



Meeting of the Town Council
Monday, October 9, 2023, 7:30 p.m.

Online by Zoom Videoconference

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Meeting ID: 297 850 640, Password 074385

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
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4. **Treasurer's Report** 15 min.
 - September 2023 Treasurer's Report.*
5. **Mayor's Report** 45 min.
 - a. *Kudos*:
 - To Bluestober Fest 2023 organizers Lawren and Eric Selby and participants who made this annual Grove music event successful.
 - To Gateway Committee "Adopt-a-Road" volunteers for cleaning up trash along Railroad Street and Washington Grove Lane.
 - b. Halloween Spooktacular (Haunted Forest) on October 28.
 - c. Holiday Show to be in person at the Town Hall on Saturday, December 9.
 - d. Restoration of Chestnut Road – status
 - e. Shared Use Pathway report*
 - f. Condition of the sewer line lateral at 10 Center Street
 - g. Speed hump signage – new signs on Ridge Road.
 - h. Stormwater Infrastructure RFP – status.
 - i. Maintenance of unoccupied residences and property – status.

- 6. **Renewable Energy Incentive Pilot Program** – Status report. 10 min.
- 7. **Administrative Matters** 10 min.
 - Renew consent for the community garden (edible garden)*
 - Update of Hall rental regulations clarifying that collection of recyclables is required.*

New Business

- 8. **Leaf Composting Proposal from the Sustainability Committee** – Discussion* 10 min.

Unfinished Business

Other Regular Business

- 9. **Town Council Reports*** – Of note: 15 min.
 - a. *Lighting (Raimondo)* – Significant progress made with Pepco to establish procedures for municipal purchase of streetlights. LC seeking documentation for the age of town streetlights to use to establish their value.
 - b. *Forestry and Beautification (Raimondo)* –12 trees and two bushes planted.
 - c. *Sustainability (Warfield)* – The County Council passed a gas-powered leaf blower ban. It will be phased in, banning sales in July 2024 and use in July 2025. Rebates for equipment replacement may be offered.
 - d. *Woodward Park (Patrone)* – Eva met with playground equipment vendors to assess playground status and needs. An ad hoc workgroup is being created to consider how best to spend ~\$30,000 (\$15K town funds and \$15K Program Open Space matching funds).
 - e. *Planning Commission (Nagrod)* – An informational meeting on the proposal to permit Accessory Dwelling Units took place at the regular PC meeting October 4th. Several significant questions and suggestions emerged, and the Commission will be considering these during further review of their draft zoning revision proposals.
 - f. *Woods (Dibble)* – A project is in progress proposing to restore Maple Spring. Inclusion of the Spring within the Maple Lake fence is being debated.

- 10. **Approval of Minutes** – Town Council meeting September 11, 2023.* 5 min.

11. Next Meeting: Virtual on Monday, November 13 at 7:30 pm.

12. Adjournment

~9 :45 pm

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