



Minutes of Town Meeting July 6, 2026

President Charles M. Rhodes, Jr. called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Present were Commissioner Matthew Tuma, Commissioner John Griffin Jr., and Town Administrator Kyle Ambrose.

Commissioner Griffin led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Griffin moved to accept the minutes of June 22, 2026, as presented. Commissioner Tuma seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Committee Reports:

Planning and Zoning: Mr. Ambrose stated that the Planning Commission recently had discussions regarding ADU legislation. He also advised that the next Planning Commission meeting is Monday July 13, 2026, at 6:00 pm to finalize an ADU ordinance and forward it to the Town Commissioners.

Board of Appeals: Nothing to report.

Budget Status Report: Each Commissioner received copies of the General and Sewer Accounts and reviewed same.

Unfinished Business:

Maryland Food Bank Food Truck: Mr. Ambrose advised that the Food Truck is scheduled to be in Church Hill on Thursday, July 15, 2026, from 12:00 p.m.- 2:00 p.m. at Church Hill Park, 1130 Sudlersville Road.

QAC Library Book Mobile: Mr. Ambrose advised that the Book Mobile is scheduled to be in Church Hill on Thursday, July 16, 2026, from 2:45 p.m.- 3:45 p.m. at Church Hill Park.

Other: None

New Business:

Correspondence: None

Church Hill Festival June 5, 2027: President Rhodes advised that the Town will now hold an annual festival the first Saturday in June due to the great success of the 150th Birthday Celebration, pending a motion.

Commissioner Tuma made a motion to hold our next annual Church Hill Festival on June 5, 2027.

Commissioner Griffin seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

President Rhodes also stated that Maggie Coursey will once again be the head of the committee for the Church Hill Festival next June.

Sewer System:

Flow Reports: Each Commissioner received copies and reviewed same.

Proposed WWTP Upgrade: President Rhodes advised that a pre-construction meeting was held at the Town Hall on June 30th with all necessary contractors to review and start construction. The installation of the aerators at the Waste Water Treatment Plant, should be completed by October 2026, depending on the contractors' work schedules and availability.

Other: President Rhodes advised he received a call from Maryland Environmental Service stating that one of the Town's pumps at the south pump station was not operating properly possibly due to the severe thunderstorms over the weekend.

He stated the Town has extra pumps on hand, and the pump would be replaced as soon as possible. The pump that possibly was affected by the storm will also be examined and refurbished if possible.

Comments: Resident Kevin Guertin, 550 Main Street, expressed his concerns about the spotted lantern flies that are in abundance around his property and throughout the Town. Mr. Guertin also advised that the State of Maryland has passed House Bill 35 which will take effect October 1, 2026, authorizing the governing body of a county or municipality to adopt certain ordinances to regulate the tree of heaven and certain invasive trees. Mr. Ambrose also stated that he has issues with them on his property as well and advised he would reach out to Queen Anne's County Mosquito Control and the Maryland Department of Agriculture to see if they have any recommendations to address the invasive trees and lantern flies.

Commissioner Griffin made a motion to adjourn the Town meeting. Commissioner Tuma seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Meeting was adjourned at 6:34 pm.

The next Town Meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 3, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kyle Ambrose,

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate record of the open Town Meeting held by the Town Commissioners of Church Hill on Monday, July 6, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

Charles M. Rhodes, Jr.
President