

Minutes
Public Safety Commission
Town of Boonsboro
October 19, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m.
Boonsboro Town Hall Annex
21 North Main Street
Boonsboro, MD

Meeting called to order at 6:58 p.m. by Chair Kim LaBrush

Present: Kim LaBrush, Ena Bovell Martin, Teresa Leizear, Harry Nogle, Kyle O'Connor – Boonsboro Volunteer Fire Department Representative (BVFD), Marilee Kerns - Council Liaison

Absent: Robert Ecton, Bo Quinn, Rick Stevens, Boonsboro Ambulance & Rescue Representative, BPD Representative

Guests: none in attendance

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the September 21, 2023 meeting were emailed to the committee for review. The minutes were approved by a motion from Kyle O'Connor and second by Ena Martin and vote by commission.

Citizens Comments: none

Old Business:

Opticom Traffic Signal: Chair Kim LaBrush emailed an update to the commission. Chair LaBrush will add to the request for signage – Emergency Vehicles Entering Highway. Kyle O'Connor, BVFD, requested they consider signage for fire company vehicles entering highway, placement uncertain.

Fire Hydrants: Liaison Kerns reported Public Works Superintendent Greg Huntsberry stated they routinely perform flushing of hydrants and flow testing. They have recently been painting hydrants in town.

Sycamore Run: Council Member Kerns stated she addressed the concern of Yield sign vs. Stop sign with the Town Planner. He will investigate the matter.

LifeVac: No update – BPD representative not in attendance

CPR Equipment: The CPR equipment was received and Boonsboro Ambulance & Rescue Service has the equipment. A training class is scheduled for Saturday, October 28 from 10:00am – 2:00pm at the First Hose Company of Boonsboro – Station 6, Upstairs Classroom, 5 St Paul Street, Boonsboro. Learn CPR & Stop The Bleed.

Parking Issue North Main Street: Council Member Kerns has addressed the concern in an email to Town Manager and Town Planner. She did forget to mention in her report at the monthly council meeting. She will add to the concern – not just traffic flow – concern that parked vehicles hinder the ability for vehicles to yield to emergency responders in the Maple Avenue & North Main intersection. The parked vehicles on North Main Street in this area also hinder the ability for tractor and trailers to navigate the intersection and turn. Safety Commission is requesting some red curbs and no parking signage.

New Business:

St. Paul Street Safety Walk: Members Ena Martin, Teresa Leizear, Kyle O'Connor, BVFD and Council Member Marilee Kerns walked St. Paul Street. The sidewalks are not in bad shape on St. Paul Street. There are some holes from movement of signage and telephone poles that need addressed. Follow up on "No Parking" sign at Fire Hall Alley and St Paul Street.

Commission Vacancy: Chair LaBrush reported we have a vacancy on the commission. The Boonsboro Ambulance and Rescue Service representative has resigned. Chief Todd Smith is to fill in and has been contacted regarding a replacement representative.

Training Events for Stop The Bleed or CPR: As noted earlier – there is a training event scheduled for Saturday, October 28 from 10-2. Chair LaBrush asked if the Town would share event on the Town FaceBook page. Council Member Kerns will put in that request.

BMUC Water Moratorium: Chair LaBrush stated she heard this at the Mayor & Council Meeting. Council Member Kerns stated it was not a water moratorium. The BMUC had mentioned a building moratorium while they analyze the available water EDU's. This was mentioned during the BMUC report. No action was taken by the council. This topic would require research and discussion and public notice. Repairing the reservoir will aide this situation and the Town is working on securing funding for this project. (Some funding has been received – project not totally funded at this time)

Additional Residential Development Request: Chair LaBrush inquired about the residential development request behind the Boonsboro American Legion. Council Member Kerns stated that this area had been annexed into the Town quite some time ago, that it is not a new request. As the Town works on the Comprehensive Plan, their will be meetings for citizen and resident input for the Vision of the Town over the next 5, 10, 20 years.

Town Elections: May 14, 2023 – Chair LaBrush stated the mayor and two council seats will be on the ballot.

Boonsboro Police Department – No report

Boonsboro Fire Department Report – Kyle O'Connor
No additional report

Boonsboro Ambulance & Rescue Company Report – No Report

Council Liaison Report – Marilee Kerns

Kerns reported that “Boone Fest” will be taking place Saturday, October 21 in Downtown Boonsboro. The new Ace Hardware Store opening scheduled for Tuesday, October 24 at 8:00 am. The Mayor & Council, Town Manager and Town Planner will be working on updating the Town Comprehensive Plan. There will be meetings for resident and citizen input.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m. by motion from Kyle O’Connor, second by Teresa Leizear and commission consensus.

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 16, 2023 at 7:00 pm - Town Hall Annex

Respectfully submitted,

Marilee Kerns

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