



Meeting of the Town Council
Monday, July 10, 2023, 7:30 p.m.
Online by Zoom Videoconference
[Join via Internet](#) or dial-in to 301-715-8592
Meeting ID 297 850 640, Password 074385

Agenda

[All documents marked with an asterisk \(*\) may be obtained until at least October 1, 2023 here.](#)

1. **Call to Order** **7:30 pm**
2. **Approval of the Agenda*** 5 min.
3. **Public Appearances** ?? min.
Please note the time allowed to speak will be limited to five minutes. 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 and on the Town website after the meeting.
4. **Treasurer's Report** 5 min.
 - Approval of the June 2023 Treasurer's Report*
5. **A Washington Grove 150th Anniversary Poster by Craig English*** 10 min.
Proposal and discussion of donating funds raised.
6. **150th Anniversary Celebration report*** 5 min.
7. **Mayor's Announcements** 15 min.
 - *Kudos:*
 - "Hip, Hip and Hooray!" to the organizers, costume judges, Muskrat Band musicians and all participants and softball players at the Washington Grove Fourth of July festivities and 59th annual parade.
 - To the organizers and musicians of the 2023 Grove Music Weekend (June 23-25), for planning the three days of fun outdoor events at the Lake and Gazebo, and then pivoting several events into McCathran Hall when weather threatened.
 - To the awesome volunteers who participated in the trash pickup along WG Lane and Railroad St. on June 24th, organized by the Gateway Committee.
 - Georgette Cole elected Chair of the Planning Commission.
 - A monthly report from Peter Nagrod, Town Maintenance Coordinator, of activity non-groundskeeping maintenance can be found in the monthly Town Council Reports.
 - USPS Box fees update.
 - Shared Use Pathway report: two new alternative routes suggested by the Liaison Committee*
 - McCathran Hall audiovisual and internet service upgrades – status.
 - The Youth Music Recital is planned for July 14 at 6 pm in McCathran Hall.

- Restoration of Chestnut Road status.
- Whetstone Spring restoration status*
- Progress report on work by Soltesz on the Comprehensive Stormwater Management Plan

8. Administrative Matters 30 min.

- The binding arbitration clause in our community solar energy contracts. Recommendation to exercise the opt-out option*
- Discussion of posting unapproved draft Council meeting Minutes on the Town website.
- Discussion of posting Zoom audio and video recordings of Council meetings on the Town website.

Unfinished Business

9. DEFERRED - Renewable Energy Conversion Incentive Pilot Program - 1 min.
Introduction of a resolution creating the program.

New Business

10. Request from the Owners of 10 Center Street for Indemnification Against Future Sewer Backup Damage caused by a Town Tree* 10 min.
Resident concerns, tree root damage, and request for assistance from the Town.

11. Unoccupied homes - Discussion of how the Town can compel property owners to keep a minimal level of maintenance? 10 min.

Other Regular Business

12. Town Council Reports* - Of note: 10 min.

- *RASEC (Raimondo)* - A workgroup has been formed to study renaming Boundary Street.
- *Planning Commission (Nagrod)* - The PC is drafting a proposed amendment to the Town Ordinances to allow trash receptacles to be stored at the rear of the buildings at the Commercial Corner.
- *Gateway (Nagrod)* - The Committee (as “Washington Grove”) has applied to Montgomery County’s *Adopt-a-Road program** to assume responsibility for litter cleanup on Railroad Street (approved) and on Washington Grove Lane where it passes through the Town (pending).
- *Gateway (Nagrod)* - Jonathan Dail is the new Chair of the Gateway Committee.
- *Dog Park (Warfield)* - Liz Gillanders is the new Chair of the Dog Park Committee.

13. Approval of Minutes 7 min.

- Town Council meeting May 8, 2023*
- Town Council meeting May 22, 2023*
- Public Hearing on Ordinance 2023-02 Town Budget and Tax Rates - May 22, 2023*
- Town Council meeting June 12, 2023*

14. Next Meeting: Virtual on Monday August 14, 2023 at 7:30 pm

15. Adjournment

~9:45 pm

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