# Minutes of Town Meeting October 19, 2026

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

President Rhodes led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Tuma moved to accept the minutes of October 6, 2026, as presented. President Rhodes seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0.

***Committee Reports:***

*Planning and Zoning:* Chairperson Janet Rochester stated that the Planning Commission's next meeting is this coming Monday, October 26, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

*Board of Appeals:* Mr. Ambrose advised that the Board of Appeals reviewed and signed the final decision, with special exceptions, for Mr. Bianco, the resident at 108 Wilson Lane.

*Community Events Committee:* Commissioner Tuma recapped Church Hill's Fall Fest event. According to the arts and crafts vendors, as well as the food truck vendors, everything was well attended. Mr. Ambrose and President Rhodes added that it was not as busy as last year's event, however, there were other events in surrounding towns which conflicted with the attendance everyone was expecting. Mrs. Rochester also stated it was a well-attended event; however, she stated it wasn't as large as last year's event. Overall, the Church Hill Fall Fest was another success.

Commissioner Tuma also stated that this coming Friday, October 23rd is the deadline for all residents to cast their votes for the Halloween Yard Decorating Contest.
He also advised the Town's Christmas Open House will be on Sunday, November 29th at the Town Hall. St. Lukes Tree Lighting and Christmas Caroling will follow at St. Luke's Episcopal Church. More information and advertisements will be forthcoming.

Commissioner Tuma added that the June 2027 Church Hill Day paperwork has been submitted for the parade. The Town has also been in contact with Fantastic Fireworks regarding the firework display. The Band, Mike Hines and The Look have also been reserved for live music for that day.

***Budget Status Report***: Each Commissioner received copies of the General and Sewer Budgets 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 Wednesday, November 11, 2026, from 12:00 p.m.- 2:00 p.m. at Church Hill Park.

*QAC Library Book Mobile*: Mr. Ambrose advised that the Book Mobile is scheduled to be in Church Hill on Thursday, November 5th & 19th 2026, from 3:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m. on the corner of Main Street and Church Lane.

*Other:* None

***New Business:***

*Correspondence*: Resident Chris Schoenster of 126 Walnut Street sent an email to the Town and inquired as to the possibility of a dog park being located at Church Hill Park. President Rhodes stated he's also received requests from other residents regarding the possible dog park to be located within Church Hill. Commissioner Tuma advised that he would discuss the request at the next QAC Parks and Recreation meeting. President Rhodes stated the Town would reach out to the appropriate Queen Anne's County Officials and inquire as to what necessary steps the Town should take to begin the initial process.
Commissioner Tuma made a motion for the Town to send a letter to the Queen Anne's County Commissioners as well as the director of QAC Parks and Recreation regarding the possibility of locating a dog park at the Church Hill Park. President Rhodes seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0.

*Town Meeting Schedule Adjustment:* President Rhodes advised that the Town Commissioner's meeting may possibly be reduced to one meeting a month. According to the Town's charter, the Commissioners are required to have only one meeting a month. However, the Commissioners have the ability to schedule special meetings as needed. He stated that he and the other Commissioners would make a decision at the first meeting on November 2nd Town meeting.

*Other:* None

***Sewer System:***

*Flow Reports:* Each Commissioner reviewed August 2026 flow reports.

*Proposed WWTP Upgrade:* President Rhodes stated the Town had received the WWTP discharge permit from MDE which is valid for the next five years. President Rhodes advised that the contractors noted an issue when the excavating took place. The contractors and operators are in the process of upgrading the WWTP.

*Other:* None

*Comments:* Mrs. Janet Rochester advised that the Planning Commission may also modify their meeting schedule. President Rhodes advised that he would check the Town's Charter and find out how many Planning Commission meetings are required within a calendar year.

Commissioner Tuma made a motion to adjourn the Town meeting. President Rhodes seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0. The meeting was adjourned at 6:27 pm.

The next Town Meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 2, 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, October 19, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

Charles M. Rhodes, Jr.
President