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Donna Harman (Dorset) illustrates her Somerset history exhibit

Fascinating Evening of Somerset History

By Mary Wisniewski, Greystone Street

Town Historian **Donna Harman** (Dorset) regaled an audience of about 50 Somerset residents on a chilly January 12 evening with tales of our Town’s early days and first settlers. From the early 1800s, before a turnpike or railroad crossed the farmlands that stretched from Washington to Rockville, to the 1890s when the first houses were built, Donna brought Somerset’s origins to life. An 1890 developer’s brochure promoting property in Somerset Heights promised buyers a “malaria-free” atmosphere! Incorporation as a town in 1906; paved streets (which warranted a celebration and carnival) in 1925; the opening of Somerset Elementary School in 1928 and many more fascinating bits of Somerset history comprise Donna’s archive. But there’s room for much more.

Donna, along with **Mayor Jeffrey Slavin** (Warwick), is appealing for photos, documents, artifacts and histories of individual homes to add to the Town archives. Residents with memorabilia to share may contact **Donna at dch34@cornell.edu**. She will make copies and return the historic treasures to the owners.

The Somerset History Exhibit is on display through January at the Town Hall. Video of Donna Harman’s talk will soon be available on the website of **Montgomery Municipal Cable Channel 16**, and a link will be posted on the Town website.



One of the earliest homes in Somerset, 4805 Dorset, 1893



Zola Schneider (Warwick) recalls Somerset in the 1960s



Elegant gardeners from the Somerset Women's Club plant a tree at the Greystone Street entrance, circa 1960s

Calendar

Thursday, February 23

Brown Bag Lunch
12 noon to 2:00 p.m.

Monday, February 27

MVA Mobile Office at Friendship Heights – 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 21

Election for Three Town Council Seats

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**.



On My Mind

By Mayor Jeffrey Slavin, Warwick Place

Teaching Tolerance and Respect

By now, everyone in Town has read the story of how I have resigned my membership in Woodmont Country Club, where I had a lifelong affiliation, as a result of a story that my beloved President was being blacklisted from membership

due to a political position he had taken. In the outsized media attention that has ensued, I want to thank so many of you for having my back.

Here's the story. A Washington Post reporter called me to comment on a story in the NY Post about debate at Woodmont over the prospect of the President joining the Club. While I first said I couldn't imagine it to be true, I later learned that there were heated discussions and email exchanges over this topic. Whether the President actually applied is irrelevant because these exchanges were discriminatory, creating an international stain on the Club's reputation. I wrote an open letter to the Club asking its members to publicly welcome and invite the President to apply for membership in order to rectify the situation. When the Club did nothing, in the middle of an international firestorm that further damaged the Club's reputation, I resigned three days later.

The club's response in Washington Jewish Week was that my motivation was "related to the politics of Somerset." Seriously? I would love it if someone could explain to me what that meant. I don't have any other political ambitions, and everyone in Town knows me, so I don't need more publicity. Instead, my motivations were my deep respect and appreciation for President Obama, respect for the office of the Presidency, the pursuit of equality and nondiscrimination, and a passion for standing up against injustice. I was taken aback by the Club's reaction.

Upon reflection, another thought came to mind. I hope that this experience will provide a teachable moment for all of us in Town. As a leader, it is important that I set an example, especially for children. It is important that we all speak up and speak out when public actions take place that go against our values. And we need to make sacrifices now and then to prove our points. I call upon all of you to follow my lead.

For a Time magazine interview with me on this subject, see <http://time.com/4636860/woodmont-country-club-obama/>



General Permits



Fence Permit

4814 Essex Avenue, to install fencing in the rear yard and left side yard

Wall Permit

5808 Warwick Place, to replace a wall along the side yard in between 5808 Warwick and 5810 Warwick

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Town Election for Three Council Seats Scheduled for March 21

By Phyllis Wiesenfelder, Chair, Board of Supervisors of Elections, Cumberland Avenue

Mark your calendars! On **Tuesday, March 21, 2017**, from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., the Town will hold an election for three Council seats. Nominations for these positions will be accepted at the Town Council meeting scheduled for February 6th. Additional nominations may be made if 20 registered voters sign a petition and it is filed with the Clerk-Treasurer by February 28th.

The Town Charter requires its elected officials to be:

- Citizens of the United States;
- Residents of the Town of Somerset for at least 18 months preceding the election; and
- Qualified voters in the Town of Somerset and the State of Maryland.

*Election for
Three Council
Seats*



If you are registered in Montgomery County, you are automatically registered in Somerset and can vote in the Town election. If you are not a U.S. citizen, you may vote in the Town election by filling out a voter registration form. 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 a completed registration form to the Town Hall. If you would like a registration form, please call the Town Hall at **301-657-3211** or email Town Manager Rich Charnovich at manager@townofsomerset.com. **The deadline for registering to vote is Tuesday, March 7.**



Save the Date:

First 2017 Brown Bag Lunch on Thursday, February 23

By Mayor Jeffrey Slavin, Warwick Place



Let's all get caught up on Somerset news at the first quarterly Brown Bag lunch of the year on **Thursday, February 23 from noon to 1:00 p.m. at the Town Hall**. As always, members of the Council and I will host anyone from Town interested and available to talk about issues or tell a story or two.

Remember to bring a sandwich or dish to share—and a friend. Beverages, plates and utensils are provided. Email me at mayor@townofsomerset.com if you have any questions.



Town Election

The election to fill three Council member seats will be held on **Tuesday, March 21, 2017 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.** in the Town Hall. Please mark your calendars and perform your civic duty!

FY17 Budget and 5-Year Fiscal Plan

In the next few months, Town officials will be working on the FY'18 budget and 5-year fiscal plan. There are currently two budget workshop sessions scheduled: **March 1 from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. and March 3 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.** in the Town Hall. Any interested member of the public is invited to attend and listen to the discussion.

Winter Season Reminders

Snow Removal

Mulheron Tree Experts will again be the Town's contractor for snow removal. Regarding sidewalk cleaning, please be advised that the Town Code now authorizes our contractor to maintain the public sidewalks in the community. If individual property owners would still like to assist with the clearing of the sidewalk adjacent to their property, please feel free to do so.



Snow Plows

Please be mindful of the plows that clear our roads during snowstorms by doing your best to keep cars parked in driveways

as opposed to on the streets. This enables the plows to do a better job.

Odd Jobs Helpers

Please keep in the mind the "odd jobs" list that can be distributed to Town residents upon request. If you are interested in hiring someone for snow shoveling or maintenance around your property during the winter months, take a look at this list. You can also view the list by logging into the new Town website with your unique username and password.

Batting Cage

The batting cage located at the Town Hall is closed from December through February. The cage will open again in early March.

Sled Hill Rules on Cumberland

- The Town Ordinance was amended last winter with respect to how long the hill will remain unplowed. The hill will now only be kept unplowed for 24 hours after a substantial snowfall. After this time period, the contractor will plow and salt the roadway.
- Sledgers – sled at your own risk! The Town of Somerset does not monitor the sledding hill. It is the responsibility of parents to supervise children.
- Sledgers – Be courteous to those who live on Cumberland.
- Sledgers – Respect parked cars and private property.
- Motorists – Drive Carefully! Children Sledding!
- Motorists – Enter from top of hill and depart downhill. Vehicles are not permitted to travel up Cumberland from Devon Lane.
- Residents on Cumberland – please consider parking cars in your driveways if sledding is occurring.

Temporary Signs in the Right of Way and Private Property

Please keep in mind that commercial signs are not permitted to be placed in the Town Right of Way. To place temporary signs on your private property, a permit is required from Montgomery County. Here is a web link where you can find the Montgomery County regulations on limited duration sign permits:

<http://permittingservices.montgomerycountymd.gov/dps/building/LimitedDurationSignPermit.aspx#>

Stop Signs in the Community

I am periodically contacted by residents informing me they notice motorists not stopping at stop signs. It is essential to obey traffic sign laws and speed limits. This is especially critical during times when kids are walking to and home from school. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Updating Email Addresses

It is important to make sure we have the email addresses for as many of our Somerset residents as possible. We find this to be an important way for our government to communicate with Town residents. If you want to provide the Town Hall with your email address or update your email address, please email us at town@townofsomerset.com. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.



The Passing of Our Dear Neighbor, Maria Rizzo Haywood

By Barbara Zeughauser, Council Member, Trent Street

On Tuesday, January 3, 2017, **Maria Rizzo Haywood**, of Trent Street, passed away after a brief illness at the age of 77. Maria was the beloved wife of **Charlie Haywood**, loving mother of **Charlie, Jr.** (wife Catherine) and **Cristina Upston** (husband Bennett), and the most loving grandmother of Spencer and Cole Upston.

Maria was born and raised in Washington, DC and was the valedictorian of her class at Sacred Heart High School. She then attended Dumbarton College and received a Bachelor of Arts degree. Subsequently, Maria received her Master of Library Sciences degree from The Catholic University of America. Maria then took a position with the US Department of Agriculture as the Chief Reference Librarian, and later served the Federal Aviation Agency in the same capacity.

Maria and Charlie had their first child, Charlie, Jr. in 1969, moved to Trent Street in Somerset in 1972, and shortly thereafter Cristina arrived. At that point, Maria decided

to stay at home with her two children and she became incredibly active within the Somerset community as well as the PTAs at Somerset Elementary School and Westland Middle School. While her children were at Bethesda Chevy Chase High School, she served as the President of the PTA and chaired the committee that was responsible for obtaining lights for the stadium. She loved playing bridge with her Somerset friends and was a fan of all the local sports teams, including the Redskins, Caps, Terps, Wizards and Nationals.

As I look back on my dear neighbor, I most remember all the years she helped care for Spencer and Cole. Maria was an unbelievably wonderful grandmother. Just as she had done with her own children, Maria attended all of Spencer and Cole's sporting events – and there were many! And she never missed one of their concerts or performances at Westbrook Elementary School or Westland. In living across the street, I would marvel at how she managed to do so very much, for her own children and her grandchildren, as well as traveling with Charlie while he was an official for the National Trade Association. Maria never missed a beat.

Here on Trent Street, we will miss seeing Maria's beautiful smile and hearing her wonderful laughter. She will be sorely missed by her family, friends and neighbors.

Some Traffic-Related Issues in Somerset

By Marnie Shaul, Council Vice President, Uppingham Street

Two traffic-related issues have been recently raised by Somerset residents: queueing on Dorset near Wisconsin and at the intersection of Greystone and River Road.

Dorset Avenue Queueing: Some residents have complained about queueing of cars entering and exiting Somerset on Dorset Avenue, especially during rush hour and school drop-off and pick-up times. Somerset asked its traffic consultant for advice about where the "No Parking" sign could be moved to alleviate this problem. At the January Council Meeting, a resident living in that area presented a case for moving the "No Parking" sign because of the queueing and road rage in front of her home. She said that the cars parked there were usually not residents of Somerset.

Council Member **Barbara Condos** (Falstone) and I observed the queueing. Because of the location of the fire hydrant we thought that a "No Parking" sign might be placed on the other side of the hydrant, a little farther into Somerset than the consultant recommended. None of the three cars we observed between the current location of the "No Parking" sign and the hydrant had Maryland tags: they had Virginia, DC and Pennsylvania tags. The addresses affected by a change in sign location include 4507, 4509, 4511, and 4515 Dorset. If the Council chose to change the "No Parking" sign location, it would need to change the code because no parking signs are in the code so that they can be properly enforced. The process would be to introduce an amendment to the code at one Council meeting and vote on it at the next Council meeting.

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Upstairs Renovation of Town Hall Being Considered

By Marnie Shaul, Council Vice-President, Uppingham Street



Last year the Town Council set aside funds to determine how and to what extent the second floor of the Town Hall could or should be renovated. The second floor currently has no heat, and in one recent very cold winter, upstairs pipes burst and flooded part of the first floor. Having no second floor heating or air conditioning makes it harder to heat and cool the first floor and limits the usefulness of the second floor space. A renovated second floor would protect the first floor and could provide space for a conference room and a temperature controlled setting for Town documents including archival storage of documents related to the Town's history.

As a first step, the Council held a public work session in January to discuss priorities and invited two architects to help us with our questions. One of the architects is Somerset resident and former Council Member **Bill**

Brenner (Surrey), who worked on plans for the Town Hall with the Town's Long-Range Planning Committee more than 10 years ago, and the other is Lou Balodemas, who worked with the Town on the pool house renovation and recent upgrades to the first floor of the Town Hall. Among the priorities the Council listed were insulation of the walls and adding heating and air conditioning, additional records storage space, meeting space for 8-10 people and a renovated bathroom. The Council asked about ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliance if the Town renovated the upstairs space and was told that the Town likely could renovate the upstairs space; however, compliance analysis for ADA and fire safety requirements would need to be done before deciding about work. The Council requested that any changes to the second floor not limit potential future plans for changing the meeting room part of the Town Hall. The Council realizes there may be some accessibility issues with the meeting room that may need to be addressed in the future.

As a result of this meeting, Balodemas Architects was asked to draw up a scope of work for the second floor renovation. A contract for the scope of work The scope of work will be considered at the February Council meeting. It includes code compliance analysis (building and fire and ADA), floor capacity, at least two schematic floor plans, a public meeting about the floor plans, architectural drawings based on a preferred plan, electrical and mechanical engineering plans, selection of floorings and fixtures and cost estimates for the project. The scope of work also includes paying for the services of structural and mechanical/electrical engineers. The total proposed cost for this scope of work is \$24,300. If the Council decides to proceed with the second floor renovation, we would need to budget for the renovation in the upcoming budget cycle. The Council will hold two workshops in March (March 1 and 3) and the Mayor will present the budget at the April Council meeting. The Council votes on the FY18 budget (which begins July 1, 2017) at its May meeting. Public input on the project is welcome at the February Council meeting, a future public meeting on the Balodemas schematic plans, and during the budget process.



Upstairs Renovation

New Photography Exhibit Coming to Town Hall

By Barbara Zeughauser, Council Member, Trent Street, and Maurice Asseo, Greystone Street

Beginning in early February, the Town Hall Gallery will be exhibiting photographs taken by **Maurice Asseo** (Greystone). He and his wife, **Lina**, have been residents of Somerset for the last forty years. Maurice was born in France but grew up in Turkey.

A former president of the International Photographic Society of the IMP and World Bank where he worked for twenty years as a Senior Agricultural Economist, Maurice was the president of the Greater Washington Council of Camera Clubs from 1996-98. He is also the author of *Expressive Color Photography, a Course in Visual Design*, and *The Bosphorous and Beyond*. The Assembly of Turkish American Associations presented Maurice with its Outstanding Achievement in Cultural and Art award.

Since 2005, Maurice has presented a show almost every year at the Cosmos Club. One of his talks on *The Bosphorous and Beyond* drew one of the largest cosmographers dinner crowds in the history of the Club. Other presentations include *Nilotic Invocation* about ancient Egyptian gods and *A Road into the Amazon* about settlers whose hardships he tracked during World Bank missions.

Maurice notes that “We all know that one picture is worth a thousand words: the artist’s statement is to be sought in his art and art is in the eye of the beholder.” The exhibit will be on display from February 9 through March 31, 2017. Please stop by!

Some Traffic-Related Issues in Somerset *from page 5*

Greystone and River Intersection: For decades residents have expressed concern about safety at this intersection and blocking of the intersection by outbound cars. Somerset has asked several times to have a traffic light placed at this intersection but has been told that the intersection does not have enough traffic for a traffic light and is too close to the



River Road-Little Falls traffic light. We have a formal response from the State Highway Administration (SHA) and that letter is posted on the Town’s website. In an attempt to temporarily alleviate the problems associated with outbound traffic and Somerset residents turning left from Greystone, SHA placed yellow posts in the road. From time to time these posts are displaced by cars and provide less protection. SHA replaced the posts in mid-January and there were, at the time of this article, 10 posts.

Because SHA knows that yellow posts are subject to displacement, SHA officials presented several more permanent traffic safety control options to the Town Council during 2015.


These alternatives were designed by SHA’s traffic engineers. The Council was given the opportunity to recommend one of these alternatives at its December 7, 2015 meeting. It consists of a low concrete divider from Greystone to River for the left turn lane, a concrete piece at the intersection and stripping in front of the intersection. A picture is worth a thousand words—the SHA picture is on the Town’s website. This is also similar to how River Road is managed near the beltway. SHA has waited to start this work until the utilities have finished digging up River Road. Its current plan is to do this work during the summer of 2017.

An additional piece of news is that Montgomery County is reviving its interest in bike lanes. The Council supports getting people out of their cars—walking and biking. One plan that is being looked at again is the 1998 Friendship Heights Plan, which envisioned a bike lane on Dorset Avenue. There will be many opportunities for the public to participate in discussions about bike lanes, and Somerset residents and officials likely will want to comment on this plan.

Council Meeting Actions

The Town Council met in regular session on January 3, 2017. The Council took the following actions:

1. Approval of the December 5, 2016 Council meeting minutes.
2. Approval of an application submitted at 4816 Dorset Avenue for the following permits: demolition, building (addition), retaining wall and dumpster permits.
3. Approval of an application submitted at 4807 Dorset Avenue to extend the building permit currently in place. The permit was extended to April 1, 2017.
4. Approval to send a comments letter to Montgomery County Council President Roger Berliner in relation to the proposed new Downtown Bethesda Plan.
5. Adoption of the sledding hill rules for the 2016/2017-winter season. The rules will be published in the Town Journal.
6. Mayor Slavin presented his monthly report. Town Manager Charnovich presented the December Financial Report. Town Manager Charnovich also provided an update on the latest pool bridge conditions report. A brief discussion was held concerning the General Code Project and the next date(s) for workshop meetings to be held.

	In Memoriam
Jeremy Stone	
Former resident of Somerset, Warwick Place, passed away on January 1, 2017	



By Mayor Jeffrey Slavin

Much appreciation must be given to the large number of residents who participated in our fourth annual holiday fund which provided cash gifts for Town employees at the end of the year. Because of the extreme generosity of so many residents, we were able to once again appropriately thank our well deserving staff. The Council and I want to express our gratitude for these gifts, and the recipients of these gifts have all expressed their gratitude, as well. (Please take a look at their

signed thank you card in this month's Journal.) We must always remember that our employees work very hard and are all subject to the high cost of living in the DC metropolitan area. I am thankful for the wonderful response to my numerous last minute reminders!

The Town could not function as well as it does without the active participation of our residents on numerous Town committees. Please take a look at the Town's website to learn about our various committees, and contact the Committee Chairs or the Town Council liaisons for more complete information or to ask specific questions. I am aware on a daily basis of how much this type of community service benefits both the volunteers and the Town.

On the topic of contributions to the Town, I send high kudos to our longtime History Committee Chair, **Donna Harmon** (Dorset), who recently made a wonderful public presentation highlighting Somerset's timeline to a large audience of residents at the Town Hall. The event was filmed by Montgomery Municipal Channel 16 and will be made available to view on the Town's website in the near future. Donna, a lifelong Somerset resident, has incredible knowledge which she is always willing to share. Among the others who told stories that night were **Zola Schneider** (Warwick), **Chuck Edson** (Dorset) and **David Kathan** (Dorset). Also, **Joan Weiss** (Essex) was recognized for her many past contributions to the Committee.

Valentine's Day is Almost Here . . . Don't Forget to Honor Your Loved One with a Card or Flowers!

Thank You Card from Town Employees

Steve Cheung

Sheri Rule

Nicole Ventura

Tomas Ullanvua

Enrique Cabrera

Tony Baladava

We would like to thank you all for your contributions to the Employees' Holiday Fund.

Wishing you all a Happy and Healthy 2017!

Top row left to right
1 - group at the Holiday Luncheon
2 - Sheri Rule (Police Officer) with Council Members Zeughouser and Shaul

Bottom row left to right
3 - Nicole Ventura (Administrative Assistant)
4 - Enrique Cabrera (Foreman)

Photo Credit - Wayne C Fowler, Code Enforcement Office



Classified Ads



Miscellaneous

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Ads are printed as a courtesy to Town residents. The Town makes no representations as to quality, safety or otherwise regarding the goods and services advertised. Readers should make their own inquiries. To place an ad, submit typed or neatly printed copy to the Clerk-Treasurer. Ads must include a Somerset phone number.

Price: \$5 per advertisement per issue. Check or exact change. **Fifty word** limit per advertisement.



Somerset's Helping Hand Is Just a Phone Call Away

If you need a ride, someone to pick up some groceries or a prescription, or even if you just want to get to a friend's house, give us a ring. We have a list of 30 Somerset volunteers who can help. Call **Zola Schneider** at 301-654-7481 or Council Member **Barbara Zeughouser** at 301-951-8560, or **Kathleen Kenyon** at 301-656-8581 and we will set it up.

Preliminary Agenda

Regular Somerset Town Council Meeting

Somerset Town Hall, Monday, February 6, 2017 – 7:30 p.m.

The Somerset Town Council will meet in regular session on Monday, February 6, 2017 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.

Comments: Public Comment Period – 7:30 p.m.*



Council Members: Barbara Zeughauser, Franny Peale, Dudley Fowlkes, Marnie Shaul, Barbara Condos

CONSENT

1. **Motion:** To consider approval of the January 3, 2017 Council Meeting Minutes

NON-CONSENT

2. **Public Hearing:** The Board of Supervisors of Elections will receive nominations for 3 Council positions for 2-year terms. The election will be on March 21, 2017 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m – 7:40 p.m.
3. **Discussion:** Town Manager's January Financial Report – 7:45 p.m.
4. **Public Hearing/Motion:** To consider a variance request submitted at 4919 Cumberland Avenue. The applicants are requesting a 15-foot rear yard setback variance to construct a second story at the rear of the house (Variance has previously been granted by Montgomery County) – 7:50 p.m.
5. **Public Hearing/Motion:** To consider approval of an application submitted at 4919 Cumberland Avenue. The applicants are requesting the following: building permit to construct a second story at the rear, left corner of the house and a dumpster permit – 8:00 p.m.
6. **Public Hearing/Motion:** To consider approval of a recommendation of the Council acting as the Local Advisory Panel to the Historic Preservation Commission on an application submitted for 4715 Cumberland Avenue. The applicants are requesting the following: install a generator in the side yard, install an additional wooden fence in the rear yard and relocate the front walkway – 8:05 p.m.
7. **Public Hearing/Motion:** To consider approval of a permit request submitted for 4515 Dorset Avenue. The applicant is requesting to install a shed in the rear yard – 8:15 p.m.
8. **Public Hearing/Motion:** To consider approval of a proposal submitted by Balodemas Architects for architectural and engineering services in relation to a potential renovation/alteration to the Town Hall second floor – 8:20 p.m.

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9. **Discussion:** General Code Project Update – 8:40 p.m.

10. **Discussion:** Mayor’s Report – 8:45 p.m.

11. **Adjourn:** – 8:50 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.

* 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.

This is a preliminary Agenda prepared to meet the Journal press deadline, which typically is two to three 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/email blasts for the most up-to-date Agenda.

The Mayor and Town Council may entertain a motion during the open meeting to close a portion of the meeting, in accordance with Section 3-305(b)(1)(7) of the Open Meetings Act (Maryland Code, General Provisions Article), to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice.