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Somerset Community Service Day Participants

Community Service Day 2012 A Big Success

By P. Kaye Hanifee,
Falstone Avenue

Town Hall was buzzing with activity on Sunday, December 9 as neighbors young and old, new

residents and long-time Somersetsians, gathered to work on several projects to benefit local non-profit organizations. We filled a very large box with coats, thermal underwear, socks and sweaters for **Friendship Place** which serves adults and veterans experiencing homelessness. Their Director of Community Outreach came to pick up the items and brought a lovely gentleman who benefitted from their services and now does outreach so he can “pay it forward.”

They were extremely grateful for the donation. We made about 100 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches and split them between a men’s shelter and a women’s shelter along with toiletries. We distributed lots of coffee, breakfast cereal, snacks and cleaning supplies to **Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless**. One of the most popular activities was making the doggie tug toys out of old, donated t-shirts and cat-nip sock toys. The kids had a great time ripping t-shirts and braiding the strips. We have two large bags to deliver to the **Humane Society**. Finally, we filled **Ginny Biggar’s** (Cumberland) porch with healthy non-perishables to be delivered to **A Wider Circle**.

This event would not have been possible without the support and assistance of our Mayor, **Jeffrey Slavin** and his wonderful staff at Town Hall, **Rich Charnovich** and **Nicole Ventura**.

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Save
The
Date



Town Election For Three Council Members

March 20, 2013 from 4:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Town Hall

Town residents will have an opportunity to exercise one of their civic duties by voting in the upcoming election for Town Council members on **Wednesday, March 20th**. **Nominations** for the three Council seats will be accepted at the Town Council meeting scheduled for **February 4, 2013**.

If you are not already registered, in order to vote in the March 20 election, Somerset residents must **register by March 6**. You can register in person at the Town Hall on Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or by sending in a completed registration form to the Town Hall. If you would like a registration form sent to you, please contact the Town Hall at www.townofsomerset.com or call 301-657-3211.

Calendar

Monday, January 7

Somerset Town Council Meeting

Monday, January 28

MVA Mobile Office

Don't forget to check the Town website throughout the month for an up-to-date calendar. Go to www.townofsomerset.com and click on **Town Calendar**.

The Preliminary Agenda for each month's Town Council meeting is posted on the Town website (www.townofsomerset.com) seven days prior to the meeting. A copy is also posted on the bulletin board on the Town Hall porch.



On My Mind

By Mayor Jeffrey Slavin

Community Service Has Great Value

Every year for the past decade, our Town has conducted a Community Service Day, and I always marvel at the fervor with which our residents participate. And as was the case recently, we had the nice problem that there were more volunteers than we needed to complete the tasks. This gives me extra satisfaction because as a Council member I introduced this event to Somerset.

I will continue to promote volunteer opportunities throughout the year. The County makes it easy by listing daily projects for nonprofit groups on its website so you don't have to make long commitments, which are difficult with our hectic schedules. The Volunteer Center can be reached at www.montgomerycountymd.org. We will also consider having another Community Service Day at Town Hall around Easter/Passover.

I am sure that you are all aware that amidst the great wealth in Montgomery County there are many people in need. Contributing to this situation is the fact that our cost of living is so high. So, for example, in our public school system, almost 40% of the students are eligible for free and reduced meals, and almost 70% qualify for some type of subsidy. Those are astounding facts.

As you may know, I am a huge advocate of "give where you live." So when looking for places to help people, let's start in our own backyard. There are just as many low income folks in Germantown, Gaithersburg and Langley as there are in Wards 7 and 8 in the District, not to mention Prince George's and Arlington. Kudos to our residents who took leadership roles this year, **P.Kaye Hanifee** (Falstone) and **Virginia Biggar** (Cumberland) in particular. In addition, the staff did a wonderful job as usual. I invite everyone else to join us in this important effort.

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Nicole and Rich solicited Giant, Safeway and Target for gift cards to supplement the many wonderful donations we received from residents. Special thanks also go out to Ginny Biggar and her team of delivery boys for passing out flyers, collecting the food donations and delivering to A Wider Circle, **Lucky Marmon** (Greystone) and **Alexis Carmer** (Essex) for delivering to the shelters and MCCH, and **Ann Brown** (Trent Court), **Nicole Vanderzon** (Falstone), and **Emily Smith** (Uppingham) for the delicious treats for volunteers. Many thanks to all who donated items and came out to partake in the festive atmosphere to serve our neighbors who are less fortunate.

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Pepco's Request For A Rate Hike



By
Cathy
Pickar,
Council
Member

On November 30, Pepco filed for a \$60.8 million rate request with the Maryland Public Service Commission (PSC), an approximately 5% increase. Pepco also requests a grid resiliency charge, or “tracker fee,” so it could charge customers for work yet to be done. Pepco asked that this rate increase go into effect December 30, 2012. In response, the Maryland Public Service Commission (PSC) issued an order delaying the decision for 150 days. The deadline for filing an intervention in opposition to the rate increase, however, was set at close of business on January 2, 2013.

Today, the Somerset Town Council voted, in a public hearing, to file a petition of intervention to the PSC. Full details of the filing and what it means will be discussed at the January 7th Council Meeting. It is important that you know that this is being done at no expense to Town taxpayers.

The PSC must base its decision on whether or not to grant Pepco's rate increase using only the evidence submitted by filing parties. No letters from ratepayers and no testimony from the PSC's public hearings are allowed as evidence in the PSC's decision-making process, although this material is placed in the docket to be reviewed at some point. If the Town's filing is accepted by the Public Service Commission, it will give the Town options of making sure that the PSC and Pepco understand that we are not pleased with the service they have provided over the past several years and that we want rate increases to be tied to performance.

My personal opposition to the rate increase as it is currently written is:

- The rate increases would not be tied to Pepco's performance. Pepco would be allowed to levy fees for work that has not been done. During the past several years, PSC granted Pepco rate increases for improvements but the PSC did not have the auditing capability to assure the improvements were made. Far too few improvements to the infrastructure were made. Based on “Blue sky outages,” a measure of the quality of the company's infrastructure and maintenance, Pepco was ranked in the bottom quartile nationally. The same leaders who failed to maintain and upgrade Pepco's infrastructure for several years are still leading the company. Their neglect could continue unless rate increases are tied to performance.
- Pepco will argue that it needs the rate increase in order improve reliability and be able to offer up to a 10.25% rate of return to investors or face losing its bond rating and therefore be unable to borrow capital. If another publicly-traded company offered such a poor product, it would lose customers, then investors, and go out of business. But even though Maryland regulates Pepco, the free market does not protect the ratepayers because Pepco is protected by its natural monopoly status. I argue that if the bleak scenario that Pepco paints does happen and the company is weakened, a more capable entity will take over. In that regard, the free market would be at work, even with a natural monopoly, to offer some protection for ratepayers.



Communications Committee Considers New Website

By Cathy Pickar, Council Member and Barbara Marenus, Surrey Street

Somerset has an ad hoc Communications Committee that is currently exploring

how to improve communications in the Town. One of the actions under consideration is a redesign of the Town's website. The Committee recently heard a presentation from Civic Plus, a website development and maintenance company devoted solely to municipalities. The Committee is looking into various web services that would be useful and convenient for our residents. These include accessing the Town directory (password-protected), locating forms, obtaining information about Town policies and procedures, and paying pool guest fees. The new site could also provide real-time information on power outages, street closings, and reports of crime. A well designed website could be an effective tool for increasing the sense of community within the Town.

To solicit suggestions from Town residents, we plan to hold a series of informal discussions in the neighborhood. We hope to see you at these meetings which we will announce in the new year. Please email Chairperson **Cathy Pickar** at cpickar@townofsomerset.com or **Barbara Marenus** at bmarenus@gmail.com with your thoughts.

Notes From The Manager's Desk

By Rich Charnovich, Town Manager



Town Hall Top 10 List

Each month, I will identify key issues and activities planned or underway in the Town of Somerset. As always, if anyone has any questions on Town operations, please contact me at manager@townofsomerset.com or 301-657-3211.

Winter Reminders

Now that we are approaching winter, here are a few reminders:

- **Snow Removal** – Mulheron Tree Experts will again be the Town's contractor for snow removal. Remember, the Town Code states that when less than two inches of snow accumulate in the front or on the side of one's property, it is the responsibility of the homeowner to keep sidewalks clear. The Town contractor will remove snow in excess of two inches.



Snow Removal Help

- **Snow Plows** – When it snows, please park your cars in driveways so the plows can do a better job.
- **Batting cage** – The batting cage at the Town Hall will be closed from December through February. In the past, snow caused some damage to the cage. It will reopen in early March.
- **Odd Jobs Helpers** – Finally, please keep in mind the "odd jobs" list that was distributed as an insert in this edition of the Town Journal. If you are interested in hiring someone for snow shoveling or property maintenance during the winter, take a look at this list. Contact the Town Hall if you need a new copy.

Christmas Tree Disposal

Unity Disposal will pick up Christmas trees on **Tuesday, January 8, 2013**. Please have your tree **out before 7:00 that morning**. If you miss this day, Unity will pick up trees **after that during normal refuse pick-ups on Tuesday mornings**. Please make sure the trimmings from the tree are removed before placing your trees on the curb.



Washington Gas Project

At its January 7, 2013, meeting, the Somerset Town Council will hear an application submitted by Washington Gas for a permit to **update gas lines on Essex Avenue**. Most of the work is set to take place from Warwick Place to approximately 4900 Essex Avenue. Any interested member of the public is

invited to attend the meeting. The Town Hall office also has a copy of the proposed plans if anyone would like to review them.

Blue Recycling Bins

Several years ago, Town residents had the opportunity to request a blue recycling bin from the Town Hall. The Town Hall has a record of homes that received a

blue bin. A new policy is being developed regarding the blue bins for the Mayor and Council to consider. I hope it will be equitable. If your household never received a bin when they were initially distributed and you need one, please contact the Town Hall. We want to encourage as much recycling as we can.

Leaf Removal Thank You

As this year's leaf removal program comes to end, we want to thank everyone for their patience as we tried something new this year with the leaf collection by quadrant. Some of you have already provided feedback to me, and I greatly appreciate that. Feel free to provide me with feedback, either positive or negative, on how things went this year. We will take your comments into consideration for future years.

Falstone Avenue Drainage Project Thank You

I would like to thank everyone for your patience as we completed the drainage project on Falstone Avenue over the past few months. We know that at times it may have been inconvenient, but the drainage will now be greatly improved. I have already heard several reports that it is working more effectively. Special thanks go to Mayor Slavin and the Town Council for allocating the funding to complete the jointly funded project. Another special thank you goes to **Larry Plummer**, our Town Inspector and Project Manager, who managed the project very well.

Tax Season Approaching

Somerset's largest source of revenue is the portion of State income tax paid

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Council Meeting Actions

The Town Council met in regular session on December 3, 2012. The Council took the following actions:

1. Approval of the November 5, 2012 Regular Council Meeting Minutes and Closed Meeting Minutes.
2. Approval of a Building Permit for 5615 Warwick Place to install a deck.
3. Approval of the 2013 Town of Somerset election date to be March 20, 2013 from 4:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Town Hall.
4. Approval of the confirmation of Mayor Slavin's nomination of **Robin Barr** to serve as Chair of the Town Environmental Committee.
5. Approval to authorize Mayor Slavin to send letters of thanks to **George Wyeth** and **Mike Hill** for their leadership and years of service as Co-Chairs of the Environmental Committee.

In addition to these approvals, the Council also heard the Town Manager's Financial Report. Mayor Slavin stated that the report was available for review. Town Inspector, **Larry Plummer**, provided an update on the status of the Falstone Avenue Drainage Improvement Project, as well as construction projects at 5529 Uppingham Street and 5510 Trent Street.

At the beginning of the meeting, Mayor Slavin recognized the **Truman family** who are going to be moving out of Somerset after 38 plus years. Mayor Slavin had a book that he and the Town Council signed for the Truman family as a gift. A Town resident also had a question about a previously approved tree to be planted on Deal Place.

At the end of the meeting, Council Member **Cathy Pickar** initiated a discussion with the Council and Mayor concerning options related to sending a letter to the Public Service Commission in response to Pepco's recent request for a rate increase. It was determined that a letter would be drafted and a special meeting would be held to consider its approval.

Environmental Committee Gets New Chair

By Marnie Shaul, Council Member



New Environmental
Committee Chair

At its December meeting, the Council confirmed the Mayor's appointment of **Robin Barr** (Essex) as the chair of the Environmental Committee. Robin has been an active member of the committee since its inception in 2008. He is the Committee's webmaster and developed a challenging quiz for the 4th of July event, which tested residents' knowledge of environmental issues. Robin also worked on stormwater issues for the committee.

The Council also resolved that thank you letters be sent to **Michael Hill** (Dorset) and **George Wyeth** (Falstone) for their service as founding chairs of the committee. Initially, Mike and George were co-chairs and then George carried on as chair after Mike stepped down. During their tenure, the committee had significant accomplishments that reduced negative impacts on the environment.

These included providing single-stream recycling (the big blue bins that take all recyclables), providing opportunities for residents to sign up for energy audits and undertake energy conservation, and opposing the use of methyl bromide by the Chevy Chase Club, which the club agreed to. The committee also studied stormwater runoff issues and improving street lights.



By Mayor Jeffrey Slavin

Don't forget to stop by the Friendship Heights Community Center this month to see the Town of Somerset Artists Show where works from almost two dozen of the Town's working artists are on display. It was great to being able to attend the recent reception to honor these talented folks and greet so many of our neighbors. The show is a tribute to the outstanding talent in our municipality and is only the second of its kind in history. It's all very exciting and I hope

there will be another one in 2013.

The Council and I were pleased to host over three dozen residents at Town Hall for our annual Community Service Day to help the needy in our county on a recent Sunday. I want to thank **P. Kaye Hanifee** (Falstone) for her extraordinary efforts to ensure that this event was a success. Among the groups we assisted were the Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless, A Wider Circle, and our County's animal shelter. We also held a food drive organized by **Virginia Biggar** (Cumberland) and participated in Toys for Tots, as organized by the staff.

With the Council's blessing, I have established an Employees' Holiday Fund, so our community can thank our excellent staff for their efforts that have benefited all in 2012. The pooled contributions will be distributed at the staff holiday lunch later this month Envelopes were provided with the December Town Journal and checks should be made payable to "Town of Somerset" with "Holiday Fund" placed on the note line. The contributions can be mailed or delivered to Town Hall or to my residence at 5706 Warwick Place. We will take contributions up until New Year's.

Earlier this month, **Ted and Tracy Truman**, who have lived on Warwick Place next to the School for 38 years, vacated their home and moved to a nearby retirement community in the District. I want to thank this popular couple for all their contributions to Somerset, particularly to Tracy who served for many years as Chair of our Board of Supervisors of Elections. At a celebration at their home, I presented the Trumans with hats and coffee mugs and our Town history book that was autographed by all the elected officials. I want to make sure that they don't forget us! Interestingly enough, the new occupants of the house are one of the sons of **Al and Ellen Butts** (Dorset) and family, and we welcome them with open arms.

At last month's Town Meeting, I was happy to nominate **Robin Barr** (Essex) as the new chair of our Environmental Committee and thank the Council for quickly confirming him. Robin has already been an active participant on the Committee and has a good vision for its immediate future. I want to thank the retiring Co-Chairs **George Wyeth** (Falstone) and **Mike Hill** (Dorset) for their excellent leadership.

I was glad to learn recently that our former top staffer **Josh Russin** has landed a new position with the Howard County Government as Deputy Chief of Staff to County Executive **Ken Ulman**. After leaving us, Josh held a high post with the City of Frederick and this new job is considered to be a great promotion. We wish Josh well and will continue to follow his meteoric rise.

I want to thank Council member **Cathy Pickar** for keeping all of us up to date on the efforts of our power company to enact rate increases and her urging for the Town elected officials to get involved. As Pepco's service has been less than acceptable these past few years, it is important for us to closely follow this issue and show appropriate leadership. And let's keep our fingers crossed about power failures as winter approaches.

Starting in January, look for ways the Town will be participating in the **Healthy Eating Active Living (HEAL) Campaign**. I am working with **Diane Horn** (Surrey) and our Wellness Group which she leads to come up with suggestions for promoting group exercise events and healthier eating. Anyone who is interested in this activity should contact Diane.

The Council will be asked to endorse overall policies at its next meeting. In light of the tragic events in Newtown, Connecticut, I will be increasing my participation in a national group of which I am a member, the Mayors Against Illegal Guns Coalition. I truly believe that most of our residents are in favor of "stopping the madness" with regard to gun crimes.

Merry Christmas, Happy Chanukah, Joyous Kwanzaa, Happy New Year, and Safe Travels to All.

by Town residents. Unfortunately, Somerset will not get its share of income taxes unless “Somerset” appears on the Maryland income tax form in the box marked, “City, Town or Taxing Area.” Please be certain to complete this section when filling out your taxes.



Permit Required For Town Tree Removal

Private and Town Tree Removal Process

This is a reminder that the Town of Somerset **must approve** any trees to be removed within the Town, whether they are Town trees or privately owned. Please contact the Town Hall to **obtain a permit** before removing any trees from your property. Violators of this Ordinance are subject to fines in accordance with the Town Code.

Construction Noise Amendments Passed



Noise Amendments Adopted

The Town has recently adopted amendments on construction noise restrictions. A copy of the Ordinance can be obtained by contacting the Town Hall. Here is a summary of the Ordinance:

- **Non-holiday weekdays:** No construction activities shall commence prior to **7:00 a.m.** and all construction activities shall end no later than **7:00 p.m.**
- **Saturdays:** No construction activities shall commence prior to **9:00 a.m.** and all construction activities shall end no later than **7:00 p.m.**
- **Sundays:** Construction activities are prohibited except for interior work that cannot be heard by neighbors.
- **Holidays:** Construction activities on a holiday weekday or a holiday Saturday are limited to the hours of **9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.**
- **Lawn maintenance** activities that involve the use of power equipment are permitted on **non-holiday weekdays** between **8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.** However, lawn maintenance work that involves the use of power equipment is permitted on non-holiday weekdays between **7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.** if only one piece of power equipment is used.
- **Lawn maintenance** activities that involve the use of power equipment are permitted on **weekends and holidays** between **9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.**

E-Journal Sign-Up

As a Tree City USA and a PLANT Maryland Community, Somerset wants to reduce its impact on the environment by encouraging residents to receive their Town Journal by email. If you would like to be added to the Town Journal email distribution list, please contact the Town Hall at manager@townofsomerset.com or 301-657-3211.



Stewardship Plan Proposed For Somerset Woodlands

By Patty Friedman, Chair, Parks and Natural Resource Committee



Somerset Woodlands Plan

Did you know that Somerset has close to 20 acres of woodlands bisected by a beautiful (though polluted)

creek? I lived in Somerset for several years before I discovered this treasure. The land borders Somerset pool and there is an informal trail system through it. Some parts of the land are beautiful and support hardwoods and wildflowers. Other areas are grossly overrun with invasive species, including English ivy, bamboo and oriental bittersweet. Many of these species have spread from neighboring landscaping and this situation has gone unchecked for over a decade.

The Parks and Natural Resource Committee would like to have a stewardship plan for this parkland. This would provide us with a map detailing our goals and objectives for the future, the current condition of the property and a plan for how to get to the desired condition of the woodlands over the next 5-10 years. The cost of such a plan would be \$2,000. The Town Council will discuss this topic at its January meeting. We have found an independent contractor who we believe will do an excellent job with the project. It is our hope that the Somerset woodlands will be even more beautiful for future generations!



Somerset Artists Exhibition

Somerset Artists Exhibition
The highlight of the show was our opening reception on December 9 when well over a 150 people visited. It was a chance for all of us to get together, talk about each other's work, and to share ideas. We are grateful for all the support shown by people in the Town. If you didn't have chance to see the show, you can see many photos from the exhibition on our Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/SomersetArtists>.

Somerset Artists Art Exhibition

By Sandra Zacharia, Warwick Place

Somerset Artists is a group that brings together artists living in the Town of Somerset. The group aims to form a community that can enrich each other's work and the Town. Throughout December, we hosted an exhibition at The

Somerset Wellness Group Seeking Members

By Diane Horn, Surrey Street

Is one of your New Year's Resolutions to lose weight, get healthier and have more energy? Do your daily habits sabotage your health goals? Then please consider participating in the Somerset Wellness Group. Our goal is to build community and create conversations about living a healthier life. Why struggle with those resolutions alone?

For more information, please contact me at diane.b.horn@gmail.com or at 301-654-0310.

Permits Granted



Fence Permit:

4513 Cumberland Avenue, trellis wooden fence

Tree Removal Permits:

5407 Greystone Street, Red Oak

4718 Essex Avenue, American Elm

5410 Trent Street, English Elm

Preliminary Agenda

Regular Somerset Town Council Meeting

Somerset Town Hall – January 7, 2013 – 7:30 p.m.

The Somerset Town Council will meet in regular session on Monday, January 7, at 7:30 p.m. at the Somerset Town Hall. Agenda updates are posted on the Town website: www.townofsomerset.com.

Council Work Session – 7:00 p.m.

Council Meeting Convenes – 7:30 p.m.

Moment of silence for the victims of the devastating school shooting in Newtown, Connecticut on December 14, 2012

1. **Comments:** Public Comment Period – 7:30 p.m. *
2. **Motion:** To consider approval of the December 3, 2012, Council Meeting Minutes and December 20, 2012, Special Meeting Minutes – 7:50 p.m.
3. **Discussion:** Town Manager's January Financial Report – 7:55 p.m.
4. **Public Hearing/Motion:** To consider approval of a Permit request submitted by Washington Gas to replace approximately 1,545' of bare steel main and service lines on Essex Avenue from Warwick Place to the Essex Avenue cul de sac – 8:00 p.m.
5. **Public Hearing/Motion:** To consider approval to remove a red oak tree on Town Parkland behind 5509 Uppingham Street as recommended by the Town Arborist – 8:20 p.m.
6. **Public Hearing/Motion:** To consider approval of a PNRC recommendation to hire an independent contractor at a cost not to exceed \$2,000 to develop a stewardship plan for Somerset Parkland – 8:25 p.m.
7. **Discussion:** Status update on three construction projects at 5529 Uppingham Street, 5510 Trent Street, and 5513 Uppingham Street – 8:30 p.m.
8. **Public Hearing/Motion:** To consider approval to send a letter to the Montgomery County Council in relation to a proposed Zoning Text Amendment that is under consideration – 8:40 p.m.
9. **Discussion/Motion:** To consider entering into a contract with Balodemas Architects at a cost not to exceed \$5,000 to complete a site survey for improvements to the Town Hall – 8:50 p.m.
10. **Discussion/Motion:** To consider bids received for ADA improvements/equipment to be completed at the Town Pool – 9:05 p.m.
11. **Discussion/Motion:** To consider bids received for the purchasing of 64-gallon recycling bins – 9:15 p.m.
12. **Public Hearing/Motion:** To consider adoption of a resolution approving the Town of Somerset's participation in the HEAL Cities Program per Mayor Slavin's recommendation – 9:25 p.m.
13. **Discussion/Motion:** To consider approval of the Mayor's re-nomination of Debbie Heller to serve as Chairperson of the Swimming Pool Committee. Her term will expire on 12/31/13 – 9:35 p.m.
14. **Discussion/Motion:** To consider resetting the September 2013 Regular Council Meeting date from Monday, September 2, to Tuesday, September 3, due to the Labor Day Holiday – 9:40 p.m.



Council Members: Barbara Zeughouser, Cathy Pickar, Marnie Shaul, Franny Peale, Barbara Condos

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15. **Discussion/Motion:** To discuss the Town's role in conjunction with the Mayor's Against Illegal Guns Coalition – 10:00 p.m.
16. **Discussion:** Mayor's Report – 10:10 p.m.
17. **Adjourn** – 10:15 p.m.

Key

Public Hearing Item: Agenda item where public comment is permitted.

Discussion Item: Agenda item limited to discussion among the Council, Mayor and Town Staff.

Motion Item: Agenda item requesting action, limited to Council discussion.

Comments: Opinions and Questions from Town residents.

Please note the Public Comment Period at 7:30 p.m. may run less than 20 minutes. Residents who wish to be present for a particular Agenda item are advised to arrive 20 minutes ahead of the item's scheduled discussion time since discussions sometimes run ahead of schedule.

Items marked * have related articles inside this issue of the Town Journal.

This is a preliminary Agenda prepared to meet the Journal press deadline, which typically is two weeks prior to the next Town Council meeting. During this period, there will likely be changes to the timing of items, and some items may be added or deleted. Please contact Rich Charnovich at Town Hall if you are interested in what has been added, or consult the bulletin board on the Town Hall porch or the Town website for the most up-to-date Agenda.