



# GREATER SEVERNA PARK COUNCIL

## Meeting November 12, 2013 Minutes



The meeting was called to order by President Maureen Carr-York at 7:35 pm at the Severna Park Library.

Secretary's Report: The October minutes are still being edited and will be distributed for approval at the December meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Steve Poland submitted the October Finance report on November 12 for reading at the next delegate meeting. Below are the key numbers from the report which will be filed for audit. **All** GSPC moneys are FDIC insured.

*Income – Dues \$0.00, Money Market \$0.00, CD interest \$35.10, Bank Fee \$3.00.*

### Account balances (as of 10/31/2013)

BB&T checking	= \$	2217.68
SmithBarney money market	= \$	975.61
SmithBarney CDs (5)	= \$	25,000.00

### Beautification Trust Fund (closed 10/2011)

Art Timmons from Crain West returned \$500 to the Council. This money was provided a few years ago to assist Crain West which was enjoined in Zoning Legislation. Crane West won their litigation and fees and returned the money back to the organization to be used by the next community.

President's Report: Nothing new to report. 51 Communities in Good Standing/5 in Arrears

Special Guests: Amy Leahy, from Laura Neuman's Office; Cassia Martins from Del. Cathy Vitale's Office; and Dick Ladd from the County Council.

### Chris Phipps – Director of Public Works and Gregg Africa – Deputy Director for Highways

Chris and Gregg briefed the delegation on the snow and ice removal systems in place in the County. Gregg started with a brief weather history for the County. Average snowfall is about 19" per year. In the event of a weather incident, DPW gathers, plans and organizes removal groups.

#### Objectives:

- 1 – Support public safety vehicles – top priority
- 2 – Main arteries – bare pavement access within 24-48 hours – two lanes in each direction
- 3 – County roads – passable access within 3-5 days – one passable lane

#### Resources:

- 300 employees
  - 200 Bureau of Highway employees
  - 100 in other departments
  - Split into two 12 hour shifts
- 74 Dump trucks

Up to 150 contractual vehicles  
12,000 tons of road salt split in to 12 areas around the county

In Severna Park – 6 snow routes, serving 13,100 residents  
22 miles of arterial and collector roads  
87.8 miles of local roads  
315 Cul-de-sacs – 7 Dead ends.

#### Road Salt Management

Safety and mobility of motorists  
Environmental stewardship  
Fiscal responsibility

What you can do to help DPW serve you better:

- 1 – Park in the driveway
- 2 – Retrieve empty trash containers
- 3 – Clear your sewer inlets to prevent ice buildup
- 4 – Keep downspouts and sump pumps from discharging into street
- 5 – Clear ice and snow off sidewalk (not into street!)
- 6 – Stay clear of snow removal equipment
- 7 – Winterize your home and vehicles
- 8 – Maintain adequate supplies of food, etc.
- 9 – Volunteer at snow patrol

[www.aacounty.org/DPW/ContactDPW.cfm](http://www.aacounty.org/DPW/ContactDPW.cfm)  
410-222-6120

[www.aacounty.org/DPW/Snowinformation](http://www.aacounty.org/DPW/Snowinformation)

There is no budget put aside for snow removal – money to pay for these events are taken from the County Contingency Fund.

Education Committee: At SPMS they are planning a storm water project which is a two tier rain garden to capture water flowing from the fields into Cattail Creek.

Environmental Committee: Nothing new to report – but asked the delegates to please clean up their leaves so that they do not clog the storm drains and get in the water. There is no leaf pick-up in Anne Arundel County.

Police Relations: Things have been several daytime burglaries in the St. Ives/St. Andrews area. Be on the lookout for a small SUV white or light colored possibly Ford escape or Mazda tribute – occupied by 2 white males. There is a Police-Community Bike ride starting from Rita's at 9 AM.

Public Works: Nothing new to report. There was a discussion about traffic cutting through off of B&A Blvd. on to Robinson Road and how it impacts that community. There are no simple solutions to this issue. Traffic on East West Blvd. is increasing and getting worse – DPW is working on a solution. Mr. Hall requested a white line striped onto Whites Road around to Jennings.

ASPIRE: Will have its community leadership awards in late February, early March – please contact Maureen to submit a nominee of the award.

BWI Noise Committee: No Report.

Nominating Committee: John Norville announced that annual elections will be held in December and asked Delegates to think about being candidates. Jack Mason and Charlie Miller are on the committee. The Board approved them unanimously. At this Delegates meeting John asked if anyone else was interested in serving on this Committee. A Quorum was present. Being none, both were unanimously elected to continue as Members. John thanked them for serving. He then issued a 3<sup>rd</sup> request for candidates. John also asked for someone to serve as Sergeant-at-arms.

If nominating someone besides themselves, must assure that Nominee is willing to serve, to attend monthly Board Meetings & as many of the monthly Delegates Meetings as they can. Additional calls will be at the Oct., Nov., & Dec. meetings. John stated that fortunately the Incumbents were generally willing to be Candidates for 2014. Final Candidates Report will be made at the Dec. 10, 2013 Delegates Meeting, followed by the usual Electronic Voting procedure to be explained again later, with results reported at the Jan. 2014 Delegates Meeting.

Greater Severna Park Chamber of Commerce: Diane Brewer informed the delegation of a number of events, including:

Thursday November 21, Taste and Sip at Homestead Gardens in Severna Park

Friday, December 6, Tree Lighting Ceremony – Holly Ave. will be closed.

Bylaws Revision: Nothing new to report.

Zoning/Legislation: We are still following the new building project between Sabrina Park and Chartridge. Councilman Ladd said that there would be no “advanced agreements” and that the builder will be filing a plan shortly. The concerned communities should send their concerns in writing to the Planning and Zoning Office and their elected officials. Still no plans have been filed yet.

Dick Ladd addressed a bit of legislation that sets aside a general development program through Bill 81-13 which increases density, bring in “affordable” housing and which would affect up to 50 square miles inside the County. Basically the bill allows to commercial builders do whatever they want to inside a 2 mile circle around a commercial area. This bill was introduced at the request of the Zoning Officer. Please express your opposition to [Lneuman@aacounty.org](mailto:Lneuman@aacounty.org) – this will get to the County Executive. You can also send your opposition to each of the County Council Members.

This bill destroys the community input that has been traditionally present in zoning decisions and creates the real possibility that high density housing will present in the community.

Mark Fulton – Olde Severna Park – this bill has a genesis in a mass transportation movement.

The delegation moved to authorize Maureen Carr-York to attend the meeting on Monday night and oppose the bill on behalf of the GSPC. The meeting will occur at the County Chamber starting at 7 PM.

Movement to up-zone a portion of Ritchie Hwy from C3 to C4. Motion made to authorize Maureen Carr-York to oppose the movement to up-zone this property to allow an auto body shop to operate on this property.

New Business: Legislation to stop cell towers going on to schools is likely to fail. There is a question about who can put cell towers on County property and where.

Al Johnston Memorial Scholarship is above \$18,000 at this time. The fund needs to reach a \$25,000 plateau in order to provide a scholarship for this year.

Unfinished Business: None

Next Meetings: General Meeting: December 9, 2013 7:30 pm Severna Park Library

Board Meeting: No December Board Meeting was scheduled

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

E. Wesley Adams

GSPC Secretary