

MAYOR AND COUNCIL
APRIL 1, 2013

Mayor Margo G. Bailey called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. In attendance were Council members James R. Gatto, Linda Kuiper, Mabel Mumford-Pautz and Mauritz Stetson, Jennifer Mulligan, Stenographer, and guests.

Mayor Bailey asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the Mayor and Council meeting of March 18, 2013. **Mrs. Mumford-Pautz moved to approve the minutes of the Mayor and Council meeting of March 18, 2013 as presented, was seconded by Mr. Gatto and carried unanimously.**

Mayor Bailey asked for a motion to pay bills. **Mrs. Mumford-Pautz moved to approve payment of the bills as presented, was seconded by Mr. Gatto and carried unanimously.**

Mr. Drew McMullen of Sultana Projects, Inc. was present to discuss his plans for Downrigging Weekend. A letter detailing the events was in the file. **Mrs. Mumford-Pautz moved to approve the permit request for Downrigging Weekend as submitted, was seconded by Mr. Gatto and carried unanimously.**

Mr. Ingersoll stated that the bids for the Solar Array would be opened on Friday, April 19th. He said that there had been many inquiries on the project to date. Mr. Gatto stated that he would like the panels to be American made.

Mr. Ingersoll stated that bids were opened earlier in the day for audits and read the bids into the record. Mr. Ingersoll stated that he would return at the next meeting with an analysis, by Ms. Diver, and a recommendation of award.

Mr. Ingersoll stated that Arbor Day was scheduled for Tuesday, April 23rd at 1:15 at the courthouse.

Mr. Ingersoll stated that there was a trail cleanup on Saturday, March 30th with volunteers, the Town crew and Kees de Mooy. Mr. Ingersoll stated that a 5k run was scheduled on the campus of Washington College, which also wound up on the trail at the same time. He said that would not happen again next year, but the cleanup crew worked around it.

Mr. Stetson stated that he did not like the fact that paint was used to mark the 5k path. Mr. Stetson stated that there were approximately twenty (20) volunteers to clean the trail and a lot of work was accomplished.

Mr. Gatto stated that the trail has a lot of promise and acceptance in the community and he would like to recognize the many people who made the project a reality. **Mr. Gatto stated that one person was absolutely essential to the project and moved to name the**

trail system in Chestertown the “The Gilchrest Community Trail” in honor of Wayne Gilchrest, was seconded by Mr. Stetson and carried unanimously.

Mr. Ingersoll stated that David A. Bramble, Inc. was going to honor the price used for Phase I and Phase II to build Phase III of the trail. He said that the Council could vote to authorize the build at any time as it was budgeted for the use of the College Armory grant.

Mr. Ingersoll stated that he was working on a bronze plaque naming many of the volunteers and read the prototype into the record.

Mayor Bailey stated that Delmarva Power was giving away two thousand (2,000) free trees, which they would deliver to your house. To reserve a tree go to www.arboday.org/delmarva.

Mr. Ingersoll read a letter from Joan Merryman resigning from the Board of the Supervisors of Elections. Mayor Bailey stated that Ms. Loretta Lodge has agreed to serve on the Board of Supervisors of Elections (along with current members Coby Stohrer and Don Cantor). **Mr. Stetson moved to appoint Ms. Loretta Lodge to the Supervisors of the Board of Elections, was seconded by Mr. Gatto and carried unanimously.**

Mr. Ingersoll stated that he was helping to teach a class in the Economics Department at Washington College on Community Development. He said that the class was looking into the possibility of setting up a “pop-up” store in the downtown as part of an Economics Department project.

Mayor Bailey stated that after the last meeting she asked for a copy of the Farmer’s Market survey and said that she did not find anything offensive about it. Mayor Bailey stated that the report was not finalized yet, but when it was the Committee would present it. She said that she wanted to thank everyone for their work on the study and with the market. She said that the Mayor and Council would ultimately be responsible for any decisions made having to do with the market. She also said that she did not want to see anybody criticized as all the volunteers give their time and talents and should be appreciated.

Mrs. Mumford-Pautz asked if the Town’s liability insurance covered the Farmer’s Market. Mr. Ingersoll stated that if there was an accident at the Farmer’s Market or Fountain Park, the Town would be included in any suit. Mr. Ingersoll stated that the Town had liability insurance for such eventualities. Mayor Bailey stated that each vendor should carry liability insurance.

Mr. Ingersoll stated that Mr. de Mooy was attending Community Development Block Grant training with a project on Cannon Street and Lynchburg Street in mind. He said that area needed curb and gutter, road repairs, sidewalk, street lighting, and water and sewer laterals. He said that he would return to the Council with any grant application to be filed.

Ms. Kuiper stated that Friday, April 5th was First Friday in Town. My Best Friend's Couture Cakes and Cupcakes would be hosting an Open House at 329 Cannon Street from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. She said that Mimi's Closet was also open on Cannon Street. The Historical Society was hosting an event from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Ms. Kuiper stated that there were nine (9) new businesses in the downtown. There were two (2) new businesses in the shopping center. Soon to be opening was an art gallery on Cannon Street, a shop alongside of Sophisticated Vintage, and a menswear shop on the corner of Queen and High Street.

Mayor Bailey pointed out the need for better signage to alert shoppers of additional shopping areas near the heart of the Downtown district.

Ms. Kuiper stated that she has received complaints of people driving down Queen Street the wrong way.

Ms. Kuiper stated that Chester River Landing would hold an Open House on Saturday, April 13th and Sunday, April 14th from 10 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Ms. Kuiper stated that she was working with a student at the College who was trying to organize an Alzheimer's Walk sometime in the Fall.

Mr. Gatto stated that there were changes to the Ordinance proposal regarding Committees that he would forward to Mr. Ingersoll.

Mr. Gatto thanked Chief Baker for getting the speed camera signs hung on Morgnec Road.

Mrs. Mumford-Pautz stated that there was a lot vandalism happening in Town and said that parents needed to be aware where their children were at all times. She said that vandalism is costly to the Town.

Ms. Gail Register was in the audience and said that last year at Downrigging Weekend alcohol consumption by minors was a problem. She said that the tents need to be better supervised, and that noise from boats was a separate problem.


Mr. Joe Holt of Washington College stated that the College just signed up to participate in the State's "House Keys for Employees" program. He asked if the Town could look for grant funding to partner with additional incentives for purchasing a house in Town. Mayor Bailey stated that this issue could also be addressed with County CDBG grants. Mr. Ingersoll stated that he was happy to counsel anyone who wanted to purchase a home in Town using either DHCD or USDA funding.

Ms. McGuire stated that she and Ms. Butler have been discussing signage through the "Curb Appeal" project and hoped to come before the Historic District Commission with ideas.

Ms. McGuire stated that the DCA was asked by the Committee studying the Farmer's Market to answer some questions. She said that she was happy to be included in the process and hoped that something positive came from the study.

Mrs. Mumford-Pautz stated that there was a stop sign down in Washington Square by the Village Bakery.

There being no further business, **Mrs. Mumford-Pautz moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m., was seconded by Mr. Gatto and carried unanimously.**

Submitted by: 
Jennifer Mulligan
Stenographer

Approved by:
Margo G. Bailey
Mayor