fit in with their neighborhood nor is it the best location next to a cemetery. She is also concerned about the boundary lines. She also expressed concern about lighting from all of the townhomes shining into their home, she would prefer to see single family homes on more acreage.

Mrs. Anita Russell, lives on James Richel Lane and is really concerned about the cemetery as her husband is buried there and she plans to be buried there and does not like the idea of the area being disturbed especially during any construction.

Mr. Wayne Hunt, Land Surveyor with LSR, remarked that measures will be taken to minimize any disturbance to control the sediment erosion to keep it off and direct it away from the gravesites, barring any major storms or weather issues.

Mr. Davis pointed out that lighting can be addressed specifically to redirect it to avoid over lighting, much of the forested area will be left untouched for boundary purposes and to maintain the character. The impact of the townhomes will be less than 8% of the entire approximately 53,000 sq. ft. with a setback of 15 to 20 feet from the cemetery. We are sensitive to the fact the townhomes are so close to the cemetery and have spoken with the Priest of St. Aloysius who did provide us with a letter of support.

Mr. Hernandez added that he understands we are trying to reach a compromise but that this should not be allowed and should be about following the rules of the Comprehensive Plan and do not rezone it due to the fact that it is a not a change of the neighborhood or it is a mistake which this is not, the rules should be followed.

Mayor Burris entertained a motion to close the Public Hearing and open the regular meeting.

Councilmember Roberts moved to close the Public Hearing and open the regular meeting; seconded by Councilmember Jay Mattingly, motion passed.

Ms. McKay reported that documentation was provided, along with a letter from our attorney on what constitutes a change in the neighborhood.

Councilmember Roberts stated that she does not see this as a change in the neighborhood. We looked at the zoning map, the graveyard, the church property is all single family zoning so that taking this 1.3 acres which is surrounded by single family you are making it multi-family. The graveyard does provide a barrier to this unique neighborhood. Very hard decision because if we do not re-zone this property Mr. Davis has the right to develop that property, the choice to do four townhouses is very much less invasive than if he would build single family homes. By voting to not re-zone it he still has the right to build many single family homes. The other part is that Mr. Davis is subjected to lots of specific rules and regulations that need to be followed before he can build these four townhouses.

Councilmember Combs stated that it is a change in the neighborhood and is in favor of the re-zoning. We have to try to find a way to meet the needs of being a developmental district which is very important for the Town to increase the population so that we can improve the downtown areas so that it can support itself but at the same time not try to step on the toes of residents. My gravesite is right in front of the planned development and I can assure you that I will do my best to protect my own gravesite.

Mayor Burris stated that in the downtown plan, the Town was broken down into four quadrants. Quadrant three contains the west side of Rt. 5, north side of Wharf hill out to Ryken and this is the lower quadrant and it states that the southeasterly section is the downtown area that include the local government offices, courts, banking services, restaurants, independent drugstore, organic grocery store, churches, schools, residential housing including single family housing an apartments. That whole section is considered part of the downtown area.

Councilmember Jay Mattingly remarked that he respects everyone's opinion and concerns about the graveyard. He too has generations of family buried there but he does also see a change in the neighborhood and would prefer to see the townhomes instead of the eight single family homes that could potentially be built on this property.

Councilmember Hammett also said that he has generations of family buried at the graveyard. He asked Mr. Hunt if there is any part of the Ordinance that precludes removing trees.

Mr. Hunt responded that within the Forest Conservation we are to use best management practices to protect the soil and we will need to remove a portion of the trees but only what is allowed.

He does support the request to re-zone due to the fact that it is adjacent to the downtown area which has undergone a number of changes, more so than the change in the Fenwick St. area.

Councilmember Roger Mattingly stated that he attended the Planning and Zoning meeting held on July 20th and understands the concerns for the neighborhood. He too also has family buried at the graveyard which is also right in front of the new planned development. I asked myself what defines a neighborhood and my definition in reference to the zoning change would be the surrounding area within a certain area. If you take only the five houses in consideration that would be the definition of your neighborhood and as I live in Foxwell that would be my neighborhood and in looking at the planned Hamptons of 119 units of two buildings next to Foxwell and I looked at all of the surroundings neighborhoods and feel that there have been significant change in the neighborhood.

After doing some significant research and taking in all the factors he determined there was a change in the neighborhood and supports Mr. Davis with a favorable request. He is concerned about having to clear cut mature trees and having a buffer remain between the townhouses and Mr. Hernandez's property.

Mr. Davis responded that everything from the drive in to the cemetery and an area of about 15 to 20 feet will remain untouched. On the upper side we will probably, from 125 feet from the property line, have an area of 15 to 20 feet we need to clear to dig the foundation and to stabilize the soil.

Ms. McKay stated that Mr. Davis has agreed to record on the plat there will be only four townhouses built on this property.

Mayor Burris asked if there were any further comments, there being none, he entertained a motion to close the Public Hearing.

Councilmember Roger Mattingly moved that the request by Mr. Davis for the re-zoning of 1.3 acres of land on Johnson Lane, tax map 133, parcel 482, RSF be changed to RMF; seconded by Councilmember Hammett, no further discussion. Councilmember Roberts opposed, four Councilmembers approved, motion passed.

5:00 Public Hearing- Ordinance No. 172- Chapter 48- Building Code Changes-

Mayor Burris entertained a motion to close the regular meeting and open the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 172 – Chapter 48 – Building Code Changes

Councilmember Roberts moved to close the regular meeting and open the Public Hearing; seconded by Councilmember Jay Mattingly, motion passed.

Ms. McKay reported that we introduced this Ordinance at the July 13, 2015 meeting and have advertised the Public Hearing in the County Times on July 23rd. As required by State Law we are updating Chapter 48 of the Town Code to meet the 2015 International Building Code, International Residential Code for One and Two Family Dwellings and the International Energy Code. We have proposed the same amendments as St. Mary's County adopted to keep conformity for inspections.

Mayor Burris opened the floor to the public for comment.

There being none, he entertained a motion to close the Public Hearing and open the regular meeting.

Councilmember Roberts moved to close the regular meeting and open the Public Hearing; seconded by Councilmember Hammett, motion passed.

Mayor Burris entertained a motion on Ordinance 172 – Chapter 48 – Building Code.

Councilmember Combs moved to approve Ordinance 172 – Chapter 48 –Building Code Changes as presented; seconded by Councilmember Hammett, no further discussion, motion passed unanimously.

Mayor’s Report

Mayor Burris stated that the Fox 5 Ziptrip was a great event and great exposure for the Town. Everyone has been getting Facebook comments and we have gotten an increase in likes and shares on the Town’s FB pages.

We did receive numerous calls that day from far and away asking for more information on Leonardtown.

Mayor Burris stated that we do not at this time have an alternate for the Planning and Zoning Board and we need another member for the Board of Appeals. He is recommending Mr. Joe Kurley as the Planning and Zoning alternate and Mr. Art Shepherd to replace Mr. DuVal who has moved out of town and is asking for Council’s consensus.

Council gave consensus on the two recommendations but also added they would like to see the terms better defined.

Events – Roger Mattingly

Councilmember Mattingly thanked Ms. Fleming for her report and working 26 hours in two days to host the Fox 5 Ziptrip, preparations for First Friday, the historic boat regatta and Beach Party.

Ms. Fleming thanked everyone for all their help and support.

We are proud to host the US Navy Jazz Band the Commodores this coming Saturday, August 15 starting at 6 p.m. in the Square.

The September First Friday on the 4th will be a special Arts & Entertainment District Celebration, featuring artists around the Square, live music by Higher Standards, and the 3nd Annual Art Walk competition.

Our last Concert on the Square for the season is the return of “The Clazzical Project” featuring Don Stapleson on Saturday, September 5 starting at 6:00 p.m. This trio of professional musicians gives a jazz treatment to the classical favorites for a unique sound you’ll want to hear for yourself.

The Father Andrew White Walk for the Poor is also scheduled for Saturday, September 12 at 9:00 a.m.

Upcoming Events of Interest/Meeting Reminders:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
Friday, August 14	8:30 AM	LBA Meeting @ TBD
Saturday, August 15	7:30 – 8:30 AM	Sunrise Yoga at Leonardtown Wharf
Saturday, August 15	6:00 PM	US Navy Jazz Band The Commodores On the Square

Upcoming Events of Interest/Meeting Reminders:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
Saturday, August 22	6 – 9:00 PM	Downtown Tunes Country with Sara Gray and Robbie Boothe
Wednesday, August 26	5:30 – 7:00 PM	SMC Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours Hosted by St. Mary’s Landing, Catered by The Rex 21590 Pacific Drive Lexington Park, MD. 20653
Friday, Sept. 4	5 – 8:00 PM	Arts & Entertainment First Friday & Art Walk
Saturday, Sept. 5	6:00 PM	The Clazzical Project Concert in the Square
Monday, Sept. 7	HOLIDAY	Town offices CLOSED - Labor Day
Friday, September 11	8:30 AM	LBA meeting @ TBA
Saturday, Sept. 12	8:30 AM – 6 PM	Art*Work*Shop throughout Town Registration/Reception at Leonardtown Arts Center
Saturday, Sept. 12	9 AM	Walk for the Poor @ Father Andrew White School proceeding and downtown
Sunday, Sept. 20	12 Noon – 4:30 PM	Taste of St. Mary’s in Leonardtown Square
Thursday, Sept. 24	3 - 9 PM	St. Mary’s County Fair @ Fairgrounds
Fri., Sept. 25, Sat., Sept. 26	9 AM – 9 PM	
Saturday, Sept. 26	10:30 AM	<i>Parade – Commissioners invited to Participate</i>
Sunday, Sept. 27	9 AM – 6 PM	
Tuesday, September 29	TBD	Capt. Walter Francis Duke Elem. School Dedication Ceremony

Community Development and Strategic Planning - Hayden Hammett

Councilmember Hammett reported that we have had six new building permits this past month and we issued Leonard’s Grant their last permit for a total of 340 homes, now complete. The Fire Marshall and Health Department issued their approval for the Walter Francis Duke Elementary and the Hamptons are working on their addresses. We are close to getting the final site plans for the Old Line Bank located on Newtowne Neck Road. Mr. Beck is finalizing the back parking lot of the Front Porch. Heritage Chocolates hoped to open by Beach Party but was not able to and now have a new opening date for sometime early September.

ENR Upgrade – Tom Comb

Councilmember Combs reported that on July 27 they started working the sludge press but operation is limited by rain and we need the piping built from the holding tank to the press. Digester one is now emptied and gets pumped every time it rains. Demolition of the existing sludge building began August 3rd and should be completed this week. We started excavation on Clarifier Three and this will take some time to complete.

SMMA Update – Leslie Roberts

Councilmember Roberts reported that the next meeting will be held on September 2 at the Leonardtown Fire Department.

Safety and Emergency Preparedness – Jay Mattingly

Councilmember Mattingly reported that the patching and striping around Town has been completed. The new parking pattern with adding diagonal parking spaces on the left going out of the square has been well received.

Mayor Burris reminded everyone that he will be available for discussion after the close of the meeting and entertained a motion to adjourn the regular meeting.

Councilmember Combs moved to adjourn the regular meeting at 5:50 p.m.; seconded by Councilmember Hammett, no further discussion; motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:

Teri P. Dimsey

Approved:

Daniel W. Burris, Mayor

Leslie E. Roberts, Vice President

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