

Annual Town Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 3, 2026
In-person meeting at 7:00 pm

Commissioners:

Present: Dan Ennis, Dan Donnelly, and Nick Roy

Absent: none

Quorum present? yes

Present during all or portions of the meeting: Clerk Cate McDonald, Property Manager Andera Scanlon, Treasurer Alice Allen, and Events Manager Cindy Ennis.

Town Residents: none

Others: Tim Hussman, Andrew Norton, Jo Ellen Bilanin

Proceedings: *The meeting was called to order at 7:11 pm.*

- **Greetings & Meeting Overview**
- **Grants Update**
 - **New:** Community Parks and Playgrounds for \$299,998 was awarded in partnership with SUMC to build a community playground behind the parsonage.
 - Historic Preservation Capital Grant (Academy): matching grant for Academy Exterior work to begin soon.
 - Looking for a potential grant to improve acoustics at the Academy.
- **BPC Updates:**
 - An overview of the Parcel 770 project, with construction of 19 High St beginning.
 - A streetscape project overview was given, with a rundown of the Capital grants received.
- **FY' 27 Budget:**
 - The proposed FY'27 budget was reviewed. budget was reviewed.
 - No questions or objections were raised about the budget.
- **Academy Rental & Marketing Update**
 - 43 events this past fiscal year compared to 38 last fiscal year.
 - The average rental is \$500, and revenue is projected at \$21K this year.
 - There have been many networking events that have generated potential renters.
 - The rate will increase starting July 1.
- **Town Infrastructure & Property Update**
 - Academy: work using the MHT \$100,000 grant with a \$100,000 match for exterior repairs at the Academy will start in the fall, including repointing stone, cleaning chimneys, restoring historic windows, and painting trim
 - Schoolhouse: routine maintenance is performed. Use for the Schoolhouse is needed to keep the building in use.
 - A recent project relocating a streetlight near the north portion of the Bypass to 308 Market was completed.

- **Sustainable Maryland**
 - The Town will pursue bronze certification with Sustainable Maryland and will need to form a Green Team. Being part of Sustainable Maryland will open a pathway for grants.
- **Residential Property Maintenance / Historic Preservation**
 - This is a work in progress. The Commissioners will look to pass a Health & Wellness Ordinance to help maintain homes.

Comments/Questions

How would you enforce property maintenance? The Commissioners would try to help people out and find incentives for property maintenance. Fines may be necessary.

- **Updated Town logo**
 - After discussion, a suggestion was made to put out a design challenge to local students.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 pm.
Cate McDonald
Town Clerk