



**PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES  
May 15, 2014**

- I. Patrick J. Mahoney, Council Vice-President, called the public hearing to order at 6:00 p.m. In attendance were: Dr. Valerie L. Beaudin, Robert E. Carpenter, Stewart B. Cumbo, Jeffrey J. Krahling, and Eric M. Reinhardt, Council Members, Dr. James Parent, Town Administrator, Elissa Levan, Town Attorney, Sharon L. Humm, Town Clerk, Michael Lightfield, Finance Consultant, Jay Berry, Superintendent of Public Works, Paul Woodburn, Town Engineer, William Watson, Code Enforcement Officer, Marilyn Van Wagner, Water Park General Manager, Jon Castro, WWTP Superintendent, Connie O'Dell, Economic Development/Special Events Coordinator, Chris Jakubiak, Zoning Administrator and First Sergeant McDonough. Absent were Bruce A. Wahl, Mayor, Cheri Beard, Acting Town Treasurer.

Council Vice-President Mahoney opened the public hearing stating there are five public hearings tonight. Mr. Mahoney announced that he expects Mayor Wahl to open tonight's regular Council meeting.

**Ordinance O-14-7, an Ordinance of the Town Council of Chesapeake Beach, Maryland, adopting the annual budget for the Mitigation Fund of the Town of Chesapeake Beach for the fiscal year July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015.**

**Public Comment:**

1. John Bacon of 8717 C Street requested any Council member that plans to make an amendment to any of the ordinances, to please announce during the public hearings so the public has an opportunity to comment.

Council Vice-President Mahoney asked that the Council refrain from commenting during the public hearings, leaving their comments for the regular meeting. Also, requesting that if amendments are to be introduced tonight that they be announced during the public hearing so the public may comment.

There being no further comments the hearing was adjourned at 6:05 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Carpenter. Seconded by Dr. Beaudin, all in favor.

**Ordinance O-14-8, an Ordinance of the Town Council of Chesapeake Beach, Maryland, adopting the annual budget for the Water Park Fund of the Town of Chesapeake Beach for the fiscal year July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015.**

Council Vice-President Mahoney stated at the appropriate time, he will be making an amendment to the Water Park budget, Expenditures, Line item, "Education & Travel" to reduce the amount by \$2,000 dropping from \$18,000 to \$16,000,

There being no further comments the hearing was adjourned at 6:07 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Mahoney. Seconded by Dr. Beaudin, all in favor.

**Ordinance O-14-9, an Ordinance of the Town Council of Chesapeake Beach, Maryland, adopting the annual budget for the Treatment Plant Fund of the Town of Chesapeake Beach for the fiscal year July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015.**

Councilman Krahling stated he will, at the appropriate time, make an amendment to the Treatment Plant Fund, Variable Expenses, Line item, "Utilities" to decrease from \$368,000 to \$155,214.

There being no further comments the hearing was adjourned at 6:09 p.m. on a motion by Dr. Beaudin. Seconded by Mr. Krahling, all in favor.

**Ordinance O-14-10, an Ordinance of the Town Council of Chesapeake Beach, Maryland adopting the annual budget for the General Fund of the Town of Chesapeake Beach for the fiscal year July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015.**

Councilman Mahoney stated he has two amendments that he will be making to the General Fund budget. 1) Revenues, Line item "Highway User Fees" to increase by \$145,248 bringing the proposed \$61,184 to \$209,432 due to additional revenue from the State, and 2) Expenditures, Operating Capital Outlay to increase by \$610,000 for the Route 261 Bridge Project.

Councilman Krahling stated he will, at the appropriate time, make an amendment to the General Fund budget to 1) remove all cost allocated from the Utility Fund to the General Fund, 2) remove the additional \$8,000 in wages, 3) add \$350,000 to the Rainy Day fund and 4) add \$250,000 to the Dredge fund.

Councilman Carpenter stated he too, at the appropriate time, will be amending the General Fund budget to 1) amend under Revenues, Local Sources, Admissions and Amusement Taxes, to reduce by \$100,000 from \$654,050 to \$554,050, 2) increase Bayfront Park Admissions by \$10,000, and 3) increase Miscellaneous Income by \$25,000. Under Expenditures, Other Charges, 1) increase the Board of Elections by \$15,000 and 2) add a new line item, "Ethics Commission" with an expenditure of \$25,000.

**Public Comment was received by:**

1. Ron Draper of 8193 Windward Key in reference to Mr. Krahling's amendment concerning the dredging reserve, stated in reviewing the budget documents, did not see any reserves itemized and requested that in the future when any reserves are delineated, it be noted.

There being no further comments the hearing was adjourned at 6:17 p.m. on a motion by Dr. Beaudin. Seconded by Mr. Krahling, all in favor.

**Ordinance O-14-11, an Ordinance of the Town Council of Chesapeake Beach, Maryland adopting the annual budget for the Utility Fund of The Town of Chesapeake Beach for the fiscal year July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015 and setting rates, charges and fees related to water and sewer service by the Town.**

Councilman Krahling stated he, at the appropriate time, will make an amendment to the Utility Fund budget to 1) add back in all cost allocated to the General Fund from the Utility Fund, 2) add a \$10 billing and collecting fee to Appendix A, 3) remove the \$50 fixed charge per quarter and 4) set the water and sewer user rates where income covers expenses. Mr. Krahling stated the combined fee would be \$13.91 per 1000 gallons.

**Public Comment was received by:**

1. Janice Sebold of 3238 Rector Lookout remarked she is not in favor of a membership fee, or the transfer of personnel costs.
2. Randy Getman of 3248 Ina Chase remarked on the fairness of a \$50 membership fee. Mr. Getman stated he is okay with a fee but feels the fee should be based on usage.

There being no further comments the hearing was adjourned at 6:30 p.m. on a motion by Dr. Beaudin. Seconded by Mr. Krahling, all in favor.

Submitted by,



Sharon L. Humm

Sharon L. Humm  
Town Clerk



**MINUTES OF THE  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
May 15, 2014**

**I.** Bruce A. Wahl, Mayor, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. In attendance were: Dr. Valerie L. Beaudin, Stewart B. Cumbo, Robert E. Carpenter, Jeffrey J. Krahling, Eric M. Reinhardt, and Patrick J. Mahoney, Council Members, Dr. James Parent, Town Administrator, Elissa Levan, Town Attorney, Sharon L. Humm, Town Clerk, Michael Lightfield, Finance Consultant, Jay Berry, Superintendent of Public Works, Paul Woodburn, Town Engineer, Jon Castro, WWTP Superintendent, Marilyn Van Wagner, Water Park General Manager, William Watson, Code Enforcement Officer, Chris Jakubiak, Planning and Zoning Administrator, Connie O'Dell, Economic Development/Special Events Coordinator and First Sergeant McDonough. Absent was Cheri Beard, Acting Town Treasurer.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance.** The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. Approve the Agenda.**

**MOTION:** Mr. Mahoney moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Dr. Beaudin.

**MOTION:** Mr. Reinhardt moved to amend the agenda to add under VII. Reports of Officers, Boards and Committees, H. Water Park Privatization Committee. Seconded by Mr. Mahoney, all in favor.

The Council moved to approve the agenda as amended, all in favor.

**IV. Public comment on any item on the agenda.**

1. Randy Getman 3248 Ina Chase welcomed the Mayor back.

2. Joe Johnson of 8089 Windward Key also welcomed the Mayor back. Mr. Johnson requested the Mayor to consider allowing public comment on agenda items when reported on versus only having comment at the beginning of the agenda only. Mr. Johnson also requested that the Town find a more informative method to inform the public when spills occur at the Treatment Plant.

**V. Approval of the minutes of the April 17, 2014 Town Council Meeting.**

**MOTION:** Mr. Carpenter moved to approve the minutes of the April 17, 2014 Town Council Meeting. Seconded by Mr. Mahoney.

**MOTION:** Mr. Carpenter moved to amend the minutes of the April 17, 2014 Town Council Meeting to change Councilman Mahoney's title of Council President to Council Vice-President where necessary. Seconded by Mr. Mahoney, all in favor.

The Council moved to approve the agenda as amended, all in favor.

## VI. Petitions and Communications

- A. **Presentation by the Chesapeake Pharmacy-** Mr. Leo Mallard and Ms. Beverly Dillon were present to give a brief slide presentation on the history of the Chesapeake Pharmacy from its opening in 1986. The Mayor presented a plaque for 28 years of dedication and service to the community.
- B. **North Beach Volunteer Fire Department-** Mr. Gordy submitted the attached written report.
- C. **Deputy's Report** – First Sergeant McDonough submitted the attached written report and was present to address the Council. Mr. Mahoney stated parking issues have already begun at the Bayfront Park.
- D. **Public Works Report** – Mr. Berry submitted the attached written report and was present to address the Council.
- E. **Code Enforcement Officer's Report-** Mr. Watson submitted the attached written report and was present to address the Council. Mr. Watson was given several properties to investigate having tall grass.
- F. **Town Engineer's Report** – Mr. Woodburn submitted the attached written report and was present to address the Council. Dr. Beaudin asked status on the two dredge projects, making mention that she noticed the dredge pipes are still in place. Mr. Mahoney asked Mr. Woodburn to explain to the Council the \$610,000 which he previously mentioned in the public hearing, as being an amendment he would be making to the General Fund. The \$610,000 falls under the Route 261 Fishing Creek Replacement Bridge Project.
- G. **Water Park Report** – Ms. VanWagner submitted the attached written report and was present to address the Council. Ms. Van Wagner was happy to report things are coming together and will be ready to open on time. Mr. Cumbo invited everyone to check out the new palm trees in the park this year.
- H. **Wastewater Treatment Plant Report** – Mr. Castro submitted the attached written report and was present to address the Council. Mr. Castro stated the Sludge Hauling Contractor can no longer haul sludge for the Plant. The Plant is waiting on sludge test results and will rebid the contract.
- I. **Treasurer's Report** – Mr. Lightfield reported he has completed the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter financials.
- J. **Chesapeake Beach Special Events Report** – Mrs. O'Dell submitted the attached written report and was present to address the Council. Mrs. O'Dell reported on the Stars and Stripes Festival coming up. With great enthusiasm, Mrs. O'Dell stated that after months and months of persistence, her associate Stephanie Zanelotti, has arranged to have "The Wall That Heals" come to Town and be displayed throughout the Stars and Stripes Festival. "The Wall That Heals" is a half scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial & Mobile museum that is housed within a trailer. Also, another exciting thing is on May 23<sup>rd</sup> the Channel Fox 5 News crew will be here

“live” to do a segment on Chesapeake Beach and invites everyone to come out and be a part of this special event.

**K. Mayor’s Report –**

1. The Mayor was pleased to report that he is feeling well and happy to be back. The support shown during this time has been outstanding and is so grateful to everyone that has reached out via email, phone calls, and in person. The Beach Elementary Students made a Get-Well Banner and his church family, Chesapeake Church, provided meals. A special thank you to Councilman Mahoney for stepping up and doing an excellent job during the Mayor’s recovery. But most of all, thanks for the love and support of wife Becky and his whole family during this difficult time. It is truly a wonderful thing to live in a small town where people care.
2. The Mayor was pleased to announce that during the annual MML Convention in June he will have the privilege of accepting the position as President of the Maryland Municipal League.

**VII. Resolutions & Ordinances:**

- A. Vote on Ordinance O-14-7, an Ordinance of the Town Council of Chesapeake Beach, Maryland, adopting the annual budget for the Mitigation Fund of the Town of Chesapeake Beach for the fiscal year July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015.**

**MOTION:** Mr. Mahoney moved to approve Ordinance O-14-7, adopting the annual budget for the Mitigation Fund. Seconded by Dr. Beaudin, all in favor.

- B. Vote on Ordinance O-14-8, an Ordinance of the Town Council of Chesapeake Beach, Maryland, adopting the annual budget for the Water Park Fund of the Town of Chesapeake Beach for the fiscal year July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015.**

**MOTION:** Mr. Mahoney moved to approve Ordinance O-14-8, adopting the annual budget for the Water Park Fund. Seconded by Dr. Beaudin.

**MOTION:** Mr. Mahoney moved to amend Ordinance O-14-8, Exhibit A Operating Expenses by \$2,000 from \$1,091,145 to \$1,089,145 thus, resulting in a decrease of \$2,000 in Total Expenses. Seconded by Mr. Krahlung. Ayes, Mr. Krahlung, Mr. Mahoney and Mr. Reinhardt. Opposed, Mr. Carpenter, Mr. Cumbo and Dr. Beaudin. **Motion Fails.**

The Council voted on Ordinance O-14-8, as was originally introduced. Ayes, Dr. Beaudin, Mr. Carpenter, Mr. Cumbo, Mr. Krahlung and Mr. Mahoney. Opposed, Mr. Reinhardt. **Motion Passes.**

- C. Vote on Ordinance O-14-9, an Ordinance of the Town Council of Chesapeake Beach, Maryland, adopting the annual budget for the Treatment Plant Fund of the Town of Chesapeake Beach for the fiscal year July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015.**

**MOTION:** Mr. Mahoney moved to approve Ordinance O-14-9, adopting the annual budget of the Treatment Plant Fund. Seconded by Dr. Beaudin.

**MOTION:** Mr. Krahlung moved to amend Ordinance O-14-9, Exhibit A, Expenditures, to decrease Variable Costs in the amount of \$212, 786. Seconded by Mr. Reinhardt. Ayes, Dr. Beaudin, Mr. Krahlung and Mr. Reinhardt. Opposed, Mr. Carpenter, Mr. Cumbo and Mr. Mahoney. **Motion Fails.**

The Council voted on Ordinance O-14-9 as was originally introduced, all in favor.

**D. Vote on Ordinance O-14-10, an Ordinance of the Town Council of Chesapeake Beach, Maryland adopting the annual budget for the General Fund of the Town of Chesapeake Beach for the fiscal year July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015.**

**MOTION:** Mr. Mahoney moved to approve Ordinance O-14-10, adopting the annual budget for the General Fund. Seconded by Dr. Beaudin.

**MOTION:** Mr. Mahoney moved to amend Ordinance O-14-10, Exhibit A, General Fund Revenues, to increase under Federal, County and State Sources, State Revenue by \$145,248. Seconded by Dr. Beaudin, all in favor.

**MOTION:** Mr. Mahoney moved to amend Ordinance O-14-10, Exhibit A, Expenditures, under Capital Improvements to increase by \$610,000 as a result of the Route 261 Bridge project. Seconded by Dr. Beaudin, all in favor.

**MOTION:** Mr. Carpenter moved to amend Ordinance O-14-10, Exhibit A, Revenues, to reduce Local Sources by \$100,000 under the Admissions and Amusement Taxes. Seconded by Mr. Mahoney, all in favor.

**MOTION:** Mr. Carpenter moved to amend Ordinance O-14-10, Exhibit A, Expenditures, to increase General Government by \$40,000, which would entail increasing the Board of Elections by \$15,000 and creating a new line item, "Ethics Commission" at \$25,000. Seconded by Mr. Mahoney. Ayes, Dr. Beaudin, Mr. Carpenter, Mr. Cumbo, Mr. Krahlung and Mr. Mahoney. Opposed, Mr. Reinhardt. **Motion Passes.**

**MOTION:** Mr. Krahlung moved to amend Ordinance O-14-10, Exhibit A, Expenditures, to remove all cost allocated from the Utility Fund, remove the additional \$8,000 in wages, add \$350,000 to the Rainy Day Fund and add \$250,000 to the Dredging Fund. Seconded by Dr. Beaudin. Ayes, Dr. Beaudin, Mr. Krahlung and Mr. Reinhardt. Opposed, Mr. Carpenter, Mr. Cumbo and Mr. Mahoney. **Motion Fails.**

Councilwoman Beaudin read a statement into the record, (attached).

The Council voted on the Ordinance O-14-10 as amended. Ayes, Mr. Carpenter, Mr. Cumbo and Mr. Mahoney. Opposed, Dr. Beaudin, Mr.

Krahling and Mr. Reinhardt. The Mayor used his prerogative to vote, breaking the 3-3 tie in favor of Ordinance O-14-10. **Motion Passes.**

- E. Vote on Ordinance O-14-11, an Ordinance of the Town Council of Chesapeake Beach, Maryland adopting the annual budget for the Utility Fund of The Town of Chesapeake Beach for the fiscal year July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015 and setting rates, charges and fees related to water and sewer service by the Town.**

**MOTION:** Mr. Mahoney moved to approve Ordinance O-14-11, adopting the annual budget for the Utility Fund. Seconded by Dr. Beaudin.

**MOTION:** Mr. Krahling moved to amend Ordinance O-14-11, to add back in all cost allocated to the General Fund totaling \$241,750, add a \$10.00 billing and collecting fee to Appendix A, remove the \$50.00 fixed charge per quarter and set the sewer and water user rates at \$10.62 per 1000 gallons for sewer and \$3.89 per 1000 gallons for water. Seconded by Dr. Beaudin. Ayes, Dr. Beaudin, Mr. Krahling and Mr. Reinhardt. Opposed, Mr. Carpenter, Mr. Cumbo and Mr. Mahoney. **Motion Fails.**

The Council voted on Ordinance O-14-11 as was originally introduced. Ayes, Mr. Carpenter, Mr. Cumbo and Mr. Mahoney. Opposed, Dr. Beaudin, Mr. Krahling and Mr. Reinhardt. The Mayor used his prerogative to vote, breaking the 3-3 tie in favor of Ordinance O-14-11. **Motion Passes.**

- F. Introduce Ordinance O-14-12, an Ordinance declaring a portion of the real property contained in Section 1, Block B, Lots 6-16, Richfield Station Subdivision to be surplus property and authorizing the transfer of said property by Chesapeake Beach to the Richfield Station Homeowner's Association. A public hearing will be held at 6:55 p.m. prior to the next regularly scheduled meeting.**
- G. Introduce Ordinance O-14-13, an Ordinance of the Council of Chesapeake Beach authorizing and empowering Chesapeake Beach to issue and sell, upon its full faith and credit, its general obligation note in principal amount not to exceed \$4,000,000 in order to finance or reimburse costs relating to improvements to the regional wastewater treatment plant; providing that such note shall be sold by private (negotiated) sale without advertisement or solicitation of competitive bids to PNC Bank, National Association; determining certain details of such note and providing for the Mayor to determine other details of such note; pledging the full faith and credit and unlimited taxing power of the Town to payment of such note and providing for the levy and collection of ad valorem taxes upon all real and personal property within the Town's corporate limits subject to assessment for unlimited municipal taxation to pay the principal of and interest on such note in each fiscal year; providing that such note may be paid from any other sources of revenue lawfully available for such purpose; making or providing for the making of certain representations, covenants or designations relating to the tax-exempt status of interest payable on the note in the event the note is issued with the expectation that interest payable thereon shall be excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes; providing that this title shall be deemed a fair summary of**

**this ordinance for all purposes; providing that the provisions of this ordinance shall be liberally construed; and otherwise generally relating to the sale, issuance, delivery and payment of and for the note authorized hereby. A public hearing will be held at 6:45 p.m. prior to the next regularly scheduled meeting.**

**VIII. Report of Officers, Boards and Committees:**

- A. Planning & Zoning Commission** – There was a meeting held May 14, 2014. Mr. Jakubiak submitted the attached written report.
- B. Board of Appeals** – There was no hearing held in May.
- C. Water Park Advisory Board** – No report.
- D. Skateboard Park Committee** – No report.
- E. Election Advisory Committee** – Mayor Wahl stated he has received and accepts with regret, Mr. Carpenter’s letter of resignation as Chairperson of the Election Advisory Committee. The Mayor thanked Mr. Carpenter for his service.
- F. Chesapeake Beach Oyster Cultivation Society Committee** – Mr. Bacon was present to give the water monitoring report.
- G. Bayfront Park Committee** – Mr. Mahoney reported the committee held its annual cleanup of BayFront Park beach which went extremely well. Mr. Mahoney commended employee Allan Brown on the great job he does in keeping the Town clean.
- H. Water Park Privatization Committee-** The Mayor stated this report has been received and incorporated into the BEACON economic impact study and is scheduled to be presented at next month’s meeting.

**IX. Unfinished Business:**

- 1. Councilman Krahlung asked the status on the Captain Bigs, 29<sup>th</sup> Street situation.

**X. New Business:**

- 1. Council to consider awarding a contract to The Mercer Group, Inc. for Executive Search Services for the positions of Town Administrator and Town Treasurer.

**MOTION:** Mr. Mahoney moved to approve awarding a contract to The Mercer Group, Inc. Seconded by Dr. Beaudin. Ayes, Dr. Beaudin, Mr. Cumbo, Mr. Mahoney and Mr. Reinhardt. Opposed, Mr. Carpenter and Mr. Krahlung. **Motion Passes.**

- 2. Council to consider approval to allow the Town to enter into a lighting agreement with the State Highway Administration to allow the State to install

lighting with the new MD Route 261 Bridge. The Agreement outlines the lighting maintenance responsibilities.

**MOTION:** Mr. Cumbo moved approval to allow the Town to enter into a lighting agreement with the State Highway Administration to allow the State to install lighting with the new MD Route 261 Bridge Project. Seconded by Mr. Mahoney, all in favor.

3. Council to consider approval to allow the Town to enter into an agreement with the State Highway Administration in the amount of \$24,852 to install underground communication utility piping between Mears Avenue and Gordon Stinnett Avenue. This work will be done with the MD Route 261 Bridge.

**MOTION:** Dr. Beaudin moved approval to allow the Town to enter into an agreement with the State Highway Administration in the amount of \$24,852 to install underground communication utility piping between Mears Avenue and Gordon Stinnett Avenue. Seconded by Mr. Mahoney, all in favor.

4. Council to consider awarding a Trash Services contract to Southern Maryland Recycling for a base two (2) year contract in an amount of \$468,654 with an option for a one year extension.

**MOTION:** Mr. Mahoney moved to approve awarding a Trash Services contract to Southern Maryland Recycling for a base two (2) year contract in the amount of \$468,654 with an option for a one year extension. Seconded by Dr. Beaudin. Ayes, Dr. Beaudin, Mr. Carpenter, Mr. Cumbo, Mr. Mahoney and Mr. Reinhardt. Opposed, Mr. Krahling. **Motion Passes.**

#### **XI. Public Comment:**

##### **Public Comment was received by:**

1. Clara Mae Buckmaster of 3818 26<sup>th</sup> Street
2. Ron Draper of 8193 Windward Key Drive
3. Teresa York of 7150 Old Bayside Road
4. Randy Getman of 3248 Ina Chase

#### **XII. Council Lightning Round:**

1. Mr. Mahoney thanked the citizens of the Town, the Council and staff for their support in his time during the Mayor's absence.
2. Mr. Carpenter invited everyone to join in the festivities of the Stars and Stripes Festival during the Memorial Day Weekend and, in celebrating Mother's Day, adjourn

in memory of those mothers that have passed. It was 29 years ago today Mr. Carpenter's mother passed away.

3. Mr. Reinhardt commented on his concerns regarding moving expenditures among funds and stated every budget that was passed tonight raises spending from the year before and that seems to be a trend.

4. Mr. Krahling thanked Mr. Getman for his comment and asked for those that believe to pray for Mrs. O'Dell's family in the illness of her father.

5. Mr. Cumbo stated he understands Mr. Reinhardt's perspective but feels any actions this Council takes is in no way unethical or illegal, and if that were the case he would resign tomorrow.

6. Dr. Beaudin welcomed the Mayor back and wished him well.

### **XIII. Adjournment:**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Mahoney. Seconded by Dr. Beaudin, all in favor.

Submitted by,



Sharon L. Humm  
Town Clerk

May 15, 2014

The reason that I will not support the General Fund or the Utility Fund budgets because they contain assumptions that are irresponsible government and have negative consequences for all water and sewer bill payers.

I would like to emphasize five points:

1. I have consistently stated that a minimum fee more than billing and collecting, which is approximately \$10, is unacceptable and a subsidy which I will not support.
2. These budgets do not provide for revenue which covers the total costs of delivering water and sewer services. Selling water and sewer for less than it costs to make is bad business; if you were a homeowner you would go to foreclosure, if you were a business you would be bankrupt; if you were a responsible government, you would never consider it.
3. Transferring a portion of operating costs to the General Fund is not acceptable. It is an accounting trick to distort and understate the cost used for calculating water and sewer rates. It causes the costs to appear to be lower and therefore, rates can be lower.
4. A Revolving Line of Credit (PNC) is a slippery slope that I will not ski down. If a short term loan is needed to cover ENR/Sewage Plant expansion bills, then borrow the money from General Fund reserves and repay it when the loans or bonds are finalized. It simply is NOT a precedent I will set. We have already had general funds being used by the executive branch to pay Utility Fund costs without Council approval. If we had water and sewer rates in place that cover costs, this would never be an issue.
5. The last two budgets passed by a majority of Town Council reflected total s/w cost recovery without placing costs into the general fund. They never went into effect. I supported both -- one was suspended by a petition and the last one was vetoed a few months back; in fact there have been multiple vetoes (reference April 2010 minutes)). The consequence of these actions is that Fund Reserves have already been drawn down due to missing revenues.

**THIS IS WHAT I WILL SUPPORT:**

A Utility Budget which is designed so that the Total Revenues delivered by billing must be equal to or greater than the TOTAL PROJECTED COSTS of delivering those services. That includes all Operating Expenses, reserve requirements and all debt related expenditures (principle and interest). A responsible budgeting process would also include a sustainable rate structure.

The town cannot continue to sell a product for less than it costs to produce. Selling water and sewer at less than it costs and then transferring a portion of Operating Costs to the General Fund is a bad business practice and one I will not support. That practice also has negative consequences for all bill payers and citizens.

*Dr. Valerio J. Beard*



**MINUTES OF THE  
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
May 22, 2014**

I. Bruce A. Wahl, Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. In attendance were: Dr. Valerie Beaudin, Robert E. Carpenter, Jeffrey J. Krahling and Patrick J. Mahoney, Council Members, Elissa Levan, Town Attorney and Sharon L. Humm, Town Clerk. Absent were Stewart B. Cumbo and Eric M. Reinhardt, Council Members.

II. **Pledge of Allegiance.** Mr. Krahling led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Mayor noted that there was a quorum present. Before moving into the evening's meeting, the Mayor stated, though not on the agenda, that he had received from Dr. Beaudin a request to do a budget amendment to the General Fund budget in regards to the Dredge and Rainy Day funds. The Mayor looked for a sense of the Council on this request. Councilman Krahling was in favor of the request, Councilman Mahoney stated he would strongly consider this request and Councilman Carpenter commented he felt this was not the appropriate place or time for this discussion as this special meeting was called for one specific purpose.

III. **Close for Executive Session to obtain legal advice regarding implementation of a State mandate.** Mr. Mahoney moved to close the Special Town meeting to go into Executive Session pursuant to State Government Article 10-508(a) Subsection 7, to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter. Seconded by Dr. Beaudin.

Councilman Carpenter stated he had an extended conversation with Counsel earlier in the day regarding the appropriateness of an executive session to deal with an issue that potentially could turn into an ordinance of the Town. Mr. Carpenter further stated that after his conversation he remains, of the belief, that the Council will not be talking about personnel and not receiving legal advice. Therefore, will vote against going into executive session.

The Council voted as follows: Ayes, Dr. Beaudin, Mr. Krahling and Mr. Mahoney. Opposed, Mr. Carpenter. **Motion Fails.**

Dr. Beaudin commented that if the Town Attorney recommends this be done in closed session that the Council should follow that.

The Town Attorney did state that anything the Council is permitted to discuss in closed session, does not necessarily mean they are required to discuss in closed session. Therefore, this topic could be discussed in open session.

Dr. Beaudin inquired of the Town Attorney if Council was in agreement, could this be brought back or would the Council need to wait 90 days.

Councilman Mahoney asked if Councilman Carpenter might reconsider his decision so Council could go into executive session. Councilman Carpenter stated, "respectfully, no."

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Mahoney. Seconded by Mr. Krahlung, all in favor.

Submitted by,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sharon L. Humm".

Sharon L. Humm  
Town Clerk



*April*

**March 2014 Town Stats**

EMS RUNS = 113

ALLERGIC REACTIONS = 4

OTHER NON PRIORITY DISPATCHED CALLS = 49

ALTERED MENTAL STATUS = 2

CARDIAC ARREST = 2

CHEST PAINS = 8

EMS CALLS DISPATCHED IN THE TOWN OF CB = 36

CHOKING = 2

EMS CALLS DISPATCHED IN THE TOWN OF NB = 18

CVA = 2

DIABETIC EMERGENCY = 9

FIRE STANDBY = 4

EMS DRILL:

MVA'S = 6

E.E.O Refresher

OB = 1

OVERDOSE = 5

RESPIRATORY DISTRESS = 6

SEIZURE'S = 6

SYNCOPE EPISODE = 1

UNCONSCIOUS SUBJECT = 6

100% VOLUNTEER



FIRE RUNS = 56

AFA = 5

BRUSH CALLS= 8

EMS = 30

FIRE'S = 6

(HOUSE, CHIMNEY, BUILDING, CAR, ETC)

INVESTIGATIONS= 1

LZ'S = 1

MVA = 3

SERVICE =

FIRE CALLS IN THE TOWN OF CB = 15

FIRE CALLS IN THE TOWN OF NB = 8

FUNDRAISING:

BINGO: 4/1, 4/8, 4/15, 4/22, & 4/29,

FIRE DRILL:

Overview of Equipment of Tower 1

# Memo



## CALVERT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TWIN BEACHES PATROL

Date: May 7, 2014  
To: Sharon Humm  
From: Corporal Thomas S. Phelps  
Re: Sheriff's Office Report-Chesapeake Beach

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In April of 2014, the Sheriff's Office handled 361 calls for service in Chesapeake Beach. This is down from 453 calls in March 2014.

Call Breakdown for April 2014:

192 calls were self-initiated (patrol checks, follow-up investigations, etc)

169 calls were received by other means (citizens, alarm companies, etc)

Of the 361 calls, we handled:

- 3 CDS Violations (Closed by Arrest)
- 4 Thefts (2 closed by arrest, 2 under investigation)
  - *Theft of Lawn Ornaments (Under Investigation)*
  - *Shoplifting Roland's (Closed by Arrest)*
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  - *Theft of Wallet from Fastop (Under Investigation)*
- 1 Destruction of Property
  - *Damage to Vehicle, Cinder Block Thrown on Hood (Under Investigation)*
  - *Damage to Lights in Bayview Hills (Under Investigation)*
- 1 Burglary
  - *Window Broken and House was Entered (Under Investigation)*
- 2 DUI

**Breakdown of Dispatched/Self Initiated Calls**

911 Hang Up – 1	Eviction – 3	Traffic Complaint – 7
Abandoned Vehicle – 1	Fight – 2(Unfounded)	Traffic Enforcement – 11
Accident – 4	Firearms Complaint - 2	Trespassing – 2
Alarm –12	Follow up – 12	Unauthorized Use Veh – 1
Animal Complaint – 1	Found Property – 1	Unknown Problem – 1
Assault – 5	Fraud – 2	Warrant Service – 8
Assist Motorist – 4	Harassment – 2	
Assist Other Department – 7	Loud Music – 2	
Assist Sick/Injured – 6	Parking Violation – 6	
Attempt to Locate – 26	Patrol Check – 152	
Burglary – 1	Police Information – 5	
CDS Violation – 2	Protective/Peace Order – 3	
Check Welfare – 5	Relay – 2	
Conservator – 3	Special Assignments – 5	
Destruction of Property – 4	Summons Service –7	
Disorderly – 13	Suspicious Person – 4	
Domestic – 5	Suspicious Vehicle – 10	
DUI – 2	Theft – 9	

\*\*Note – The reportable incident totals on page 1 may differ from the dispatched totals on page 2. The breakdown on page 2 represents all calls dispatched/self initiated by the sheriff's office. The totals listed on page 1 may be less due to factors the deputy learns upon arrival to the scene\*\*



Jay Berry,  
Superintendent Public Works

May 15, 2014

## Public Works Report

Graffiti – Nothing to report

Water leak- At the time off this report there are no water leaks.

Wet wells- We have completed the PM at the Water Park and next up is Bay View Hills.

Water meter/MXU- We continue the replace MXU's.

Flushing- We has completed flushing at this time. We will be flushing blow offs from now on once a month in certain areas.

Ball fields - The Baseball fields are in good shape now. We have replaced all of the bases including home plate. The pitcher's mound was built and a new pitching rubber installed. We are working with some of the coaches to help keep the infield striped.

Rail Way Trail- There has been many reports of Osprey using the nesting platforms that we installed. We continue to pick up trash and cut back the weeds as needed.

Water Park - All of the known leaks have been repaired at the park at this time all of the old palm trees have been removed and the new ones are being installed. We have passed both our dry and wet inspections with the County at the time of this report. Next will be the State inspections.



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Mayor and Town Council  
**FROM:** Bill Watson, Code Enforcement Officer  
**DATE:** May 15, 2014  
**SUBJECT:** Code Enforcement Status Report

### Vehicles Addressed

Location	Status
7629 B Street Inoperable Vehicle in Numbered Parking Space	Letter sent to Resident Agent of Owner.

### Other Violations

Location	Status
B Street – Citizen Complaint of parking problems	Tried to speak (3 times) with tenant who complained about parking in front of the house being rented. Never caught tenant home.
3718 27 <sup>th</sup> Street – Trash in yard, overgrown grass.	Called Owner. Foreclosed and Bank Owned. Tracking down Bank.

### Abandoned Homes

Location	Status
7537 C Street – House vacant and in disrepair	Called Mortgage Co. –Repairs made.
7515 B Street – Vacant House	Dangerous Tree – Called Owner, Cannot find tree company to remove due to electric lines,



**TOWN OF CHESAPEAKE BEACH**  
Engineering Report

**NEW BUSINESS**

Fishing Creek Bridge (MD Route 261) – Monthly coordination meetings are being held. Coordination on utilities, land acquisition, needed easements, lane closures, access closures, and pile driving is of primary focus. The latest layout for lighting has now been provided and signage is forthcoming. Rights of way acquisitions are still in negotiations but are getting closer to resolution.

Kellams Field – We have received design parameters from American Irrigation to determine the connection needs (pressure & volumes) for the purple pipe. This work can be performed in conjunction with the WWTP upgrades. We hope to install most of the improvements this summer after baseball season.

Public Works Pole Building – The zoning permit has been issued and building permit applied for. We anticipate construction in the coming weeks.

Trash Bids – New trash bids have been received and are included under new agenda business.

Veterans Park – The Architectural design firm has met with the Mayor and staff. Design plans are now underway conceptual information has been provided from the architect further design information has been provided to include the NAM Knights for the end of April unveiling. The NAM Knights monument is currently being installed.

Water Park (Repairs / Maintenance) – Short and long term maintenance, repair and upgrade up front items are being developed for the end of the 2013 season we hope to have the final BEACON report presented in June.

WWTP – (ENR upgrades) – Construction continues with demolition and new construction. Numerous shop drawing submittals continue to be forwarded by the contractor and have been reviewed and approved by the Town and MDE. The new sludge building is well underway and is under roof. The new generator and press have been delivered and set in place. The foundation, walls and roof are in and the overhead electric lines have been relocated. The UV tank is constructed and installation of the UV system has begun. Start up for the UV is complete and all is working fine. The first clarifier has been removed and the area is being prepped for the new clarifier.

**OLD BUSINESS**

'E' Street Pump Station Influent Sewer Pipe and Storm Drain Inlet/Pipe Repair – The Town DPW&T staff has located the belly by camera and will perform a test hole over the sewer pipe to determine the extent of the 'belly' in the pipe. Recommendation for repairs will follow the test holes investigation. (No new update)

Fishing Creek Bridge (MD Rt. 261) – We are continuing to coordinate with the MSHA design team for the bridge replacement project. We were informed that the project is funded and scheduled to bid in 2014 with a 2016 construction completion anticipated. BGE is planning to run their lines underground from Mears Avenue to Gordon Stinnett Avenue. Our recent focus has been on Verizon and Comcast lines which will eventually go underground after completion of the bridge. The current plan has these lines being placed overhead on the west side of the bridge. We continue to assist SHA in their design efforts.

MD Route 261 Sidewalk – Design plans are underway to extend a pedestrian walkway from Beach Elementary School to Chesapeake Village and Bayfront Park. The site survey and environmental plans are complete. Preliminary discussions with the Critical Area Commission and the State Highway Administration have commenced to gain their support of the project and the alignment. A plan has been presented to SHA proposing a crossing from west side of 261 to east side of 261 at brownies beach. We are coordinating with the State “Safe Routes to School” committee on Monday April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014 to review our proposal. We await a response.

Purple Pipe – We are developing layouts for installation of the pipe to serve the Route 260 landscaping areas and Kellams Field. Operation of the system will commence with later stages of the ENR project. (No new update)

Skate Park – Final design plans are ongoing by the skateboard consultant. The consultant, Wally Holiday, is moving forward with final design and bid plans. Structural designs and stormwater management designs are currently underway and 80% construction plans have been delivered to the town for review. Construction review comments have been provided back to the consultant. The consultant plans to have final comments addressed and back to the Town. A construction cost estimate has been requested. A request has been made to file for permits. (No new update).

Trail – Concept site plans for a Trail extension from the Trestle and thru the Richfield Station Rail bed have been developed and provided to the Critical Area Commission and the State Highway Administration (SHA). We are currently researching critical area woodland mitigation possibilities and property title issues (we spoke to the Title Abstractor Terry Erder on 1/9/13 and more research has been completed – an extensive report has been compiled from Terry which she believes gives title to the town). We are currently seeking guidance from title attorneys and the town attorney to gain title insurance. Preliminary Environmental studies are complete to move forward with the Trail extension plans and the Critical Area Commission has requested a meeting to help move us through the process. The meeting was held and they presented several mitigation programs. We also marked in the filed the trail alignment for a field review by the C.A.C. The C.A.C. approved the concept plan. A final title report has been delivered which outlines that the Town does have title to the trail bed through Richfield Station. There are a few old development bank liens that need to be cleaned up and the attorney is moving forward getting this done. The attorney has presented closure documents for signature by the lien holders. a meeting with the RSHOA will be scheduled in the coming months. (No new update)

Water Park – Additional information has been provided to the Salisbury State University “BEACON” consultant. A meeting was held recently to review their latest results and a draft report of water park economic analysis was provided soon. We await the final report, which will be available this spring.

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## Water Park Report

Marilyn VanWagner, General Manager Water Park  
May 09, 2014

### **Staffing –**

All employees have been interviewed. Final selections have been made and those selected have been invited to training. At the end of the training in each department there is a written exam. If applicants do not pass this exam they will not be hired.

We will be holding a second lifeguard training this season in June. We are still taking applications for guards.

### **Marketing –**

- Discounted Season Passes are currently being offered on line for Chesapeake Beach Residents.
- The marketing brochures are printed and all 2014 inserts have been updated. We have placed brochures in over 50 locations throughout Calvert County and Southern Anne Arundel County for a very reasonable fee by partnering with Diane Burr and the Chesapeake Current.
- Many of the signs in the park have been updated to add new rules. A few new signs have been added to reflect changes in new procedures.

### **Special Events –**

- Mark your calendars for June 6, for our 20<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary Party. We will celebrate with a Hawaiian Luau and the price is a very reasonable \$15 to help cover the expenses. All residents are welcome to pay on our website, <http://chesapeakebeachwaterpark.com>, space is limited so don't delay. Tickets are complimentary to Mayor and Council and one guest for each in appreciation of your service. All attendees will enjoy a fabulous menu and great music. Come see how beautiful our Water Park looks in the evening.
- Again this Season we will host the World's Largest Swim Lesson. We will be joining an estimated 20,000+ swimmers on five continents around the World, in an effort to promote awareness that swimming lessons save lives. Go to the website <http://chesapeakebeachwaterpark.com>, and sign up for this great event.
- For Character Days and all other Special Events, please visit our website.

### **Maintenance/Upgrades-**

We continue to perform the needed maintenance on the park. Some of the recent items are:

- Five major leaks in the pool
- Painting the Octagon Building, and the underlying deck. Also painting the entire Chemical Room and the stair walls leading up to the large slides and the heater shed just outside the park.
- All Baby Slides, Floatables and Safety Pads have been touched up and clear coated.
- All cracked coping, tiles, and caulking was completed last week.
- Ropes are being replaced where necessary. The safety pad at the top of the blue slides will be completed this weekend.
- The Store floor has been repainted with a sandy, non-slip surface.

### **Inspections-**

We are well underway with all necessary inspections by the State, County and other local agencies.



**Chesapeake Beach Wastewater Treatment Plant Report**  
**Jon Castro, Superintendent**  
**May 15, 2014**

**Plant Operation:**

The ENR Upgrade Construction is on ongoing and making progress to build the new ENR Filters along with the replacement of old existing equipment. The plant is continuing to operate the best it can under the circumstances until it gets in the new construction features.

The plant witnessed a power surge on 4-9-14 at 3:00 am. The power surge tripped off several of the plants equipment including damaging the aeration blowers. Two blowers were taken off line due to two motors shorting out. The motor control panel to one of the blowers burned one of the electric buss bars. We were able to get one bower back on line and a new motor was replaced on another blower. The motor control panel is awaiting a repair estimate.

The plant was informed on 4-18-14 by the Sludge Hauling Contractor that they could no longer haul sludge to their designated landfill in VA. The plant would have to get a new test on its sludge in order for them to take it to a different landfill. The plant is awaiting the sludge tests results and will rebid the sludge hauling contract. The plant will haul sludge to the Calvert County landfill until a new sludge hauling contract can be awarded. Hopefully we will have this contract by May 16, 2014.

A progress meeting was held on 5-5-14 at the plant to go over any issues on the ENR construction and give updates on future construction schedules. Bearing Construction, Bilbrough Electric, W & R Engineers, plant staff, the Mayor of Chesapeake Beach Bruce Wahl and Town engineer Paul Woodburn were all in attendants.

On April 24, 2014 a phone conference was set up with Whitman, Requardt & Associates and Town Engineer Paul Woodburn, Jon Castro, and Jim Parent. This phone conference was set up to clear up work orders pending to help the construction of the ENR Upgrade move forward.

There were one incident to report in the plant's Solids and Handling Operation or the Lab Sampling Operation with Duffield Hauling and Chesapeake Labs.

Plant operations for this monthly report did use the Shell Fish Tank on one occasion since the last report. The last time it was put into operation was on April 30, 2014.

The plant had one emergency alarms for this report period but plant staff has been working longer hours and different shifts to make adjustments to the plant operations and operate the solids handling equipment.

The Wastewater Treatment Plant had one SSO to report for the May report. The SSO occurred on 4-30-14 when heavy rainfall and coastal flooding hit Chesapeake Beach. The plant received 4.24 inches of rain. The ENR Construction Phase at this time has the plant operating without one of its aeration basins and one of its clarifiers. All steps were taken to handle the excessive flow but the flow was over whelming. The plant followed all MDE guidelines in reporting the SSO.

**Future Projects:**

The ENR Project for the Chesapeake Beach Wastewater Treatment Plant has completed the permit process and design stage. The bid for the ENR construction was awarded to Bearing Construction and construction began on June 10, 2013.

The plant records will be put into the Shore Scan System with the help of Town Employee Fran Addicott to ensure a better system of storing plant data.

The plant will try to upgrade existing equipment that is not covered in the ENR Upgrade.



Connie S. O'Dell  
Special Events/Economic Development

May 15, 2014

## Special Events/Economic Development Report

### **South Side Walking Tour – Next Meeting June 24<sup>th</sup>, 1 PM**

The Chesapeake Beach History Committee met on February 25. The committee continues to develop ideas for the walking tour. Pannier Outdoor Sign Company, Gibsonia, PA has been contacted as per suggestion of Town Engineer Paul Woodburn. They have informed us that if we purchase 10 signs the price per sign is reduced by \$50 per sign. The committee is hoping to work with the Veterans' Park committee to purchase the signage for both projects at the same time for a significant savings. Three signs are planned for Veterans' Park, five for the walking span between Chesapeake Station and Bayfront Park and two at Bayfront Park. Southern Maryland Heritage Area mini-grant applications are due later this summer. The committee intends to apply.

### **Safe Routes to School Grant**

Safe Routes to School is a federally funded grant program offered through the Maryland State Highway Administration. The Town of Chesapeake Beach has applied for \$300,000 in funding to construct a sidewalk between Beach Elementary and Chesapeake Village. SHA representatives visited Chesapeake Beach on April 14 and said that we are being considered for the grant. Awards will be announced in June.

### **2014 Easter Festival**

The 2014 Easter Festival was a huge success with warm, sunny skies abounding. Over 400 youngsters brought their parents out for a fun filled afternoon. Over 20 businesses, citizens and organizations were present and treated the children to wonderful gifts and Easter candy galore. Thank you to all volunteers, committees and vendors for your participation.

### **Seeking Volunteers for 2014 Events**

Special Events is looking for teenagers and adults to help with the 2014 seasonal events. They include the Stars and Stripes Festival on Memorial Day Weekend, the Halloween Family Fun Night on October 19 and the Holiday Lighting Ceremony on November 30. Please contact Connie O'Dell if you can volunteer to help with any of these events.

### **FOX 5/WTTG Overview Package and Live Remote**

As of this writing (May 8) we are eagerly anticipating a visit from Fox 5 on Wednesday, May 14 at approximately 10 am. The crew will be shooting various segments around the community which will air

at the beginning of the live remote broadcast scheduled to air on Friday, May 23, 2014 from 7 – 10 am here at Town Hall.

The American Legion Auxiliary will be providing a hospitality tent on Friday morning and we have invited Roland's of Chesapeake Station to help them and be a part of the live remote. Also Trader's will have a tent with their banner and will be talking about their weekend festivities as well as featuring a signature dish. I have reached out to the Rod N Reel and Abner's Crab House to do the same. The idea for the remote is to simulate the Festival feel and give day trippers a reason to come visit Chesapeake Beach on Memorial Day Weekend for the Stars and Stripes Festival as well as throughout the summer. We will be moving around the community and everyone is invited to join us. You should plan on arriving by 6:30 am. As of this writing, others who have confirmed are: Sam Grow, Long and Foster Realty, whose employees are an integral part of the Sunday Family Fun Day, Super Heroes of Southern Maryland, Chesapeake Clovers 4-H club, American Legion Post 206 members, Twin Beach Players President Sid Curl, co-star of the Armed Forces Radio Show along with Mr. Jamie Zemarel. We also expect the Young Marines of Southern Maryland. Hopefully we will have some participation from the Beach Bucs as well. Dr. Shisler, Beach Elementary, is also involved and Councilwoman Beaudin is helping a great deal with parent/student involvement from Beach Elementary. Councilman Cumbo has offered his assistance in escorting and logistics on the morning of the live shoot.

#### **Stars and Stripes Festival, May 24 – 26, 2014**

The mission statement of the Chesapeake Beach Stars and Stripes Festival is: "We will strive to educate our youth and our community on the true meaning of Memorial Day".

Please join us throughout the weekend. Event Schedules, Decorating Contest Flyers and Sponsorship Opportunity Forms are available here this evening in the lobby and also on the Town website.

**Volunteers are needed for each event throughout the weekend. Please contact Co-Chair Stephanie Zanelotti at 301-752-0445 or by email [sasz\\_cbssf@comcast.net](mailto:sasz_cbssf@comcast.net); Co-Chair Bob Snider at 301-518-5254 or email [bob.snider@hotmail.com](mailto:bob.snider@hotmail.com) to volunteer. Remember, every donated hour helps! Join us as we honor our fallen while thanking the families who serve.**



PLANNING & ZONING MEMORANDUM

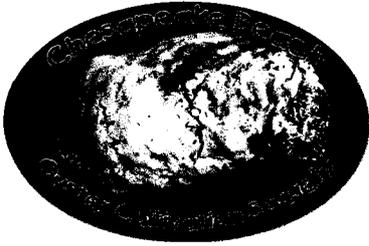
To: Mayor and Town Council  
From: Christopher Jakubiak, AICP,  
Planning and Zoning Administrator  
Date: May 15, 2014  
Re: Report

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The **Planning Commission** met on May 14. It approved a final plat for the ongoing development of the townhouse section of Richfield Station.

It also conducted a work session on the redevelopment of small (non-conforming) residential lots and discussed improvements to the zoning ordinance. The Planning Commission expects to recommend amendments to the Zoning Ordinance to the Mayor and Town Council.

The **Board of Appeals** did not meet in May.



**Chesapeake Beach Oyster Cultivation Society report  
April 17, 2014  
Chesapeake Beach Town Council Meeting**

**-Volunteers are needed to help with the CBOCS table at the Stars and Stripes Festival at Kellems Field on Sunday May 25, from 11AM to 4 PM. Show off our oysters and critters, enjoy lunch and listen to some great music.**

**-On April 25, Larry Ringgold, Ron and Linda Draper, John Bacon and Jay Berry took part in manufacturing oyster reef balls. This class was conducted at the Chesapeake Bay Foundation facility in Shady Side. The group learned about making reef balls and molded several. Next step is to start making reef balls in Chesapeake Beach to put out on the Old Rock Reef. This project will start in June. If interested, contact John Bacon.**

**-CBOCS field trips on The Chesapeake Beach Railway trail are scheduled for June 14, July 12, and August 9. Each trip will include oyster education, viewing of oyster critters and friends, water monitoring, stream flow and TMDL measurement as well as general observations. Participation is limited to 15 per trip, and registration is necessary. There is no cost and the trip lasts for 2 hours starting at 9 AM. Register with John Bacon [johnbacon@comcast.net](mailto:johnbacon@comcast.net) or at town hall.**

**-The "Treasures of Fishing Creek" activity book is finished. It is expanded to 32 pages and back from the printers. Copies are available in the back of the council chamber.**

**-Oysters from MGO cages will be deployed on the Old Rock Reef on Saturday May 31. Members with cages should bring them to the trail head at 9 AM.**

**-Members of the Calvert County Master Gardeners and Master Naturalists will be identifying and tagging all flora along the Fishing Creek Railway Trail on May 31. This information and photos will be included in the future smart board program module "Treasures of a Tidal Creek". Labels will be placed on all specimens for visitor's enjoyment.**

**- On May 19, I will be participating in a panel discussion during the Center of Watershed Protection meeting. I have been invited because of my knowledge of Fishing Creek water quality.**

**-To view a complete list of activities and the next 3 month CBOCS calendar please visit [www.chesapeake-beach.md.us](http://www.chesapeake-beach.md.us) and click on Oyster Cultivation.**



