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Town Election For Three Council Seats On March 20

By Phyllis Wiesenfelder, Chair, Board of Supervisors of Elections

The election for three Town Council seats will be held on March 20th in the Somerset Town Hall from 4:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Three incumbents are running: Barbara Zeughauser, Marnie Shaul, and Franny Peale. Statements from the candidates are included in this issue of the Journal.

You must be registered by Wednesday March 6th to vote in the election. If you are a registered voter in Montgomery County, you are eligible to vote in the Town. A member of the Board of Supervisors of Elections will be at the Town Hall on Monday, March 4th from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. to register new voters.

Residents can also register directly at the Town Hall, Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or by mail by sending a completed registration form to the Town Hall, 4510 Cumberland Avenue. Please contact the Town staff at manager@townofsomerset.com or 301-657-3211, if you need a form mailed to you. Absentee ballots will be available from the Town Hall beginning March 6. Please contact the Town staff if you will require one.

To be qualified to vote in the Somerset election, a resident must be:

- At least 18 years old by March 20, 2013;
- A resident of Somerset for 14 days preceding the election or by March 6, 2013;
- A citizen of the United States or an alien legally authorized to reside in the country; and
- Registered to vote in the Town of Somerset and/or Montgomery County.

Don't Forget To Vote!

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Somerset's Income Tax Revenues Growing Again

By Marnie Shaul, Council Vice President

In early February, Somerset's elected officials and Town Manager met with staff from the Maryland Comptroller's Office to learn about projections for Somerset's income tax revenues. The Comptroller's Office administers Maryland's income tax laws. When you pay your State income tax, a portion of the bill is for Montgomery County, and Somerset receives 17 percent of what its residents pay to the county. The Town uses this

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Calendar

Monday, March 4

Council Meeting

Wednesday, March 20

Somerset Election Day

Monday, March 25

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

The Dorset and Wisconsin Entrance

For those of you who walk from Somerset to Friendship Heights, you may have noticed how unsightly the Dorset/Wisconsin Avenue entrance has become. Not only is there often a lot of litter strewn around, but the path that has developed over the years as a shortcut is often a muddy mess.

I would like to encourage everyone to use the sidewalks that border this gateway to our Town, rather than cutting through the parkland. It's safer, healthier, and greener.

The Council and I have had discussions over the years about how to improve this entrance. From a historical perspective, many of you know that I was opposed to the reconfiguration of the entrance about a decade ago because I felt that it violated our history and created an odd design. That said, I see no reason for us to continue to make it easy for people to take the shortcut. How much time is saved, and at what cost? During the day, people walking or biking on the path damage the environment. At nighttime, it seems dangerous to me.

Before we had declining revenues, some called for us to hire a landscape architect to design a plan for this area. Perhaps with the budget season coming up and more funds apparently available, we can now make this a priority. In addition, some residents have desired that we put up a fence along Wisconsin to block the shortcut, along with signs warning of the danger of using it at night.

Whatever is ultimately decided will have my support. But in the meantime, I will be advocating for measures to discourage people from using the shortcut.

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Somerset Tree Planting In Spring 2013: Update

The February Town Journal listed trees that will be planted in Somerset this spring. Four trees have been added to this list. The Town will plant a willow oak at 4910 Dorset Ave. and a red maple at 5510 Uppingham St., and Pepco will plant, as replacements, two willow oaks (instead of one) at 4910 Dorset Ave. and two yellowwoods (instead of one) at 4807 Essex Ave. These replacement trees will be purchased and installed by a Pepco subcontractor. In addition, there is a correction to last month's listing: two willow oaks listed as 5506 Greystone (on Surrey) will be planted at 5509 Greystone (on Surrey).



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**Marnie Shaul,
(Uppingham)**

Candidate for Town Council


I love living in Somerset and having so many wonderful neighbors. Although much has

changed in the world since I moved to Somerset in 1990, our Town continues to have a heart-warming sense of community, nurturing residents of all ages. I have served on the Council for 6 years and worked with many of you to maintain and enhance our special Town.

My priorities for serving on the Council continue to be:

- Listening to you to learn what you think is important for Somerset
- Investing in our Town's assets
- Preserving Somerset's natural beauty and environmental quality, and
- Having a fiscally responsible budget.

The pool house renovation was a major activity during my Council service, from developing design criteria to serving as the final pool contract officer. I was the point person for the original pool house financing package and for refinancing the project when interest rates fell, thereby reducing the Town's debt costs.

As Council Vice-President for the past 5 years, I provided leadership during the economy's downturn and worked to offset its negative impact on our Town budget. We were able to protect core services for residents while adjusting spending to lower revenues.

I sponsored the formation of the Town's Environmental Committee, which has made major "green" recommendations which the

Town Council has accepted such as single stream recycling (the big blue bins). I am asking for your vote on Wednesday, March 20th, so that I can continue working with you to foster community spirit and make Somerset great.


Barbara Zeughauser (Trent)

Candidate for Town Council

I love living in the town of Somerset and decided to run for re-election because I enjoy serving our community and believe there is still more work to be done. My Council experience has reinforced what I've learned from living in Somerset for 27 years; Somerset is an incredibly special community. I've

served on the Council for four years now, and I listened to your concerns and made certain those concerns were heard and addressed. I find this process rewarding.

For the past two years, I've been the Council liaison to our Parks and Natural Resources Committee and the alternate to our Environmental Committee; I've worked hard to preserve our trees and protect the surrounding parkland. In addition, as a member of the Personnel Committee, I actively participated in the recruiting and interview process for our Town Manager.

I continue to be involved with Helping Hands and know many of our senior residents. In addition, I have gotten to know our fourth graders, through my involvement with the "If I Were Mayor" contest at Somerset Elementary School. Being a member of our multi-generational community is something I treasure.

If re-elected, I will remain fiscally responsible and stay focused on your concerns so that sound decisions, fiscal and otherwise, can and will be made for the Town of Somerset.

I would be honored to serve for another term, and respectfully ask for your vote on March 20.


Franny Peale (Uppingham)

Candidate for Town Council

I have been on the town council since May 2012, when I was appointed to fill a vacancy. In the time that I have been on the council I have learned to appreciate the behind-the-scenes work that is done by the town government: the mayor, the staff, the council, and the town committees. Last summer's

"derecho" windstorm is a great example. Under tough conditions, the town government communicated with Pepco officials, maintained the town hall as a gathering place, removed trees and debris from the streets, held a council meeting, organized our annual July 4th party, and minimized town expenses by getting FEMA reimbursement. Most residents only come to council meetings for their own permit hearings, which I can understand, but there are so many important and complicated issues on the agenda each month, and so very few voices in the mix. Without hearing from more of you it is hard for me and the other council members to grasp the consensus on each issue. For instance, I have read the Town Code and I think it needs to be re-drafted to provide a streamlined guide for homeowners. I can write new language for each regulation, but it will be difficult to update the Code without community support. I think my contribution to the council is just beginning, and I hope you will find time to vote in the town council election.



Blue Recycling Bins Update

Several years ago, the Town purchased and distributed **blue recycling bins**. If you are not on the list that is maintained at the Town Hall showing that you have received a bin, you currently are eligible to receive one. Please contact the Town Hall at **301-657-3211** or via email at **townofsomerset.com**. We want to encourage as much recycling as possible.

Upcoming Utility Projects: WSSC and Washington Gas

Please be advised that two newly proposed utility projects will be on the agenda of the March 4, 2013 Town Council meeting: (1) WSSC is applying to complete a sewer restoration project near 5404 Surrey, 5406 Surrey, 5408 Surrey, 5410 Surrey, and 5409 Surrey Street; and (2) Washington Gas has re-applied to be on the March Agenda after withdrawing from a prior month. Most of the Washington Gas work will be located from Warwick Place to approximately 4900 Essex Avenue. Any interested member of the public is invited to attend the March 4 meeting. The Town Hall has a copy of the proposed plans if anyone would like to review them.

Tax Season Here



Somerset's largest source of revenue is the portion of State income tax paid by Town residents. Unfortunately, Somerset will not get its share of income taxes unless our name appears on the Maryland income tax form in the box marked, "City, Town or Taxing Area." Please do not forget to complete this section when filling out your taxes.

Tennis Court Fees and Cards

The Town Tennis Committee made a recommendation to the Town Council to maintain the tennis fee for Calendar Year 2013 at \$20 per household. If your household uses the Town tennis courts, please come by the Town Hall to make the yearly payment and receive a tennis card. Tennis cards will be available in March. Town Hall will be contacting those residents who have paid in prior years to see if you plan to continue using the courts.

Camp Somerset Use Of Tennis Courts

The Town Tennis Committee has reviewed a request by Camp Somerset to use the Town Tennis Courts this coming summer. The days the Camp will be using the courts are: June 24, June 25, June 26, June 27, June 28, July 1, July 2, July 3 and July 5. The Camp will have exclusive use of the courts on these days between 10:30 a.m. and 11:50 a.m.



Swimming Pool Opening and Closing Dates Set

Swimming Pool Dates

The Town Council has set the opening and closing dates for the Town Pool

House for the 2013 Calendar year. The pool will be open from May 18, 2013 through September 15, 2013. Please follow the Journal and e-blasts for more specific information in the coming months.

Directory Updates

We are currently working on the 2013 Town Directory, and we know there may be incorrect email addresses in the current one. Please email any changes to **town@townofsomerset.com**. If you are new to Somerset, or you wish to amend your household's entry, please send us an email containing any updated information for your listing. You can use the format in the current directory as a guideline.

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

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Council Meeting Actions

The Town Council met in regular session on February 4, 2013. The Council took the following actions:

1. Approval of the January 7, 2013, Council Meeting Minutes.
2. Approval of nominations for the following Town residents for seats on the Town Council for the election to be held on March 20, 2013: Marnie Shaul, Uppingham, Barbara Zeughauser, Trent, and Franny Peale, Uppingham.
3. Approval of request to construct a gazebo and retaining wall in the rear yard of 4824 Cumberland Avenue.
4. Approval of a letter of conditions in relation to a project at 4701 Willard Avenue contingent upon the Town Attorney's review and a final letter to be approved at the March Council Meeting.
5. Approval of a revised reforestation plan for the construction project at 4710 Falstone Avenue. One additional poplar tree was approved for removal, and the revised reforestation plan now includes two red maple trees and two ornamental trees on the property.
6. Approval of one willow oak tree to be planted by PEPCO at 4910 Dorset Avenue.
7. Approval of 19 Town trees to be planted throughout the Town. Locations can be obtained by contacting Town Hall.
8. Approval to authorize Mayor Slavin to send a letter to the Montgomery County Council in general support of Bill 35-12.
9. Approval to purchase an ADA pool lift and install a second rail on the steps of the Town Pool to comply with ADA regulations.
10. Approval to restrap and paint 27 Town pool chairs.
11. Approval of an invoice submitted by Balodemas Architects for the completion of a comprehensive management guide for the Town Pool House.
12. Approval of the pool opening and closing dates for the 2013 season: Pool opens May 18, 2013, and closes September 15, 2013.
13. Approval of Mayor Slavin's nomination of Dr. Alexis Carmer to the Pool Committee for a term expiring on December 31, 2015.
14. Approval of contract with Camp Summerset for use of the Town tennis courts for the 2013 season.
15. Approval of nutrition and workplace water promotion policies in relation to the HEAL Cities Campaign.
16. Approval of a resolution in support of the Fix Gun Checks Act with the goal of helping to reduce gun violence in America and help prevent future mass shootings, as recommended by Mayor Slavin.

In addition to Council actions, Mayor Slavin had his report available for anyone who wanted to view it. Town Manager Charnovich provided the monthly financial report. Nancy Jardini, Swim Team Chair, was also at the meeting to discuss the Swim Team's budget for the 2013 season. Town Building Inspector Larry Plummer provided updates on three construction projects located at 5529 Uppingham, 5510 Trent, and 5513 Uppingham Street.



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revenue to finance services that could otherwise be part of the County's budget. The good news is that the improving economy has resulted in a return to strong income tax revenues for Somerset.

Residents who follow Somerset's budget will recall that in the middle of Fiscal Year 2010 the Town got an unpleasant surprise when it learned that income tax revenues were projected to drop by nearly 50 percent. The Town's income tax revenues, which are its most important revenue source, dropped from about \$910,000 in Fiscal Year 2009 to under \$490,000 in Fiscal Year 2010. The Council, Mayor, and Town Manager held a series of meetings to identify budget cuts to bring projected spending closer to a much lower revenue target, and the Town had to use some of its savings to cover an operating deficit. At that time, Town resident **Robin Barr** (Essex) developed a model that showed that Somerset's income tax revenues had two components: a basic predictable amount and a highly variable "windfall" amount (see June 2010 Journal article). In recent budget cycles and in the upcoming months, the Town's elected officials have been conservative in preparing the budget to protect Somerset from fluctuations in the Town's economy. The good news from the Comptroller's Office means the Town will have a strong reserve to cover emergencies such as a derecho or Snowmageddon and for major capital projects such as refurbishing the tennis courts and road paving.



By Mayor Jeffrey Slavin

Earlier this month, I spent parts of two days in Annapolis to attend the yearly meeting of the Maryland Mayors Association on the Town's behalf. Among the highlights were an outstanding keynote by Takoma Park resident **Edward McMahon** of the Urban Land Institute, legislative briefings by MMA Staff, and a reception at the Governor's mansion. It was a great opportunity to learn about new ideas and practices from my fellow mayors and learn the latest news from

our State capital. I am honored to be the elected Treasurer of this group and was renominated to be on the ballot in the election this summer.

While I usually don't get a lot of phoned-in complaints, since the beginning of the year I have received more than usual, so I want to provide ways to solve our most recurring problems.

1. With trash and recycling pickups on Tuesdays, please do not bring your barrels to the curb before Monday night, and remove them by Tuesday night. Some residents have mentioned the cluttered streetscape this causes.
2. Always use a leash when walking your dogs. As everyone knows, I love these animals, but I would not want to see mine in a fight with a pet companion on the loose. And just because it is late at night does not mean the law does not apply!
3. Please clean up after your canine friends do their business. I have been shocked at the amount of poop on the street.
4. Please consider putting away holiday decorations closer to Jan 1. While many decorations are the work of remarkable projects, others say keeping the lights up is non-green and annoys them.
5. Be nice to the crossing guard at Warwick and Dorset. She is performing an important service to the community, protecting our children and reducing bottlenecks. Some of us are still quite rude to her.
6. Be respectful to folks on the private listserv. Rather than argue, try to understand the opposite view and recognize that all Somerset residents just want to maintain a high quality of life. We want people not to get turned off and lose out on vital information.

Two weeks ago, I learned that my application for appointment to the Transportation Planning Board's Citizens Advisory Committee had been accepted and I was appointed to a one-year term. The TPB is the federally-designated Metropolitan Planning Organization for our region, and plays an important role as the regional forum for transportation planning. The CAC is the main standing body for providing citizen input into the Board's deliberation. I will look forward to hearing from many of you with your ideas and concerns. Go online to get more information on this.

Recently I took a week off from restaurant meals as I participated in the SNAP Challenge for our County led by Montgomery County Council Member **Valerie Ervin**. The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) is the former Food Stamp initiative, supporting those in need in our County by helping them put food on the table. Many elected and nonprofit officials and school leaders subsisted on a food budget of \$5 a day for five days to live part of the experience of many of our County neighbors in need. Then we will meet for a community forum to compare notes and come up with solutions. This Challenge will likely be repeated next year and I would encourage all of you to try it. I also used the week to continue my campaign to fight obesity in this country.

With the demise of Saturday mail delivery looming this summer, I will now be strongly advocating that the Town switch to online-only publication of the Town Journal. It's the most environmentally conscious thing to do, will save high mail and publication costs, and will let us deliver the Journal to everyone in a household. For those very few without computers, of course, the Town (as part of my proposal) would always print out the Journal for them in a timely manner and guarantee home delivery. Please join me in supporting this change.

EVEN THOUGH VALENTINE'S DAY HAS PASSED, I HOPE EVERYONE WILL KEEP ITS SPIRIT IN MIND AND SPEND SOME TIME WITH THOSE YOU LOVE MOST.

Permits



Tree Removal Permits Granted

4909 Cumberland, 2 Tulip Poplars. Trees were hazardous and recommended for removal by Town Arborist
4912 Essex, 1 Red Oak. Tree was hazardous and recommended for removal by the Town Arborist.

Tree Removal Permits Denied

4824 Cumberland Avenue, 2 Tulip Poplars. Town Arborist recommended they not be removed because they are healthy.

owned. Please make sure that you contact the Town Hall to obtain a permit in advance of removing any trees from your property. Violators of this Ordinance are subject to fines in accordance with the Town Code.

Construction Noise Information



Noise Amendments Adopted

The Town has adopted amendments on construction noise restrictions. A copy of the Ordinance can be obtained by contacting 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

We would like to urge as many residents as possible to receive their Town Journal electronically. 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 copy of the Town Journal by email. If you are not currently on the Town Journal email distribution list and would like to receive an electronic copy, please contact the Town Hall at manager@townofsomerset.com or at 301-657-3211.



Somerset Pool House – 2012 Wood Design Winner

Somerset Pool House Wins Third Design Award

By Marnie Shaul, Council Vice President

Town officials recently learned from McInturff Architects that the Somerset Pool House has won an Honor Award in the prestigious 2012 Wood Design in North America awards (after winning regional and state level AIA awards this fall (see the October and December 2012 issues of the Town Journal). Ten projects were cited at the Honor, Merit, and Citation levels from 117 entries.

The 2012 North American Awards Program winners were announced in this month's edition of *Wood Design & Building* magazine. According to the magazine, the caliber of entries for the awards program was extremely impressive this year and showcased a wide range of wood product applications that demonstrated an understanding of the special qualities of wood, such as strength, durability, beauty and cost-effectiveness.

The jury based their selection on considerations such as creativity, appropriate use of wood materials in satisfying clients' building and site requirements, and innovative design. "The Wood Design Awards is an opportunity to recognize wood projects that inspire the way we think about wood and its applications," added Theresa Rogers, Editor, *Wood Design & Building* magazine.



It's Budget Time In Somerset

By Marnie Shaul, Council Vice President

It's time for Somerset to begin the budget process. For those of you who want to follow this closely, I'm laying out what you can expect to see over the next couple of months and how you can participate.

At the March 4th Council meeting, the Mayor will present a 5 year fiscal plan. This is required under the Town Code and represents a "big picture" look at where we are going. However, it's not a legal document; the Council does not approve it. Residents will have access to the 5-year fiscal plan on the Town's website, and it will be published in the April issue of the Town Journal. The Town manager is soliciting suggestions from Town committee chairs about potential spending, especially for capital projects intended to protect and enhance the Town's assets.

In March, the Mayor and the Council will begin more detailed work to develop the fiscal year (FY) 2014 budget. Somerset's FY14 runs from July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014. As we did last year, the Council will have a work session to go over every element in the budget. The work session will be held on Thursday, March 7th and start at 10 a.m. Residents are welcome to attend, but their participation will be limited because it's a Council work session. Residents will be able to see what the Council is doing with various elements of the budget because we'll be using the technology former Council Member **Alan Proctor** introduced a couple of years ago—a large screen where the budget and potential budget changes are projected. Developing a solid FY14 budget is an important exercise because the budget

lays out both our day-to-day expenses in an operating budget and Somerset's plans for investing in its infrastructure in a capital budget.

The FY14 budget that is developed in March will be introduced at the April 1st Council meeting. Residents will be able to view this budget on the web site and printed copies will be available at the meeting. Residents are encouraged to make suggestions or raise questions during April prior to the Council's adopting a FY14 budget at its May 6th meeting. Residents can email the mayor and council with their questions and comments throughout April. They can also submit letters to the Town Journal by April 15th. The May Journal will contain a copy of the proposed FY 14 budget. At the May Council meeting, there will be a public hearing on the budget when residents can make additional comments. The Council can amend the budget that was presented in April in order to respond to residents' comments or new information about projected expenses or revenues. The budget that is adopted at the May Council meeting will govern spending in the upcoming fiscal year.



Letter To The Editor

Janet Schwartz, who passed away on February 13th, was my neighbor on Dorset for many years. Her death leaves us with great sadness but full of memories of the smart and wonderful person that she was. Her childhood ended in the Holocaust – she turned 21 in a German labor camp. She told my family and me of her hair-raising experiences escaping death on more than one occasion. She emerged tough and strong with a deep well of compassion. As a neighbor and friend, she took delight in our children and in what they were learning at school, their thoughts and interests. My daughter Nina was especially fond of her. Now working abroad, Nina just emailed me, "(Her death) was . . . inevitable but it is so incredibly sad all the same. What an amazing person, what strength and humility, I don't think I've ever met anyone quite like her." I couldn't have said it better.

Ellie Fink, Dorset Avenue

Proposal To Reduce The Use Of Pesticides By The Town

By Donna Harman, Member, Environmental Committee and Parks and Natural Resources Committee

Two Somerset committees, **Environmental** and **Parks and Natural Resources**, have joined forces to develop and propose a resolution to significantly reduce the use of pesticides by the Town on its property. This progressive move would help reduce risks, primarily to children and pets, with the hope that this decision will also encourage residents to minimize pesticide use on their own property. The first step is to introduce a resolution that states these goals, and this resolution will be on the agenda of the March 4th Town Council meeting. Additional steps to be taken if this resolution is passed were discussed at the joint meeting of these committees on February 13th. These steps will be proposed for Town discussion at a later date.

Preliminary Agenda

Regular Somerset Town Council Meeting

Somerset Town Hall, March 4, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.

The Somerset Town Council will meet in regular session on Monday, March 4, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. at the Somerset Town Hall. Agenda updates are posted on the Town website: townofsomerset.com.

Council Work Session – 7:00 p.m.

Council Meeting Convenes – 7:30 p.m.



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

1. **Comments:** Public Comment Period – 7:30 p.m.*
2. **Motion:** To consider approval of the February 4, 2013 Council Meeting Minutes – 7:50 p.m.
3. **Discussion:** Town Manager’s March Financial Report – 7:55 p.m.
4. **Discussion:** Mayor Slavin’s 5-Year Fiscal Plan – 8:00 p.m.
5. **Public Hearing/Motion:** To consider approval of a bid submitted for paving work on portions of Falstone, Trent Court, Surrey and Uppingham that were affected by the joint storm water project that occurred in the Fall of 2012 as recommended by Town Inspector, Larry Plummer – 8:15 p.m.
6. **Discussion:** Status update on three construction projects at 5529 Uppingham Street, 5510 Trent Street, and 5513 Uppingham Street – 8:25 p.m.
7. **Public Hearing/Motion:** To consider approval of the final letter of conditions for the 4701 Willard Avenue Project as reviewed by the Town Attorney – 8:35 p.m.
8. **Public Hearing/Motion:** To consider approval of a WSSC Sewer Rehab Project and letter of conditions located near 5404 Surrey, 5406 Surrey, 5408 Surrey, 5410 Surrey and 5409 Surrey Street – 8:50 p.m.
9. **Public Hearing/Motion:** To consider approval of a Permit request submitted by Washington Gas to replace approximately 1545’ of Bare Steel Main and service lines on Essex Avenue from Warwick Place to the Essex Avenue cul de sac – 9:05 p.m.
10. **Public Hearing/Motion:** To consider approval of the removal of the following private trees located in the rear yard at 5409 Surrey Street: – 9:20 p.m.
 - 3 Canadian Hemlocks
 - 1 Eastern Redbud
 - 1 Mulberry Tree
11. **Public Hearing/Motion:** To consider approval of the following replacement Town trees to be planted by PEPCO as recommended by the Town Arborist and PNR Committee: – 9:30 p.m.

5800 Deal Place, 1 Yellowwood (on Dorset Avenue)	4731 Essex Avenue, 1 Yellowwood
5800 Deal Place, 1 Yellowwood (on Dorset Avenue)	4807 Essex Avenue, 1 Yellowwood
4525 Dorset Avenue, 1 Yellowwood	4906 Falstone Avenue, 1 Redbud
4817 Dorset Avenue, 1 Yellowwood	5403 Greystone Street, 1 Redbud
4823 Dorset Avenue, 2 Yellowwood	5413 Surrey Street, 1 Dogwood
4910 Dorset Avenue, 1 Willow Oak	5510 Uppingham Street, 1 Dogwood
4915 Dorset Avenue, 1 Yellowwood	5702 Warwick Place, 1 Redbud
12. **Public Hearing/Motion:** To consider approval of the following Town trees to be planted as recommended by the Town Arborist and PNR Committee: – 9:40 p.m.
 - 4910 Dorset Avenue, 1 Willow Oak (previously approved as PEPCO planting, but the Town will now need to plant)
 - 5510 Uppingham Street, 1 Red Maple

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13. **Public Hearing/Motion:** To consider approval of a pesticide reduction Resolution as recommended by the Environmental Committee and Parks and Natural Resources Committee – 9:45 p.m.
14. **Public Hearing/Motion:** To consider sending a letter in support of Delegate Al Carr’s 3 Bills that propose to make reforms to the Public Service Commission – 9:55 p.m.
15. **Public Hearing/Motion:** To discuss and consider approval of bid(s) received regarding the design and maintenance of the Town Website – 10:10 p.m.
16. **Discussion/Motion:** To consider bids received to replace the 2 pool heaters at the Town Pool – 10:25 p.m.
17. **Discussion/Motion:** To consider approval of a renewal Pool Management Contract with Georgetown Aquatics for the 2013 season – 10:30 p.m.
18. **Discussion/Motion:** To consider proposals received for either the replacement or refurbishing of the diving board at the Town Pool – 10:35 p.m.
19. **Discussion/Motion:** To consider approval of a renewal contract with Aqua Free Services, Inc. for cleaning services at the Town Pool for the 2013 season – 10:40 p.m.
20. **Discussion/Motion:** To consider confirmation of the following individuals to the Town Swim Team Committee for terms ending September 2016 as recommended by Mayor Slavin – 10:45 p.m.
Nancy Jardini, Maura Vanderzon, Courtenay Labson, Michele Friedman, Amy Power, Alexis Carmer, Bob Chlopak, Josh Bobeck, Jennie Litvack, Mark Muro
21. **Discussion Motion:** To consider re-nomination of Missy Reingruber to the Town Pool Committee as recommended by Mayor Slavin for a term ending December 31, 2015 – 10:50 p.m.
22. **Discussion/Motion:** To consider installation options of a water cooler to be located in the Town Hall – 10:55 p.m.
23. **Discussion/Motion:** To consider adoption of a 2013 Arbor Day Proclamation – 11:00 p.m.
24. **Discussion:** Mayor’s Report – 11:05 p.m.
25. **Adjourn** – 11:10 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.

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