



Meeting of the Town Council
Monday, May 8, 2023, 7:30 p.m.
Online by Zoom Videoconference
Access information below

Agenda

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1. **Call to Order** **7:30 pm**
2. **Approval of the Agenda*** 5 min.
3. **Public Appearances** - Please note the time allowed to speak will be limited to five minutes. ?? min.

Also note: Written statements submitted as part of a public appearance will be noted in the minutes and will be available from the Town Office after the meeting.
4. **Treasurer's Report** – Review of April Treasurer's Report* 5 min.
5. **Mayor's Report** 10 min.
 - a. *Kudos*:
 - To the great volunteers who contributed their time and energy to the lake clean-up over the weekend of April 15-16, and to the Woods workday April 29th.
 - To the energetic organizers of Earth Day activities and hearty participants, with a side of *razzberries* to the weather that dampened the ground if not everyone's spirits.
 - b. MCDOT Washington Grove Connector design plan status.
 - c. Montgomery County DOT has nearly completed work installing a larger cement culvert under Railroad Street which will drain storm water from Morgan Park.
 - d. Elimination of USPS postal box rental fees - status.
 - e. EV charging station – expected operational this month. Ribbon cutting on or about May 15th.
 - f. Presentation on the native plant ecosystem by noted entomologist Dr. Doug Tallamy on May 31st at 7:30 pm in recognition of Earth Day, co-sponsored by the Woods, Sustainability, and Forest & Beautification Committees.
 - g. Music Weekend plans are progressing for June 23-25.
 - h. Update from the 150th Anniversary Committee.
6. **Administrative Matters** 5 min.
 - a. Reappointment of Jeff McCrehan to the Historic Preservation Commission for the three-year term June 1, 2023 – May 31, 2026.

Unfinished Business

7. **Resolution 2023-01 Acknowledging Washington Grove's Racially Exclusionary Past** – Proposed amended version*, discussion and possible adoption. 30 min.
8. **An Incentive Program for Residents to Convert from Fossil Fuels to Renewable Energy*** 30 min.
Sustainability Committee proposal to mitigate the Town’s greenhouse gas and carbon footprint.
9. **Updated to Memorials Policy*** – Planting memorial trees incorporating cremation ashes. 10 min.

New Business

?? min.

Other Regular Business

10. **Town Council Reports*** – Of note: 10 min.
 - a. *Woods (Cosson)* – Thirteen new trees will be planted in the East Woods on May 12.
 - b. *Woods (Cosson)* – Invasive plant control treatments to be completed in the woods in late spring.
 - c. *Woods (Cosson), Sustainability (Cosson), and Forestry & Beautification (Raimondo)* – A webinar is scheduled for May 31st addressing the interrelationship between native plants and animals and the impact of invasive species, their control, and related topics.
 - d. *Lake (Favret)* – Many resident volunteers contributed to the lake clean-up the entire weekend of April 15 and 16.
 - e. *Recreation Committee (Patrone)* – Staffing for Summer in the Parks is nearly complete, with 10 registered campers to date.
 - f. *Gateway Committee (Patrone)* – Proposal that the town pay \$2,800 to property owner Tatiana Bell for removal of the dumpster from the Commercial Corner.
11. **Approval of Minutes** – April 10, 2023 Town Council meeting* 5 min.

12. Next meetings

- Annual Town Meeting Saturday May 13th at 8:00 pm
- Regular Town Council and Organizational Meeting Monday May 22nd at 7:30
- Regular Town Council meeting Monday June 12th at 7:30.

13. Adjournment

~ 9:30 pm

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