

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
NOVEMBER 4, 2013**

Mayor Margo Bailey called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. In attendance were Council members James R. Gatto, Linda Kuiper, Mabel Mumford-Pautz and Mauritz Stetson, W. S. Ingersoll, Town Manager, 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 October 21, 2013. **Mrs. Mumford-Pautz moved to approve the minutes of the Mayor and Council meeting of October 21, 2013 as presented, was seconded by Mr. Stetson 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.**

Chief Baker was present and introduced a new police officer, Chuck McCracklin, who would begin working with the Chestertown Police Department on Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>. Chief Baker said that Officer McCracklin has been an officer in Kent County with Rock Hall for the past eight (8) years.

Mayor Bailey stated that members of the Green Team were present to give a report on recycling program options for Chestertown and the possibility of changing garbage pick-up to one (1) day per week.

Mr. John Hanley, chairman, of the Green Team stated that the mission of the Green Committee was to provide training, education, and resources to increase the environmental stewardship of the citizens of Chestertown. He said the Green Team sponsors the Earth Day Festival and they administer a specialty recycling program that enhances the current recycling program in Town, to include #5 plastics, one (1) use batteries, fluorescent tubes and compact fluorescent lamps. Mr. Hanley stated that Chestertown was the 4<sup>th</sup> Town in the State of Maryland to receive the Sustainable Maryland Certification in 2012.

Mr. Hanley stated that a Green Team member, Bob Patterson, has been certified by the Al Gore Climate Change Symposium to be a presenter of the climate change.

Mr. Hanley stated that the Green team hired a consultant, Mr. Dave Sobers, to develop a comprehensive recycling plan for the Town of Chestertown and worked closely with the Green Team and Town staff. He said that the Green Team fully endorses the recommendations in the document and asked that the Town Council consider implementing all or a majority of the recommendations contained in the document.

Mr. Sobers presented an executive summary of the comprehensive plan. He said that the Town should reduce as much solid waste as possible, recycle, compost and recover energy. He said that treatment and disposal is the least desired alternative.

Mr. Sobers stated that 57% of the houses in Chestertown were collected by Infinity Recycling. He said that if recycling was made mandatory he thought it would raise the numbers by 12%, although there was a cost associated with the increase.

Mr. Sobers stated that the total disposal costs for Chestertown were \$141.00 per ton, \$83.00 of which was in collection costs and the rest went to the landfill fees by tonnage. Mr. Sobers stated that recycling costs were \$207.00 per ton. The cost per household for collecting trash was \$7.27 each month, versus \$3.80 for recycling.

Mr. Sobers stated that once weekly refuse and yard pick-up would provide the advantage of reduced traffic, use on the equipment, lower emissions and the labor requirement would be lower. He said that EPA studies have shown the costs would be reduced by 20% to 40% and given Chestertown's current bill he thought it would cut between \$22,000.00 and \$45,000.00 per year.

Mr. Sobers stated that he thought Chestertown should go to fewer recycling streams, dropping to either single or dual stream. He said that the more convenient recycling was for the homeowner, the higher the success rate would be. Mr. Sobers stated that he thought the Town should look towards unified mechanisms and containers for recycling.

Mr. Sobers stated that once weekly refuse collection would yield revenue. He said for every ton of waste that goes to Caroline County, a \$5.00 per ton fee for recycling goes back to Kent County. He said that the Town might ask the County for that revenue.

Mr. Sobers stated that public outreach would be key to implementing the plan.

Mr. Ford Schumann stated that Infinity was moving their recycling facility within a week. He said that they would be going to a dual stream program in the near future.

Mr. Ingersoll asked about the future landfill location for Kent County. Mr. Sobers stated that there was a study presented to the County with a short list of properties but nothing has moved forward to date. Mr. Pickrum, County Commissioner, was present and said that Kent County was the last County to have a landfill and the site was still undetermined.

Mr. Ingersoll stated that the Green Opportunities bins at commercial enterprises and apartments were taken away this week. He said he thought that they were having problems with MDE over the condition of the site.

Mr. Ingersoll stated that Election Day was Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Chestertown Fire Company. Mr. Ingersoll stated that Ms. Mulligan has done a tremendous job running the Election to this point. Mr. Ingersoll thanked Ms. Cheemoandia Blake, Ms. Lola Price, Ms. Tameka Johnson and Mr. Duane Powell from Kent County and State Board of Elections for assisting Ms. Mulligan.

Mr. Ingersoll stated that votes by emergency ballot could be made by meeting certain requirements and read all of them into the record.

Mr. Ingersoll stated that he met with MDE, Shore Regional Health and UMMS regarding injection of the wells with a product named Ivey-sol. Mr. Ingersoll stated that the Town hired Michael Forlini, Esq. of Funk & Bolton to help with this issue. He said that the Town was learning more about Ivey-sol and the removal process after injection.

Mr. Ingersoll stated that the audit was finished and the auditors would give a presentation at the November 18<sup>th</sup> Mayor and Council meeting.

Mr. Ingersoll stated that Mr. Egan, videographer, attended all the election forums and found out how to put them on You Tube. He said that future Town meetings could also be put on You Tube.

Mr. Ingersoll stated that the Town personnel rules and regulations were available for anyone to review and had been last amended in 2010.

Mayor Bailey stated that there was inaccurate information going around on a blog, which made the Council look as though they were incompetent. She said that the Town was run honestly and with transparency. Mayor Bailey stated that Mr. Ingersoll's reputation was of utmost importance and his love and dedication to Chestertown was unquestionable. Mr. Gatto stated that a contested Mayoral election brings out rumors, including the severance benefits of Mr. Ingersoll. He said that he has been given credit for the rumor and said that he did not start the rumor but did not move to quiet the rumor, which he now knows is totally baseless. Mr. Gatto apologized to Mr. Ingersoll for not terminating the rumor.

Mr. Stetson stated that he heard many negative things as the from candidates regarding the Town and said that the Town has gone through the worst recession since the Great Depression and not one Town employee was laid-off, furloughed, nor were any services cut or taxes raised. He said he thought the Chestertown Government was something to be proud of and did not like hearing those remarks.

Mr. Stetson stated that he thought that candidates should disclose their campaign finances from this point forward. He said that he would be asking if contributions were received from any entity that came before the Council because if the new Mayor or Councilperson did receive a campaign contribution it presented a conflict of interest.

Mayor Bailey requested an executive session for a personnel matter. **Mrs. Mumford-Pautz moved for an executive session following the Mayor and Council meeting to discuss a personnel matter under Section 10.508 of the Annotated Code of the State of Maryland, was seconded by Mr. Gatto and carried unanimously.**

Mr. Gatto stated that he would like to continue to work on the roundabout design.

Mr. Gatto thanked Mayor Bailey for her phone call to the Secretary of the Environment regarding the hospital.

Mayor Bailey thanked the Council for renaming the Rolling Road Park to the Margo G. Bailey Park, noting that it was quite an honor.

Mrs. Mumford-Pautz stated that she was disappointed that people would go to the extent of telling the public that ward lines have moved so people would not go to the polls and vote.

Mr. Gatto stated that he was happy to say that the Waldo Drive sign had been replaced again.

Ms. Kuiper thanked Mr. Bob Knapp and the Lions Club for their work on the Halloween Parade.

Ms. Kuiper stated that she talked with the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders at Garnett Elementary School, along with other Mayoral Candidates and said that she would like to invite the 4<sup>th</sup> grade to visit Town Hall.

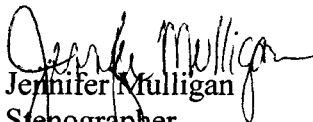
Ms. Kuiper stated that the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades were also have a reading challenge and she would like to honor the child the read the most words in each grade. Mr. Ingersoll suggested a proclamation. The Mayor and Council agreed to the request. Mr. Gatto added that he would treat each child to a pizza. Mrs. Mumford-Pautz stated that this fell right in line with the "If I Were Mayor" contest with the MML.

Ms. Kuiper stated that the Farmer's Market would be open the Wednesday before Thanksgiving.

Ms. Kuiper stated that the Holiday Galleria was this coming weekend at the Worton Community Center on Friday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

There being no further business, **Mr. Gatto moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:08 p.m., was seconded by Mr. Stetson and carried unanimously.**

Submitted by:

  
Jennifer Mulligan  
Stenographer

Approved by:

Margo G. Bailey  
Mayor

**TOWN OF CHESTERTOWN  
STATEMENT FOR CLOSING A MEETING**

Location: Town Meeting Room

Date: 11-4-13

Motion by: Mabel Mumford Seconded by: James Gatto

Vote to Close Session:

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
James R. Gatto	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Linda C. Kuiper	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mabel Mumford-Pautz	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mauritz Stetson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**STATUTORY AUTHORITY TO CLOSE SESSION**

**State Government Article §10-508(a)**

- (1)  To Discuss:
- (i) The appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom it has jurisdiction; or
  - (ii) Any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals.
- (2)  To protect the privacy or reputation of individuals with respect to a matter that is not related to public business.
- (3)  To consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related thereto.
- (4)  To consider a preliminary matter that concerns the proposal for a business or industrial organization to locate, expand, or remain in the State.
- (5)  To consider the investment of public funds.
- (6)  To consider the marketing of public securities.

- (7) [ ] To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter.
- (8) [ ] To consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation.
- (9) [ ] To conduct collective bargaining negotiations or consider matters that relate to the negotiations.
- (10) [ ] To discuss public security, if the public body determines that public discussions would constitute a risk to the public or public security, including:
  - (i) the deployment of fire and police services and staff; and
  - (ii) the development and implementation of emergency plans.
- (11) [ ] To prepare, administer or grade a scholastic, licensing, or qualifying examination.
- (12) [ ] To conduct or discuss an investigative proceeding on actual or possible criminal conduct.
- (13) [ ] To comply with a specific constitutional, statutory, or judicially imposed requirement that prevents public disclosure about a particular proceeding or matter.
- (14) [ ] Before a contract is awarded or bids are opened, discuss a matter directly related to a negotiation strategy or the contents of a bid or proposal, if public discussion or disclosure would adversely impact the ability of the public body to participate in the competitive bidding or proposal process.

TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED:

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REASON FOR CLOSING:

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