



Town Council MEETING MINUTES

Monday, April 5, 2021 - 5:30 PM
Council Chambers, Easton Town Office
14 S Harrison Street

5:30 PM: Call to Order by President Cook.

Opening remarks by Councilmember Abbatiello and Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes of March 15, 2021 meetings.

ACTION: Motion to Approve Approval of Minutes of March 15, 2021 meetings. by Mr. Silverstein second by Mr. Abbatiello;
Motion Passed with a 5:0

AYES: Al Silverstein, Don Abbatiello, Ron Engle, Elmer Davis, Megan Cook

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Items by the Mayor.

BOARD AND COMMISSION RE-APPOINTMENTS

- o Rodanthe Hanrahan – Easton Utilities Commission, 6-year term
- o Kevin Bateman – Historic District Commission, 3-year term
- o Kelly Pezor – Historic District Commission, 3-year term
- o James Bent – Affordable Housing, 3-year term
- o Jennifer Martella – Affordable Housing, 3-year term
- o Bonnie Morro- Affordable Housing, 3-year term

Upon motion by Mr. Engle seconded by Mr. Abbatiello and carried unanimously, the re-appointments were approved.

Mayor Willey discussed the Town receiving MML's Environmental Stream Restoration Achievement Award for large cities. He stated that it was a collaboration between the Town and Easton Utilities.

Mayor Willey stated there has been interest in the old Public Works building.

Mayor Willey stated that the Town will be featured in the Business Review May issue.

Mayor Willey reminded everyone that the budget workshops are scheduled this week for Wednesday and Thursday.

Items by the Town Manager.

Approval of 2021 Property Maintenance Bid.

ACTION: Motion to Approve Approval of 2021 Property Maintenance Bid. by Mr. Silverstein second by Mr. Abbatiello;
Motion Passed with a 5:0

AYES: Al Silverstein, Don Abbatiello, Ron Engle, Elmer Davis, Megan Cook

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

The property maintenance bid from All In One Property with Living Ecosystems as a backup for services for the 2021/2022 year was approved.

Approval for purchase of a Kubota ZD1211 for Parks and Recreation.

ACTION: Motion to Approve Approval for purchase of a Kubota ZD1211 for Parks by Mr. Engle second by Mr. Abbatiello;
Motion with a 5:0

AYES: Al Silverstein, Don Abbatiello, Ron Engle, Elmer Davis, Megan Cook

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

The Kubota ZD1211 riding mower bid is from Burke Equipment in the amount of \$14,187.22.

Bid Recommendation for Design Guidelines.

ACTION: Motion to Approve Bid Recommendation for \$40,000 for Design Guidelines. by Al Silverstein second by Ron Engle;
Motion Passed with a 5:0

AYES: Al Silverstein, Don Abbatiello, Ron Engle, Elmer Davis, Megan Cook

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Items by the Town Attorney.

The Town Attorney, Mrs. VanEmburch stated that the Harrison annexation request public hearing on Black Dog Alley and Cordova Road will be held at the April 19, 2021 meeting.

Ms. Margaret Enloe, Executive Director, Waterfowl Chesapeake to discuss Impact Study Release,

Ms. Enloe, Executive Director for Waterfowl Chesapeake discussed the economic and cultural impact study recently conducted in regards to the Waterfowl Festival. She stated that Rockport Analytics in Annapolis, MD had completed the impact study. She stated that the WFF has a \$2,600,000 economic impact on the community. There were 15,000 attendees in 2019 with 99% of visitors planning to revisit. Ms. Enloe stated that the Waterfowl Festival's 50th Anniversary in 2021 will be "Eastern Shore's Homecoming Event." She asked that the Town consider WFF when the American Rescue Plan funding comes thru. Ms. Enloe discussed the Maryland Historical Trust Grant to replace the windows.

Review of invoices totaling \$1,277,528.88

Public Comments.

None at this time.

Items by Members of the Council:

Mr. Al Silverstein stated that no additional petitions were taken out for the upcoming election. He congratulated the incumbents on another successful election. He stated that Easton ranked No. 4 in the 25 friendliest cities in the US. He reminded everyone to be friendly and helpful.

Mr. Don Abbatiello stated he had the opportunity to help EEDC with the Easter Bunny Meet and Greet.

Mr. Ron Engle stated that the weather is getting warm and bicyclists have the same rights as motor vehicles. He encouraged everyone to wear approved helmets.

Rev. Elmer Davis thanked the Town Manager Mr. Richardson and Council President

Mrs. Cook for having him be a part of the council. He reminded everyone to be safe in the community and be mindful of pedestrians walking.

President Megan Cook reminded everyone there is a town election Tuesday, May 4, 2021 at the Easton Firehouse from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Adjournment.

At 6:00 p.m., upon motion by Mr. Silverstein seconded by Mr. Engle and carried unanimously, President Cook adjourned the regularly scheduled meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy M. Ruf, Town Clerk