

COMMISSIONERS MEETING

September 27, 2011

LOCATION

Commissioners Meeting was held in the meeting room of the Community Services Building on September 27, 2011. President Dunbar called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT

Commissioners present were Peter Dunbar, Carole Abruzzese and R. Gordon Graves. Town Attorney Brynja Booth and a Star Democrat representative were in attendance. There were eight (8) people in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of September 13, 2011 were approved as distributed.

MAINTENANCE REPORT

Scott Delude gave the Maintenance Report that consisted of the following:

1. The town has received its new mower which is a 36 HP Kubota. The cost was \$19,258.40. This mower should last the town twenty five (25) years with proper maintenance.
2. The parking lots at the Causeway Dock and Tilghman Street Dock have been striped to designate proper parking spaces. Proper parking allows maximum parking on the lots.
3. Scott met with a representative of our flood insurance to see if our insurance covered the submersible pump that burned up because of overuse during flooding from Hurricane Irene. We have not heard from the county regarding FEMA money.
4. Scott called SHA to set up a meeting to discuss the Community Center ditch and traffic calming. Terry Wright, SHA, is getting people together on SHA's side to set up a meeting date.
5. The Oxford Coast Guard has requested use of the soccer field on October 12th for their annual football game. They have asked to expand the game to the field next to the Public Works Department for a bracket system on the same day. If the Commissioners are agreeable to allow the use of the two areas, the Public Works Department will have the fields freshly mowed for the games.

Commissioners were all in agreement to allow the Coast Guard the use of the areas for their annual football game.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Maxwell gave the Police Report that consisted of the following:

- One DWI (.20% B.A.C) arrested and released pending trial
- Two Suspicious Persons (ID and moved on)
- One Assist the Fire Department (under investigation by NRP and Fire Marshall)
- One Alarm (weather related)
- Three Loud Music Complaints (abated and stopped music/party) charges pending

Chief Maxwell commented that the regatta went off with only a few problems. Attendance seemed to be up from last year.

Chief Maxwell announced that the police department assisted the fire company with a large fire involving a total of three vessels. One was totally destroyed, another heavily damaged and a third vessel had damage. The Natural Resources Police and State Fire Marshall are investigating the cause of the fire. Graham Norbury, Oxford Boatyard, and Tom Campbell, Bachelors Point Marina, assisted the fire company by bringing in booms to help contain the fire.

BID OPENING – Bid 1202 – Refacing of 190’ of Bulkhead and Replacement of Pilings

President Dunbar opened Bid 1202, a bid for refacing of 190’ of Bulkhead and Replacement of Pilings. A total of six (6) bids were received. The following bids were received:

Bailey Marine - \$19,349.00

Weems Brothers - \$18,000.00

Case Shoreline Restoration, Inc. - \$29,900.00

Living EcoSystems - \$17,250.00

Dissen & Juhn Company - \$40,700.00

Daniel Mastronardi - \$19,600.00

The Commissioners asked Scott Delude to review the bids before awarding.

NEW BUSINESS

Pork Alley

Commissioner Graves announced that he had received a request to have a street sign installed on Pork Alley. Pork Alley is located behind Oxford Mews and the Museum and runs from Market Street to High Street. Commissioners were in agreement to have Scott order and install a street sign on Pork Alley.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Liberty Tree

Judy Bixler, Organizational Leader for Liberty Tree, gave a follow up on the Liberty Tree donations. Ms. Bixler stated that she is working diligently in trying to get donations in order to have a tree planted this fall. The tree will be planted in the circle at the ferry dock.

Clock Fund

Commissioner Graves announced that the clock fund has reached close to \$5000 in donations. There will be information regarding the clock fund in the town’s newsletter.

Single Stream Recycling

Commissioner Graves announced that on October 25th at the regular Town Meeting, Don Groseclose of Republic Services will be in attendance to discuss single stream recycling. This will be curbside recycling at a cost to the residents. Commissioner Graves asked that word be spread in order for residents to have an opportunity to attend the meeting to ask questions and get answers.

Tree Donated by Mr. & Mrs. Wells

Julie and Brian Wells have donated a tree to the town to be placed in the area of the ferry dock. Commissioner Graves and Scott Delude marked a spot to place the tree. Commissioner Graves asked his fellow commissioners to look at the area and see if they are in agreement with the location.

Member needed for Boards

The Commissioners asked that anyone interested in serving on a town board to please contact the town office. At this time, there are several openings on various boards.

ATTORNEY

Attorney Booth informed the Commissioners that she had sent a draft tree ordinance for their review.

Attorney Booth suggested that the town give some thought to codifying town codes. Attorney Booth will have the typing done by her staff at no cost to the town. This would bring codes up to date and make looking up ordinances much easier and faster.

Attorney Booth requested an executive session following tonight's meeting. Topics are legal advice and an enforcement issue.

COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Graves commented that the antique cars at the Robert Morris Inn over the weekend were very impressive. The 1929 Cadillac and the Rolls Royce were both outstanding.

Commissioner Graves stated that during Hurricane Irene there were numerous basements that flooded due to the electricity going out. A few residents have opted to purchase generators in order to avoid flooded basements/crawl spaces. Commissioner Graves commented that this will be helpful to the fire company since they try to help with pumping the basements. By the resident having a generator the firemen will be able to focus on other problems during emergencies.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jane McCarthy questioned whether the dumpster placed at the Causeway for the watermen during crabbing season could be moved to another location on the parking lot next year. The location that is being used now makes the dumpster the first thing you see when entering Oxford. The Commissioners agreed to look into this.

Nancy Wallace, Parks & Recreation, announced that the Annual Pumpkin Walk will be on October 30th at 2:00 p.m. Ms. Wallace requested that Chief Maxwell block off Market Street and asked that he lead the parade.

Ms. Wallace stated that Parks & Recreation agree that a swing for disabled persons would be a good addition to the Town Park. Ms. Wallace commented that there should be a level pathway available to get to the swing.

Ms. Wallace suggested holding a meeting with the Commissioners, Parks & Recreation, Scott Delude, an arborist, a landscaper, and since Chestertown has been named a tree city, invite someone from Chestertown to attend a meeting to discuss trees (care and replacement) and how the town can go about adopting an ordinance for tree care.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Commissioners voted to go into executive session to consult with counsel for legal advice and zoning enforcement.

BILLS PAYABLE

The regular meeting was reopened. The Commissioners went to Bills Payable.

Commissioner Graves made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Abruzzese seconded motion.

Aye – Peter Dunbar

Aye – Carole Abruzzese

Aye – R. Gordon Graves

Respectfully submitted,

Lillian Lord

Town Clerk