

Council of the Town of La Plata
Town Hall, La Plata, Maryland
Work Session
November 13, 2007, 7:00 PM

Present: Mayor Gene Ambrogio, Councilman James Goldsmith, Councilman Scot D. Lucas, Councilwoman Paretta D. Mudd, Councilman Vic E. Newman; Daniel J. Mears, Town Manager; Judith T. Frazier, Town Clerk; Joseph W. Norris, Treasurer

Minutes:

Mayor Ambrogio called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Matters of Council Discussion

HB 1141

Description: Discussion regarding HB 1141 and its implications on the Town's comprehensive planning.

Mr. Mears provided a PowerPoint presentation (and handout) regarding the update to the Town's Comprehensive Plan, which must be adopted in 2008, described the additional elements required by Article 66B (Municipal Growth Element and Water Resources Element), and provided a handout depicting the timeline for the update. Mr. Mears noted that the Town may need outside assistance to update the Plan, and that a decision would be made after he speaks with representatives of Maryland Department of Planning regarding assistance from them. Councilman Newman offered to participate in preparation of the Water Resources Element. It was noted that the Plan update process needs to be included in the budget setting process and that the Water and Sewer Advisory Committee would be a good resource for the update.

Matters of Information

- Water tower at Tilghman Lake: Construction has been delayed pending identification of a leak in the system.
- MDE permit on manhole 13 project: No response received from MDE.
- Business recycling program: Research is being conducted; Town recycling vendor to be asked for input; survey of Town businesses to be conducted regarding participation.
- Public facilities needs assessment: Information requested by consultant is being provided.
- Traffic signal on Rt. 301: Data being collected to respond to SHA's request.
- CSX crossing for Heritage Green: No additional information has been provided.
- Driver visibility at southwest corner of Centennial Street and St. Mary's Avenue: Chief Gittings has been asked to conduct a survey of the volume of accidents at similar intersections to determine if remedial action is warranted.

There being no other business, Mayor Ambrogio moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 PM. Councilman Lucas seconded the motion and it carried.

Submitted by:

Judith T. Frazier, Town Clerk