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Somerset Pool Facility Renovation Project.

## Council to Vote On Whether to Proceed With Pool Facility Renovation Project

By Alan Proctor, Contract Officer and Council member

After more than **five years** of work by a number of committees and architects that spanned two mayors and different sets of Council members, the Town Council will be voting at the June meeting whether to proceed with the pool facility renovation project by entering into a contract to start the work after an early close of the pool on **Labor Day**.

I have served as the Council's Contract Officer for the project since I was first elected to the Council a bit more than two years ago, in April 2008, assuming that responsibility from former Council member **Tom Eldridge**, who worked with an earlier Council to specify requirements for the project and authorize hiring of an architect to develop plans for renovating the facility.

Since that time, we have hired a team of architects, engineers, and environmental, landscape, and pool consultants, headed by **McInturff & Associates**, to design a project that meets those requirements and to obtain competitive bids to perform the work. We recently received those bids and, while we are closely evaluating them now and have not yet determined the best offer, we do know that we have several very attractive proposals from excellent contractors that have come in at a cost that is roughly **15 to 25 percent lower** than estimated. This is excellent news for the Town, since it assures that if we vote to proceed with the project, we will get even better value for our investment; the project will be done for considerably less than previously estimated and we will not have to borrow as much money to finance the work. At the same time, a team led by Council member **Marnie Shaul**, and ably assisted by Audit Committee chair **Chuck Edson**, are working to line up financing for the project, which also appears to be available at attractive terms from either a commercial bank or potentially, depending on timing, an even lower cost state municipal bond fund. At this time, it appears that construction and related permitting and engineering costs

will not exceed **\$2.5 million** and that the Town would borrow **\$2 million** or less to finance the project.

I intend to recommend that the Council vote to proceed with the project and authorize the Mayor to sign the necessary construction contract and loan agreements when they are ready. The pool facility is a major asset of the community and there is no doubt that it needs major new investment. We have before us an excellent design that meets the requirements that were developed over a course of several years and previously approved by the Council. The project will deliver many benefits to the community and everyone who lives here. The renovated facility will be fully **ADA-compliant**.

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## Calendar

### Monday, June 7

Council Meeting

### Monday, June 21

MVA Mobile Office

### Monday–Wednesday

June 28–30

Tom out of Office

### Tuesday, June 1

Candidates Forum

Don't forget to check the Town website throughout the month for an up-to-date calendar. Go to [www.townofsomerset.com](http://www.townofsomerset.com) and click on **Town Calendar**.



This article was inadvertently omitted from last month's Journal, and the article on *Wind Power* by Janet Lowenthal (Deal Place) was mistakenly attributed to Robin Barr.



## Two-Factor Model for Budget

By Robin Barr, Essex Avenue

Our town had a **bad year** in 2009. Somerset, formerly insulated from the economic turmoil of a recession, is now experiencing its wide reach.

As readers of recent Journals know, our expected income from Maryland taxes is falling by **\$400,000**—almost a **50 percent drop** in one year. Recently, our revenue from Maryland income tax receipts has covered our operating expenses. Other sources (property taxes, state highway tax, the county share, fees) were “**extras**” that contributed to our capital reserve. All that has changed; other sources must cover operating expenses. Yet funds from the state’s highway fund have been cut back **90 percent**. The county government, also suffering, is expected to reduce its contribution. We have no choice but to spend from our capital reserve to cover operating expenses—at a time when we are expecting to launch a major capital project: **the bathhouse renovation**. We need to raise our property tax rate; we need to borrow to complete the bathhouse renovation; we need to save any way we can.

The recession is hardly new. Could we have predicted this crash? In fact, the **State Comptroller’s Office**—the Chief Accounting Wizard of Maryland—missed it. That Office over-estimated our income from 2009 taxes. How can we get it right when accounting wizards get it wrong?

Maybe there’s a way. Back when Somerset was insulated from recession, our income base was largely salary. Since most of us had relatively secure employment or retirement income, tax revenue flowed even when the national economy swooned. Lately though, our tax revenue has shown a series of sudden shifts (both up and down). That pattern suggests a second factor. I call it “**episodic income**”—money from capital gains or bonuses. Unlike salaries, these income sources are highly recession-sensitive.

**Marnie Shaul** and I ran an exercise on a recent rainy weekend. We estimated recurring income by using Somerset tax data from the **mid-1990s**, when most of our income was from salaries. We then plotted **3 percent annual growth** in income from then to the present day—a fairly conservative estimate of salary growth. Remarkably, the 3 percent

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growth model—derived from the mid 1990s—closely predicted estimated income from 2009 Maryland tax receipts. It also predicted closely two other bad years in tax receipts (2002 and 2003).

Of course it underestimated revenue in the good years. According to this two-factor model, these good times were created through large contributions from episodic income. So, in any year, our tax revenue comes from two separate sources.

In budget planning we can count on recurring (salary) income from **State tax revenues**. That can be estimated conservatively from the 3 percent growth model. We should assume that residual State revenues above that amount are episodic income. As such, in the good years, we should add the funds to our capital reserve rather than use them to support our operating budget. In all years we should plan our operating expenses on the 3 percent growth model for State tax revenues.

## Pool Committee

By Barbara Condos, Committee Chair



By the time this arrives, the pool season should be in full swing and the new **check-in system** functioning smoothly. Please note that the

pool rules were updated as of **May 2010**. The updated rules and pool hours are on the Town website. Click on “**pool**” for information.

Volunteers are working to organize early bird swim and water aerobics. Information will be sent out in the next few weeks. Look for information on the **Town email Blast** and on the **pool bulletin board**.



## On My Mind

By Mayor Jeffrey Slavin

### R-E-S-P-E-C-T

When I became Mayor, I had a number of goals in mind and, as I said here last month, I am pleased that most of them were accomplished during my first term. Lately however, several of them have caused me some concern.

The Council and I have spent many hours finding better ways to communicate, both with residents and between each other. As one result, we facilitated the creation of an **independent listserv** that has been successful in promoting residents’ ideas and comments, while allowing them a means to advertise or seek commercial advice. Unfortunately, some of the online discourse has become troubling.

As everyone knows, the Council recently approved a **new trash contract** that includes the reduction of service to once per week. While I did not support this action, I respected the reasoning of the majority of Council members, and am doing my best to implement the change. Regretfully, a number of residents don’t share this attitude. They have made many unnecessarily nasty, overly personal comments on the listserv which are not in line with Somerset’s reputation, and have reflected badly on us all. While we definitely want to hear everyone’s opinion, I would encourage those who disagree with our decisions to tone down the rhetoric and stick with the facts. Please keep in mind that our Council works hard, does its homework and, in my view, truly legislates with the public interest as a priority. This volunteer body does not deserve to be treated in such a negative way.

Another of my goals was to empower the Council by having them affirm their role, as outlined in the **Charter**, as the chief policy makers in Town. The forebears who wrote our “**constitution**” intended that the Council set the policies and the Mayor and staff administer them. The Council need not be a rubber stamp.

During the long process of designing and approving the **bathroom renovation** with its accompanying financing, I have tried to put this idea into practice, and the Council has clearly taken the lead on all the decisions. Yet, recently I have received some unpleasant phone calls from citizens violently opposed to the current plan under discussion, who expect me to personally take action in contradiction to our Town’s mission. While these folks have a right to their views, and I am always happy to engage in the discourse, I would like to make it clear that I do **NOT** have the power, ability, or duty to control Council members’ votes. That is not democracy.

Yes, I try to influence decisions at times where it is appropriate, but I cannot dictate. Nor would I use the power and prestige of the Mayor’s position to coerce the Council. I don’t want anyone to have those expectations of me, and that is not what leadership is about.

# Town Hall Tidbits | By Tom Carter, Clerk-Treasurer



## Office Schedule in June

Tom will be out of the office **June 28-30**. Either **Corrie** or **Nicole** expects to be in during Tom's absence. During these dates, please call first to be sure someone is in the office before coming over or leave a message on the answering machine and someone will get back to you as soon as possible.

## Found

A Subaru car key was found in mid-May on Uppingham Street. If you think this may be your key, please call the office at **301-657-3211**.

## Reminder to Dog Owners

The **Town Code** requires that you keep your **dog on a leash** whenever the dog is not on your property and that you pick up the feces after your dog does its duty. Please keep our parks and your neighbors' yards clean from dog messes. Fines of up to **\$100** can be imposed! Dog droppings may be disposed of in the Town trash receptacles as long as they are double bagged to protect the collectors.



## Town Maintenance Vehicles and Men



Please use caution when driving behind the **Town tractors and trucks**. They are often moving very slowly as the men work alongside or in front of the vehicles. Kindly resist riding on their **bumpers**; give them some space and yourself room to see around them so you are sure it is **safe to pass**. Also, be particularly cautious when passing the **maintenance men** working along the streets with power equipment and wearing ear protection. They cannot hear approaching cars.

## Beware of Con Artists

With spring weather here, the annual visitation of itinerant **con artists** to the area is at hand. Be sure you do not fall for their excuses to get in your home. They will often engage you in conversation or distract you while a partner enters the house and steals cash and

"I have swamp land to sell"



valuable small items. Sometimes they just ask to use your restroom. Never allow strangers into your home. Always keep your doors locked, even if you are just in your yard. Call the police if you see someone suspicious hanging around your neighborhood.

## Odd Jobs List

Please take a moment to review the **Odd Jobs list** enclosed with this edition of the Town Journal. We have received several calls saying that listed personnel no longer are interested in doing the tasks they originally signed up to do. Some on the list are away at college and not available. Please let Tom know if there are any changes, additions or deletions so that this list is fully accurate. Call **301-657-3211** with changes.

## Parking

Residents should advise lawn services and guests that it is illegal and dangerous to park on the **"NO PARKING"** side of the street. Our streets are congested enough with the numerous ongoing construction projects.



## MVA Mobile Office

The MVA's **mobile office** will be in **Friendship Heights** next on Monday, **June 21**, from **10:00 a.m.** to **2:00 p.m.**



Reminder: Tom Carter will be out of the office June 28-30



## Bond and Permit Fees

By Cathy Pickar, Council member

The Town Council will be discussing the **Town's construction bond and permit fees** at the June Council meeting. The process of issuing and administering permits involves a staff person to process the permit, a building code inspector to review the plan and an arborist to approve the tree-save plan. Currently, the

Town's building permit and associated fees do not reflect the cost of administering the permits from their inception to final inspection or the cost of restoring any damage to the Town's right-of-way that may occur during construction. Consideration will be given to whether or not the fees should be raised to cover these costs or whether or not the Town should continue to subsidize the process. In addition, the Council will consider adding time limits for dumpsters and pods and will consider adding retaining walls to the list of construction items that require a permit. Please share your views with the Council.



## The Security Committee Needs You!

Birdie Pieczenik, Chairperson, Security Committee

Contrary to popular belief, the **Security Committee** is alive and kicking. Well, maybe not kicking, more like watching and waiting. Hopefully, if things continue as they have been, we are watching and waiting for nothing.

Yes, we are short of new members-so please call **Mayor Slavin** if you'd like to be on the committee. Or me, to ask about being a member. No, we don't have a lot of meetings these days because there doesn't seem to be the need. I've never been one to make work where the need doesn't exist. But . . . we do have to finish the **Emergency Alert System** we started collecting data for last year, so we might be having a meeting soon to enjoy each other's company as we talk about deciding how to go about finishing that project.

### A few reminders for this time of year:

1. Licensed and unlicensed solicitors, scam artists, and would-be burglars will be coming 'round trying to engage you in conversation while they assess the "landscape." Watch out. Report suspicious people in the neighborhood to the **Town office** and the **Montgomery County Police**.
2. Buds and blossoms are appearing on bushes and trees. Enjoy them. But leaves are now covering lamp posts, creating shadows and darkness on the sidewalks and streets. **Please be careful walking** and be aware of your surroundings at all times.
3. It's lawn mowing time. Barbequing time. Bicycling time. In short, it's the time we take expensive items out from the house and garage and leave them on the lawn and in the backyard. **For their protection**, see if you can disguise them in some way, or put them away when not in use. With this economy no one wants to replace anything they don't have to.

4. The days are long, the weather is good, and the town is filled with the great sound of kids playing in the street. Just remind your **kids to be careful** and watch for all the adults who are distracted as they drive along talking on the phone or pull out of parking spaces and driveways without looking around for cyclists, etc.

Spring will soon turn into summer. Please remember the above suggestions as well as those the Security Committee stated several months ago that relate to landscaping. They will take you into fall with security.

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### Pool Renovation Vote from page 1

We will also implement a number of major environmental improvements as part of the project, **eliminating** the damaging discharge of chlorinated water into the stream, **installing** several storm water management facilities, **reducing** impervious surfaces, and **increasing** space for planting additional trees along the stream. We can do the work now at a savings of **several hundreds of thousands dollars less** than expected, taking advantage of the soft economy and very competitive bids we have received. The Council confirmed at the May Council meeting that we can afford this high priority project and has planned for it in next year's budget should the Council vote to proceed.

For me, this is compelling justification and a responsible basis for the Council to proceed with the project, and I will vote to do so.

More information about the project and additional illustrations of the new facility that is planned are available from a special web page that is set up for this project. The link is on the Town's web site, at [www.townofsomerset.com](http://www.townofsomerset.com).

# Town Trees

## Removal of Broken Box Elder



A box elder in **Vinton Park**, behind **4514 Dorset Avenue**, has broken in two and is hanging down

into the creek. While the tree is not huge, Town Arborist **Barb Neal** recommends that it be removed. The resident wants the tree removed due to **“the amazing eroding power the creek has shown in prior logjams.”** This has been placed on the agenda for the June 7 Town Council meeting.

## Planting in The Town Right-of-Way

Many residents have undertaken landscaping projects that enhance their property but that of the Town as well. Several of us have planted **shrubs** and **perennials**, not only on our property but also in the Town’s right-of-way. A general guide for determining the right-of-way is measuring 25 feet from the center of the street, or 14 to 15 feet from the curb towards your property.

Planting in the right-of-way is done at your risk. The Town cannot guarantee protection of plants when working on infrastructure or in the course of removing snow from Town streets and sidewalks. In addition, for safety reasons, residents of corner properties must be sure that plantings do not obstruct the vision of drivers.



## Free Compost Bins

The Montgomery County Division of Solid Waste Services [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/recycling](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/recycling) is handing out free compost bins. You can call **240-777-6410** for locations and details.

## Permits Granted



The following permits were issued by the Mayor during the past month. (Building permits are approved by the Town Council.)

### Trees:

**Douglas and Patricia Dolan**, 5519 Uppingham Street, to remove a dead oak tree in their back yard.

**Nancy Sussman**, 521 Greystone Street, to remove a dying, hazardous honey locust in her back yard.

**Tom and Jennifer Joseph**, 5604 Surrey Street, to remove a dying ash in their back yard.



By Mayor Jeffrey Slavin

Of course by now everyone is aware of the **announced retirement** of **Tom Carter** as Clerk-Treasurer, after an eventful **fifteen years** on the job. I will miss Tom greatly; he has been of major assistance to me during the last eight years, particularly during the last two. His institutional knowledge of Somerset's government is on a par with no one, and his dedication to the position and his attendance record are exemplary. I appreciate Tom's willingness to remain here until a replacement

is found and trained, and the knowledge that he will be as close as a phone call. The search is underway.

I am also saddened by the planned summertime departure of Somerset native **Corrie Morse** (Surrey) who has worked so closely with Tom for so many years on a part-time basis, and whom I call the "**Tree Commissioner**" for her dedication to one of our greatest assets. Corrie has been invaluable in so many ways, especially for the professionalism she has brought from her days as a **U.S. Senate staffer**. Her replacement will be selected by the next **Clerk-Treasurer**.

As of this writing, the **Montgomery County Council** is on the verge of selecting a new **Planning Board Chair**, and we are on record in support of **Francoise Carrier, Director of the County's Office of Zoning and Administrative Hearings**, following the lead of the **Coordinating Committee on Friendship Heights**. The new Chair will ultimately have a significant impact on the level of growth and quality of life in the areas near the Town. Your elected officials feel Ms. Carrier's qualifications are superior to those of the other candidates, and that she will be most responsive to the concerns of citizens when they are involved in the development process.

The new trash contract with **Unity Disposal & Recycling** is in place, and the transition has been smoother than anticipated. There were a few glitches the first two weeks, but Unity has been easy to work with and responsive when problems arose. We are all looking forward to the delivery of the wheeled containers, and hope our residents will begin to set recycling records with their use.

**Robin Barr** (Essex) has written a very informative article about trends in the Town's budgets which was inadvertently left out of last month's Journal. I urge everyone to read it now.

While the **property tax rate of eight cents per \$100**, which I proposed and the Council approved, is an increase from the last fiscal year, our staff recently came across a document that indicated a rate of **thirty-five cents in 1928**. So let's just say we have made a lot of progress since that time!

We have received copies of all the essays from **Somerset Elementary School** fourth graders who participated in the **Maryland Municipal League's "If I Were Mayor, I Would . . ." contest**. The fourth graders competed with hundreds of other students from across the County to become one of the **ten regional winners**. Now, by way of a three-member Town committee, we will soon be selecting our own special Somerset winner. Our winning student will be presented to the Town at our **annual Fourth of July celebration**, will experience a police ride-along, and receive a **U.S. Savings Bond**.

The Town is co-sponsoring a candidates' forum for the **County Council District One race** on **Tuesday, June 1 at 7:00 p.m.** at the **Lawton Community Center** in the **Town of Chevy Chase**. Hope to see you all there.

## Journal Guidelines

- Deadline (designated by editor) is 4:30 p.m. on the 15th of each month. Articles submitted after the deadline might not be included in that month's Journal.
- Maximum length of articles by individual Council members and committee members, 500 words per issue.
- Research and information articles assigned by the Council or the Mayor can moderately exceed the 500 word limit in order to present complete information.
- Maximum length of obituaries and unsolicited articles by residents, 300 words.
- Maximum length of Letters to the Editor, 150 words.
- There is no promotion or advertisement of business or commercial interests within Journal articles, with the exception of Classified ads.
- Classified ads must be placed by a resident and contain resident's phone number.
- The Editor will exercise judgment on article length and appropriateness (Town Code grants authority to Editor for final decisions). The Editor may review changes to articles with author if time permits.
- The Publisher (the Mayor) authorizes final publication of the Journal.

### Submission requirements for Journal:

- All items to be included in the Journal must be sent directly to Editor and must conform to the word limits outlined above.
- MSWord or text format by email, or typed and delivered.
- All inserts, artwork, and inclusions come through Editor to go to printer all at the same time.
- Changes to articles submitted after deadline at the discretion of the Editor.
- Documents should be submitted with no formatting, meaning:
  - All single spaced
  - Times New Roman typeface, 12 pt.
  - All paragraphs left block, including headings
  - No arbitrary punctuation
  - Double space (using enter) after paragraphs (not automatic double-spacing)
  - Any special treatment or emphasis within articles should be noted in a side note for the Editor

Editor will be happy to guide contributors in setting up their computer options to conform to formatting guidelines, or to offer guidance in preparing articles for submission.



# Legislation

## At the May 3 meeting, the Town Council:

1. Introduced an amendment to the Town Code to increase permitting fees.
2. Introduced an amendment to the Town Code to correct an omission on Ordinance 1-09 on tree diameter in Section 8-303-8:40.
3. Passed a resolution declaring the Town's intent to reimburse expenditures incurred before a State loan can be approved with proceeds from that \$2,500,000 loan, a requirement for submission of an application to the State.

At the May 10 special meeting, the Council adopted the Mayor's amended budget for FY-11 and set the property tax rates at \$.08 per \$100 assessed value for real property and \$1.00 for personal (business) property for FY-11 with several line item changes.

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## Council Activity

### At the May 3 meeting, the Town Council:

1. Heard the Mayor's announcement of a closed Town Council meeting during the April 5 regular meeting to discuss right-of-way issues.
2. Approved the minutes of the April 5, 2010, regular and closed meetings, and April 12 special meeting.
3. Approved the following fund transfers for FY-10:

Amount	From	To
\$40,000	GF Contingency	GF Snow/Sand
\$50,000	CPF Contingency	GF Snow/Sand
\$35,000	CPF Environmental	GF Snow/Sand

4. Postponed action on a contract by CRH Concrete Services to replace winter storm damaged curbs for \$4,484.60 pending clarification of the snow removal contractor's responsibility.
5. Agreed on the following special responsibilities of Council members:

#### **Bill Farley:**

Batting Cage Committee  
Bethesda Fire Board  
Citizens Coordinating Committee on Friendship Heights  
*alternate*  
Montgomery County Civic Federation  
Swimming Pool Committee alternate  
Transportation Management District Representative  
Western Montgomery County Citizens Advisory Board alternate

#### **Cathy Pickar:**

History Committee  
Bank Statement Reviewer  
Audit Committee alternate  
Western Montgomery County Citizens Advisory Board  
Swimming Pool Committee

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**Alan Proctor:**

Special Events Committee alternate  
Check signing  
Cable TV alternate  
All About People column  
Tennis Committee  
Bathhouse Project Contract Officer  
Welcoming Committee alternate

**Marnie Shaul:**

Parks and Natural Resources Committee alternate  
Audit Committee  
Environmental Committee  
Security Committee alternate  
Check signing  
Citizens Coordinating Committee on Friendship Heights  
Montgomery County Civic Federation alternate  
History Committee alternate

**Barbara Zeughauser:**

Bethesda Fire Board alternate  
Parks and Natural Resources Committee  
Environmental Committee alternate  
Security Committee  
Special Events Committee  
Welcoming Committee

6. Approved Town demolition, curb cut and building permits, for James Gibson, 5603 Surrey Street, to demolish the existing house, build a 2½-story house with 2-car detached garage in the rear, subject to receipt of the County permits and Town fees and deposits, and a permit to remove 13 trees, subject to the conditions set forth in Barb Neal's April 29, 2010, letter; planting three trees between the new house and the Christians' property along the driveway (working with the Christians on which side of the property line the trees should be planted) and one additional tree in the back yard right corner (all trees to be a minimum of 2½-inch caliper); plant two 5-inch street trees.
7. Approved keeping the Security Committee membership as it currently is because the Mayor could not find any volunteers to fill the vacancy.
8. Postponed action on nominations to the Batting Cage Committee pending volunteers.
9. Approved the removal of a crab apple tree, #692, at the south side of the Dorset Avenue/Wisconsin Avenue intersection that was uprooted during the snow storms.
10. Approved changes to the Pool Rules as recommended by the Swimming Pool Committee and amended by Cathy Pickar.
11. Set guest fees for the pool at \$3.
12. Postponed action on the one-season agreement between the Town and Camp Summerset for 2010 until the May 10 special meeting.

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13. Extended the contract with Gayley Knight of Mother Geek Productions for managing the Town Web site for a monthly fee of \$200, to include a monthly update and thorough review annually.
  14. Authorized the Mayor to send a letter of support for Francoise Carrier for Planning Board chair.
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### **At the May 10 special meeting, the Town Council:**

1. Approved a one-season agreement between the Town and Camp Summerset for 2010.
2. Took no action on an emergency recommendation by the Town Arborist to remove a broken box elder tree in Vinton Park behind 4514 Dorset Avenue that is hanging over the creek and could cause a logjam if it falls into the creek pending more information from her.

At the May 10 closed meeting, the Council discussed contractor bids for pool bathhouse renovation and personnel issues.

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### ***CORRECTIONS (to include votes)***

## **Council Activity**

### **At the April 5 meeting, the Town Council:**

1. Approved the removal of two Town trees: a dying silver maple, #852, Capello Park, and a badly damaged Bradford pear, #588, 5816 Surrey Street. **Vote: Farley, Pickar, Shaul and Zeughauser for; Proctor opposed. Motion passed 4-1.**
2. Approved a contract with College Park Paving to replace the temporary speed humps at the Dorset/Warwick Place and Essex/Warwick Place intersections with asphalt humps at a cost of \$3,550. **Vote: Pickar, Proctor and Shaul for; Farley and Zeughauser opposed. Motion passed 3-2.**

# Preliminary Agenda

## Regular Meeting of Town Council

Monday, June 7, 2010 – 7:30 p.m.

### Work Session of Town Council

Review of Council Follow-up List – 7:00 p.m.

### Regular Meeting of Town Council



left to right: Council members Bill Farley, Barbara Zeughauser, Cathy Pickar, Vice President Marnie Shaul, Alan Proctor

1. Announcement by Mayor of closed Town Council meeting on May 10 to discuss contractor bids and personnel issues – 7:30 p.m.
2. Approval of minutes of the May 3 regular meeting and May 10 closed and special meetings – 7:35 p.m.
3. Discussion of financial report – 7:40 p.m.
4. Action on retainer agreement with Town Attorney – 7:45 p.m.
5. Action on the following fund transfers for FY-10 – 7:50 p.m.

Amount	From	To
\$5,000	CPF Town Hall	CPF Streets
\$3,000	CPF Major Equipment	CPF Streets

6. Suggestions and questions from residents – 7:55 p.m.
7. Action on Town Code amendments to increase permitting fees and impose new ones for storage pods/containers, retaining walls and dumpsters – 8:05 p.m.
8. Action on recommendations by Environmental Committee for disbursement of \$7,000 EmPOWER grant – 8:15 p.m.
9. Decision on contract to renovate pool bathhouse – 8:25 p.m.\*\*
10. Action on terms and conditions of bank loan to finance cost to renovate pool bathhouse – 8:55 p.m.\*\*
11. Confirmation of Mayor's nominations to the Batting Cage Committee – 9:10 p.m.
12. Action on hiring off-duty police for FY11 – 9:15 p.m.
13. Action on recommendation by Town Arborist to remove a broken box elder tree in Vinton Park behind 4514 Dorset Avenue that is hanging over the creek and could cause a logjam if it falls into the creek – 9:20 p.m.\*\*
14. Confirmation of Mayor's appointment of Phyllis Wiesenfelder to complete term of Bonnie Thomson on Board of Supervisors of Elections, term to expire December 31, 2010 – 9:25 p.m.
15. Action on Town Code amendment to correct omission on Ordinance 1-09 on tree height in Section 8-303 – 9:30 p.m.
16. Reappointment of Tom Carter as Clerk-Treasurer for FY11 until a replacement can be hired – 9:35 p.m.
17. Mayor's report – 9:40 p.m.
18. Update on pool renovation – 9:45 p.m.
19. Adjournment – 9:50 p.m.

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