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## Traffic Update: Survey Highlights and Information on Police Meeting

By Elizabeth Hurwit, Chair, Ad Hoc Traffic Committee,  
Dorset Avenue

In an effort to share initial findings from the recent traffic survey and a subsequent meeting with Sgt. Tony Galladora, who supervises the police officers in Town, I am providing this report. The Traffic Committee intends to publish more in-depth articles in the Town Journal in the future.

### Survey Responses

- We received 281 responses to the traffic survey.
- Regarding townwide traffic, 83% of respondents said they are concerned. Regarding traffic on their block or street, 60% said they are concerned.
- One of the most frequently mentioned issues was stop sign compliance. When asked to rank townwide concerns, 66% of respondents ranked "other" first, followed by volume (47%), speed (46%), enforcement of traffic and parking (32%), and nonresident parking (19%). "Other" refers to 91 written-in comments, 44 of which mentioned failure to heed stop signs. Respondents specifically cited the following intersections: Cumberland/Little Surrey, Dorset/Deal, Dorset/Warwick, Dorset/Big Surrey, Dorset/Devon, Greystone/Uppingham, Trent/Uppingham



- Overall, stop sign compliance was cited 6 to 11 times as often as other comments. In addition, 3 people commented that there are too many stop signs in Town.

Given this first striking observation, the Traffic Committee decided to hold a meeting with Sgt. Galladora to see whether increased police presence might improve adherence to stop signs.

### Meeting with Sgt. Galladora

Town Manager Rich Charnovich, Council President **Marnie Shaul** (Uppingham), and Traffic Committee members **Alex Acosta** (Essex), **Anne Yap** (Cumberland) and I

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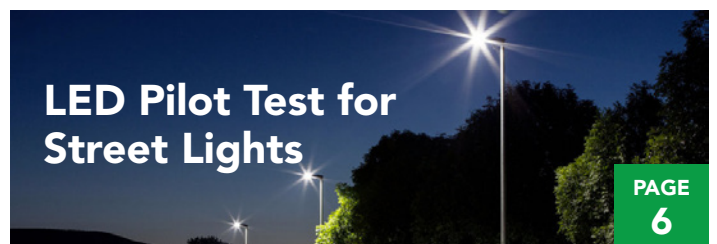
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## ON MY MIND

### Transitions: Passing on the Torch

By Mayor Jeffrey Slavin, Warwick Place

One of the true measures of a good leader is being aware of when it is time to make way for the next generation. And while I am not announcing here that I am relinquishing the Somerset mayoralty, which I enjoy so much, any time soon, nevertheless I am constantly looking for other opportunities to empower younger people.

For example, recently there was a leadership election for a political organization in which I was holding an officer position. During the complicated public balloting in which I had filed for re-election, I made the decision on the spot to give up my post in order to enable three millennials to move forward. In taking a less powerful role, I was able to "walk the walk" so that a public policy I support could be achieved.

In so doing, I had to put aside my own ego and any feelings of being threatened by different directions the younger folks might take. I also had to tell myself that while my wisdom and experience were important to the organization, the new leaders were well prepared and ready to fulfill its mission.

Our town is populated by hundreds of residents who are leaders in government, trade organizations, private industry, the nonprofit sector, and the like. On the eve of a new year that holds so much promise, I would like to challenge those individuals to make the effort to find appropriate situations to give Gen-Xers and Millennials a step up. I hope that, like me, it will make you feel proud.

Along the same line, I believe it is time for Somerset to join the movement to allow 16-year-olds to vote in municipal elections. In four cities in the USA—including three in Maryland!—city councils have had the boldness to realize that giving high schoolers the chance to join in the decision-making will ultimately result in better decisions and train them to exercise this important duty of citizenship throughout their lives.

## JANUARY CALENDAR

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 24

Brown Bag

12 noon to 1 p.m.  
Town Hall

### MONDAY, JANUARY 28

MVA Mobile Office

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Friendship Heights

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## Traffic Update: Survey Highlights and Information on Police Meeting

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met with Sgt. Galladora on December 17. Given recent correspondence on the unofficial and official Town listservs on the topic of police presence for security as well as traffic reasons, we covered a broad range of topics:

- **CURRENT POLICE WORK:** Four officers work a total of 8.75 hours per week in Town, at an annual cost of \$25,000. They primarily monitor traffic violations, especially on Dorset; night activities (one officer has a night shift); pool noise and fence hopping; school traffic flow; and other incidents.
- **RECORD KEEPING AND TRENDS:** None of those present knew exactly when policing in Town began or when the police log that predated Rich Charnovich's start as Town Manager ceased to be maintained. Sgt. Galladora is prepared to resume monthly data collection in January, so that we can track incidents, violations, their date/time, location, result, and any other observations. What he can say now is that over the last 6 months there have been no reportable traffic accidents in town, where "reportable" means causing significant injury or damage; the incident of the jogger being hit by a car at the corner of Dorset and Surrey was never reported to police.
- **TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS:** Over the same period, there have been an uncounted but not high number of traffic violations that resulted in warnings or tickets, which police issued after they have followed the driver to Wisconsin or Little Falls/River, so as not to cause traffic backups in town. Using a statewide system that records every time someone is stopped and warned or ticketed, officers have sufficient background information as well as discretionary authority to determine, on the basis of driver history, whether to issue a warning or ticket. According to Sgt. Galladora, more daytime police hours would definitely deter stop sign offenders, since drivers tend to come to a full stop when they see a police officer near an intersection.
- **STOP SIGN CAMERA:** This is not an option as there is nothing in the county code that authorizes and governs use of such a device.

- **RUMBLE STRIPS IN ADVANCE OF STOP SIGNS:** These may be useful- just before- specific intersections to alert drivers that they are approaching a stop sign. The Traffic Committee will look into appropriate intersection(s) for possible deployment of rumble strips and corresponding costs.
- **CRIME:** Sgt. Galladora did not compare our crime rate to neighboring communities with or without private police except to say our crime rate is low. A "CrimeReports" website at the following link allows anyone to look up crimes in Montgomery or other counties: <https://www.crimereports.com/states/MD>.
- **REPORTING AND DETERRING CRIMES:** It is very important to report every incident since the higher the number of incidents or crimes reported to police, the more resources will be allotted (on the county level) and the better we can target our use of officers in Town. A key tally that Rich Charnovich and Sgt. Galladora cited showed that 14 out of 15 thefts of car contents in a rash of crimes over one week last year involved unlocked cars; locking a car is THE best prevention strategy. Sgt. Galladora confirms, from his six years of working in the Bethesda district, that the vast majority of car break-ins involve unlocked cars; the fancy remote equipment residents have wondered about is not used by your average criminal and is extremely unlikely to be found in our neighborhood.

### Recommendations

The Traffic Committee is committed to improving stop sign compliance and believes an increase in police hours would deter by presence, warnings, and tickets, while providing other useful observations. The current total of 8.75 hours per week is very low. We are NOT suggesting we follow the Town of Chevy Chase's lead, but it is interesting to note that they spend \$340,000/year for 18 police hours/day.

We intend to meet and discuss recommending that the Town Council perhaps double the current budget amount to provide 17.5 hours per week. We also intend to review the January and February police logs in order to help prioritize desired times of day and locations.

# Thank You, Patty

By **Kristen Khanna**, Chair, Parks and Natural Resources Committee, *Uppingham*, and **Dudley Fowlkes**, Member, Parks and Natural Resources Committee, *Falstone*

The Town of Somerset Parks and Natural Resources Committee (PNRC) is preparing for a fresh start in the New Year, but we are building on the solid foundation provided by the outgoing Chair, **Patty Friedman** (Falstone).

Patty resurrected the PNRC in the spring of 2011 with the help of **Lauren Rubenstein** (Surrey), **Jim Mahoney** (Cumberland), **Jeff Lape** (Dorset) and **Carol Jason** (Warwick). Additionally, Council President **Marnie Shaul** (Uppingham) and Council Member **Barbara Zeughauser** (Trent) have continued their supportive work with the Committee as Council liaisons.

Patty Friedman worked tirelessly to define and implement the PNRC's mission: to preserve and beautify our Town land and natural resources, to educate, and to reach beyond the borders of Somerset, for the benefit of all who live here. Working closely with a consultant and the Town arborist, Dr. Tolbert Feather, Patty led the PNRC

effort to develop a Forest Management Plan for the 17 acres of Vinton Park. She has been the driving force to adopt conservation landscaping and compatible practices, starting with the Town's maintenance crew. You would find her in the woods in the spring, removing invasives and working with volunteers to beautify the area near the pool with a butterfly garden, and including more native plants at points of entry. The new rain garden demonstrating the benefits of this water mitigation strategy near the tennis courts was a collaboration with the Town's Environment Committee (EC) that everyone can agree is a beautiful improvement. Patty will continue to serve as a resource to the PNRC — she is perhaps our most valuable "natural resource" in Town! Thank you, Patty, for your years of dedication to the flora and fauna of Somerset.

The PNRC will hold its next meeting at the Somerset Town Hall on **Tuesday, January 29, 2019**, from 8 to 9 p.m. All are welcome to attend. Please contact Kristen or Dudley if you are interested in joining the Committee for the upcoming year.



## SAVE THE DATE Thursday, January 24, 2019 First Brown Bag of the New Year!

By **Mayor Jeffrey Slavin**, *Warwick Place*

There will be lots to talk about at the first quarterly Brown Bag lunch of 2019 set for Thursday January 24 from noon to 1 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.



# Somerset's 2018 Annual Holiday Staff Luncheon

Somerset employees gathered on December 19th for a holiday celebration and received gifts of appreciation from the Town.





## Sustainability Corner

By Robin Barr, Chair,  
Environment Committee,  
Essex Avenue

The Town Council has authorized a pilot test of LED bulbs in our street lights. The pilot will be on the lights on little Cumberland, near the Town Hall. The bulbs are due to be installed at the beginning of March and run for that month. I hope some evenings will be mild enough for you to take a stroll with your dog or with other company to view these lights. You can try driving by, too.

Why LED bulbs? Many of us now have these bulbs in our home and know them for their very, very long life. The same long life is true for the street light bulb equivalents. We have several LED bulbs on street lights on Dorset (on the hill going down to Little Falls). They have been in place for nine years so far and have needed no maintenance and no replacement bulbs. They likely will not need replacement for quite a few years more. The next decision for the Committee is whether we want to recommend an LED bulb be installed in all the lights in Town.

Apart from their very long, maintenance-free life, LED bulbs use considerably less electricity than high pressure

sodium bulbs which are PEPCO's bulb of choice to install when our existing mercury vapor bulbs burn out. LED bulbs also provide directional light, unlike high pressure sodium lights which create the orange glow that many of us are familiar with when flying over cities at night.

Is this really expensive? The bulbs vary in price considerably and we will be able to see the cost on signs placed by the poles. The good news is that EmPOWER Maryland is offering discounts up to \$140 per installed bulb at the moment to encourage towns to switch to LED bulbs.

When you visit the lights I suggest you do two things. Look up at them - everyone does. You will decide how much you like or dislike the light at that point. I can't stop you from doing that! The real trick though is to walk along the street and look for dark spots on the sidewalk or road. How well do the lights cover the ground? That is how they earn their money.

## Somerset's Helping Hand Is Just an Email or Phone Call Away



If you need a ride, someone to pick up some groceries or a prescription, a ride to the Metro, or even if you just want to get to a friend's house, please contact **Somerset Helping Hand**. We have a list of 30 Somerset volunteers who can help.

Send an email to [HHSomerset@gmail.com](mailto:HHSomerset@gmail.com) or call **Barbara Zeughauser** at 301-951-8560, **Kathleen Kenyon** at 301-656-8581 or **Jim Berry** at 301-656-6089.

If you would like to add your name to the volunteer list, please send an email to [HHSomerset@gmail.com](mailto:HHSomerset@gmail.com).



# Manager's Corner

By Rich Charnovich, *Town Manager*

## Happy New Year!

From the Town Hall, we would like to wish all Somerset residents a happy, healthy, and prosperous 2019!

## Budget Meetings in 2019

The Town has scheduled two budget meetings in 2019. The dates are Wednesday, March 6, 2019 and Monday, March 11, 2019, both from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. in the Town Hall. These sessions are open to the public and information will be provided on the Town's plans for FY'20 and beyond.

## Annual Holiday Tree Pick-Up on January 8, 2019

Each calendar year, the Town's trash contractor holds a special pick-up day to collect holiday trees. This year it will be on Tuesday, January 8, 2019. Please place your tree curbside by the morning of January 8, 2019 for collection.

## Winter Season Preparedness

**Snow Removal:** Mulheron is the Town's contractor for snow removal. Regarding sidewalk cleaning, please be advised that the Town Code 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, they are welcome to.

**Snow Plows:** Please be mindful of the plows that clear our roads by doing your best to keep cars parked in driveways as opposed to on the streets when snow is in the forecast. This enables the plows to do a better job.

## Sled Riding Hill Rules

Below are the current sled riding rules for Cumberland Avenue:

- **Sledders:** Sled at your own risk! The Town of Somerset does not monitor the sledding hill. It is the responsibility of parents to supervise children.
- **Motorists:** Drive Carefully! Children Sledding! Be courteous to those who live on Cumberland. Respect parked cars and private property.
- **Vehicles:** Enter from top of hill and depart downhill. Vehicles are not permitted to travel up Cumberland from Devon Lane.
- **Residents** who park on Cumberland should strongly consider parking cars in their driveways if sledding is occurring.

## Reminder: Permits Required for Dumpsters, Storage Pod, HVAC, Fence and Wall Installations

We would greatly appreciate it if you would contact the Town Hall if you want to temporarily house a dumpster or storage pod on your property, replace or install a new HVAC unit, and/or install a fence or wall at a certain location on your property. These activities all require Town permits.

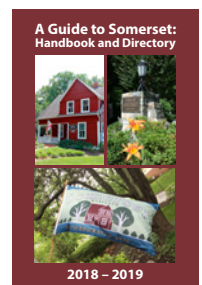
## Montgomery County Building Permit Informational Reminder

Planning a home improvement project? Please view this useful link which lets you know if you need a Permit from Montgomery County to complete the work: <https://permittingservices.montgomerycountymd.gov/dps/building/additionsandalterations.aspx>

Also, please check with the Town Hall to see if Town of Somerset requirements differ from those of Montgomery County. If you live in the Somerset Historic District, please make sure to contact the Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission if you are considering any home improvements.

## New Town Handbook and Directory

By now, you should have received your 2018-2019 Guide to Somerset: Handbook and Directory. If you have not received a copy in the mail, please contact the Town Hall. The Guide can also be located on the Town website. You will need to log in with your unique ID and password to view it.





# From the Mayor's Desk

By Mayor Jeffrey Slavin



Thanks to all residents for their generosity during the holiday season. So many residents have given to the Holiday Fund to benefit our hard-working Town employees, donated to the Toys for Tots drive so that underprivileged children could share in our good fortunes, and supported the winter coat drive so that the less fortunate among us would be comfortable during the winter cold.

Each year at this time I like to ask residents whether our U.S. mail service has been satisfactory for the last twelve months, especially because in the recent past we have received a number of complaints and requested and received Congressional help. Accordingly, I would like to encourage anyone with a concern about the mail in general or with a specific problem to write to me or the Town Manager now so that we can bring such issues forward to our Congressman Jamie Raskin and his expert staff. Service will only improve if we know about the problems.

Earlier this month, our new County Executive Marc Elrich was sworn in at a beautiful ceremony at the Music Center at Strathmore, along with the entire County Council including our new District 1 Councilmember Andrew Friedson. The night of the swearing-in, Council President **Marnie Shaul** (Uppingham), Council Member **Barbara Zeughauser** and her husband **George Schlossberg** (Trent), Administrative Assistant **Linda Williams** and I attended the festive Inaugural Ball at the Bethesda North Marriott Conference Center. We "metted and greeted" lots of folks we will be working with in the upcoming term including government officials, nonprofit leaders, Planning Board members, local elected officials, utility reps, and many others. We wish all our County leaders well.

In January our representatives to the Maryland General Assembly will be sworn in and we look forward to establishing a good working relationship with freshman Delegate-Elect Sara Love and returning Senator Susan Lee and Delegates Marc Korman and Ariana Kelly.





# All About People

By Eugene Tillman, *Warwick Place*



In late October 2018, retired U. S. Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor announced her diagnosis of early-stage dementia, her decision to withdraw from public life, and her desire to be open about these matters. A couple of weeks later, the New York Times

ran a piece on the greater willingness of public figures to speak openly about their diagnoses of dementia and how this is starting to ease the stigma associated with the disease (<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/11/09/health/alzheimers-dementia-celebrities.html>). Among other things, the article featured the caregiver support work of **Alison Lynn**, a Somerset native and daughter of **David** and **Stephanie Lynn** (Surrey). I reached out to Alison about profiling her for *All About People*, and she readily agreed. I caught up with her just before Thanksgiving while she was visiting her parents for the holiday.

Alison, 29, is a licensed clinical social worker and the associate director of social work at the Penn Memory Center in the University of Pennsylvania Health System in Philadelphia. The social work team at the Center meets with all patients following their diagnoses to provide immediate support, answer questions, and assess needs. Alison runs caregiver support groups, supervises social work interns, teaches a seven-week class for caregivers focusing on all aspects of caregiving, and conducts a small psychotherapy practice at the Center. The social work team runs a Memory Café (a concept imported from the Netherlands) which enables caregivers to interact in a non-medical social space. Each session is divided between informal discussion and an arts theme. The team also conducts workshops as well as an annual caregiver retreat – a full day of “pampering” that includes yoga, meditation, massage, wine tasting, and more.

When I asked Alison about her choice of career, she described a longstanding interest in geriatrics. Her mother (Stephanie) is a home health nurse who transitioned to working in hospice. Alison saw Stephanie’s parents age and require increasing levels of support while living close

by in Friendship Heights. During a stint in admissions and marketing for a local retirement community, Alison had a chance to observe the social work staff and found they were doing the work of greatest interest to her. And there’s a connection with the family home on Surrey – a house originally owned by David’s parents and in which he grew up. Alison never knew her father’s parents but learned that her grandmother was a social worker who conducted her practice from the house. All of the above led Alison to Philadelphia four years ago to pursue her masters at Penn. Her second-year “field placement” was at the Memory Center, and that turned into a permanent hire upon completion of her graduate work.

Alison notes that David also served as an important role model. David is a lawyer who handles personal bankruptcy matters. As his clients face wrenching personal challenges and choices, a crucial part of David’s work with them often resembles therapy. Alison has learned important lessons from her father about warmth and empathy and focusing on supporting the individual.

Alison describes the hardest part of her job as seeing families struggle to support their loved ones. For example, many patients need round the clock supervision, but they often lack the resources to pay for 24-hour care – whether in the home or a facility. In her three years at the Center, “it has been sad to watch patients progress and some caregivers burn out.” As Alison describes it, “We’re dealing with a heavy subject matter: a disease with no treatment. We can offer support for grieving, but that’s generally not what people want to hear.”

All of that said, she describes her work as incredibly rewarding and purposeful. She’s “honored that families let her into their lives to such an extraordinary extent.” She hears inspiring stories from caregivers that have helped her rethink her own relationships with her family and given her new insights into resilience and flexibility. Unlike many social workers in the medical field, her job enables her to forge long-term relationships with patients and caregivers. She’s grateful to be on the journey with them and is especially heartened when her coaching and support lead to genuine moments of connection between a patient and a loved one.

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## All About People

Alison has fond memories of her childhood in Somerset. The house on Surrey provided a special connection with the grandparents she never knew. In a similar vein, she shared the same elementary, middle, and high schools with her father. Growing up, she had lots of friends in the immediate neighborhood and recalls often being “kicked out of the house, playing in the streets, going to the pool, and coming back at dinner time.” Looking back, “it seems like a quaint childhood.” Alison also shared a recollection of her parents donating a refrigerator to Somerset Elementary. Ray Myrtle (who was the principal at the time) arrived with the movers, and “it felt like the president had come to our house for a visit.”

Alison has likewise come to love her adopted city. She describes Philadelphia as a great city for walking and eating amazing food and for its wonderful art scene. To promote her own resilience in a tough line of work, Alison reads, participates in a book club, and spends time with friends.

### GENERAL PERMITS

#### TREE REMOVAL PERMITS

4813 CUMBERLAND AVENUE

- 1 Cedar Tree

#### FENCE PERMIT

4822 DORSET AVENUE

- Fence installation in the rear yard

#### DUMPSTER PERMITS

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# Council Meeting Actions

The Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, December 4, 2018 and took the following actions:

1. Approval of the September 4, 2018 Council Meeting Minutes.
2. Tabled the October 1, 2018 Council Meeting Minutes.
3. Approval of the purchase of 6 streetlights for a PEPCO pilot program on Cumberland Avenue between Wisconsin Avenue and Deal Place at a cost not to exceed \$10,000 and to apply for associated rebates. There would be signage next to each light with relevant information related to each light, including the cost per fixture.
4. Approval of a bond invoice in the amount of \$9,428.00 from Demarne and Day, Inc. for the Town Hall interior and exterior renovation project.
5. Approval of a plan amendment at 4710 Essex to include a parking plan which includes 3 vehicles to be legally parked on Essex Avenue and 3 vehicles to be legally parked on Warwick Place.
6. Tabled the confirmation approval of a HVAC unit installation at 4708 Dorset Avenue.
7. Approval to authorize the Town Manager and Pool Committee to request pool management company proposals for the 2019 Pool Season.
8. Approval to confirm receipt of the end of season recommendations memo from the Town Pool Committee.
9. In addition to the actions taken, Mayor Slavin provided his monthly report. Town Manager Charnovich discussed both the administrative and financial reports. At the end of the meeting, a closed session was entered with the Town Attorney to obtain legal advice on the existing contract in place for renovation work to be completed on the interior and exterior of the Town Hall building. A report was given by the Town Attorney and Town resident, Susannah Goodman, related to the latest developments around small cell tower legislation. Council Member Peale and Town Manager Charnovich provided a brief update on the General Code project. The group decided to choose the color green for the new binder when the Code project is completed.



# Preliminary Agenda

## Regular Somerset Town Council Meeting Somerset Town Hall, January 7, 2019–7:30 p.m.

The Somerset Town Council will meet in regular session on Monday, January 7, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. at the Somerset Town Hall. Agenda updates are posted on the Town website: [www.townofsomerset.com](http://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 (l to r): Morris Panner, Marnie Shaul, Franny Peale, Barbara Zeughauser, Stephen Surko

### CONSENT

1. **Motion:** To consider approval of the October 1, 2018 Council Meeting Minutes.
2. **Motion:** To consider approval of the November 5, 2018 Council Meeting Minutes.
3. **Motion:** To consider approval of the December 4, 2018 Council Meeting Minutes.
4. **Motion:** To consider approval of the December 4, 2018 Closed Meeting Minutes.
5. **Motion:** To consider setting the July 2019 Council Meeting date for July 2, 2018.
6. **Motion:** To consider setting the September 2019 Council Meeting date for Tuesday, September 3, 2019.
7. **Motion:** To consider setting the spring bulk refuse collection date for May 6, 2019 and A Wider Circle partnership pickup for May 4, 2019.

### NON-CONSENT

8. **Discussion:** Town Manager December Administrative and FY19 Fiscal Reports – 7:35 p.m.

9. **Discussion:** Town Hall construction project update – 7:50 p.m.

10. **Discussion:** Unity Disposal Update – 8:00 p.m.

11. **Public Hearing/Motion:** To consider approval of a building permit extension for the project currently occurring at 4721 Essex Avenue – 8:15 p.m.

12. **Introduction:** An Ordinance to amend Chapter 6 of the Town Code of Ordinances to clarify what documents must accompany a building permit application and a waiver request, and to add a requirement for a boundary survey – 8:20 p.m.

13. **Introduction:** An Ordinance to add a new Chapter 12 of the Code of Ordinances to adopt requirements concerning the installation and operation of small wireless telecommunications facilities in the public rights of way – 8:25 p.m.

14. **Discussion:** General Code Update – 8:30 p.m.

15. **Discussion:** Mayor's Report – 8:35 p.m.

16. **Adjourn** – 8:40 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 blast 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.

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