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TOWN OF EASTON, MARYLAND
Easton Town Hall
14 S. Harrison Street

August 18, 2008

PRESENT AT CONVENING

8 Mayor Robert C. Willey
9 Mr. John F. Ford
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11 Mr. Scott R. Jensen
12 Mr. Leonard E. Wendowski, Sr.
13 Ms. Moonyene Jackson-Amis

Ms. Scott-Taylor was excused.

IN ATTENDANCE

Also in attendance were the Town Attorney Mr. Kehoe, Town Manager Mr. Karge and Town Clerk Ms. Ruf.

CONVENING

At 7:00 p.m., the President Ford called the meeting to order.

Ms. Jackson-Amis opened the meeting with prayer and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JULY 21, 2008 MEETINGS

Upon motion by Mr. Jensen seconded by Mr. Wendowski and carried; minutes of the August 4, 2008 meetings were approved with corrections as submitted by Ms. Jackson-Amis.

ITEMS FROM MAYOR WILLEY

Mayor Willey discussed National Night Out and stated that we received a citation from the Maryland House of Delegates.

Mayor Willey stated that Mr. Bond is accepting requests for the Community Legacy grant.

ITEMS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER

Bountiful has requested permission to erect a tent and banner for their annual tent sale in Talbottown August 23 through August 25.

Upon motion by Mr. Wendowski seconded by Mr. Jensen and carried unanimously, permission was granted.

Mr. Wendowski discussed complaints received from residents in Stoney Ridge regarding speeding on Corbin Parkway. He suggested an investigation to come up with a solution such as that in Matthewstown Run. Mr. Wendowski asked that traffic control in Cooke's Hope also be looked at.

Mr. Karge stated that the speeding machine cable had been disconnected but they are again taking samples at Cooke's Hope.

ITEMS FROM THE TOWN ATTORNEY

Mr. Kehoe requested a Closed Session to discuss a matter to do with the purchase and sale of real estate, a personnel matter and a legal matter.

COUNCIL CONSENSUS ON THE REQUEST FOR AN AMENDMENT TO THE HEARTFIELDS ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY SITE PLAN TO ENLARGE THE FACILITY WITH AN 11,000 SQUARE FOOT ADDITION ADDING 19 ADDITIONAL BEDS AND ENLARGING THE EXISTING DINING FACILITY

It was a unanimous consensus to approve the request for an amendment to the Heartfields Assisted Living Facility with the condition that the Critical Area Commission application be completed. Mr. Jensen approved the request with the stipulation that the Planning and Zoning Commission look at an enhanced landscape plan due to their location on the bypass.

1 Mr. Kehoe is to prepare legislation.

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3 **AMENDED RESOLUTION NO. 5929, “A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF EASTON**
4 **REVISING THE TOWN’S LICENSE, PERMIT, INSPECTION, REVIEW AND OTHER**
5 **FEES.”**

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7 Mr. Wendowski asked that Amended Resolution No. 5929 reflect to have a maximum of ten units’
8 license fees per year be waived.

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10 Ms. Jackson-Amis stated that she cannot support an open ended waiver of fee of what is called
11 affordable as there is no definition of what that is and it should be limited to homes that come into the
12 town’s affordable housing program which this Resolution does not state. She stated that there should
13 be a benefit to the town for the benefit we give the developers such as density bonuses.

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15 Upon motion by Mr. Jensen seconded by Mr. Wendowski and carried, Amended Resolution No. 5929
16 passed 3 to 1 following a roll call vote with Ms. Jackson-Amis voting no.

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18 **RESOLUTION NO. 5933, “A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF EASTON APPROVING**
19 **AMENDMENTS TO THE TOWN’S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.”**

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21 Upon motion by Mr. Jensen seconded by Ms. Jackson-Amis and carried unanimously, Resolution No.
22 5933 passed unanimously following a roll call vote.

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24 **APPROVAL OF INVOICES TOTALING \$703,145.10**

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26 Upon motion by Mr. Jensen seconded by Mr. Wendowski and carried unanimously, invoices were
27 approved to be paid.

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29 **CONCERNED CITIZENS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL REGARDING COMMUNITY PIER AT**
30 **EASTON VILLAGE**

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32 Dr. Callum Bain, 9704 Bantry Road discussed the history of the Talbot River Protection Association
33 and the Tred Avon River. He discussed the detrimental effects of petroleum in the river. Dr. Bain
34 stated that TRPA opposes the 30 slip marina to be built at Easton Village. He stated that TRPA is
35 asking for a place at the table when environmental decisions are made.

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37 Ms. Patricia Betlejewski, President Talbot River Protection Agency, 28313 Cedar Point Road stated
38 that she takes her responsibility seriously. She stated that TRPA does support development and that it’s
39 the Council’s responsibility for the overall condition of the Tred Avon River which greatly increased at
40 the point of annexation. Ms. Betlejewski discussed tests that have been performed on the Tred Avon
41 River. She discussed the agreement for money from Elm Street for tests that have not been performed.
42 She discussed improving the water quality on the Tred Avon. Ms. Betlejewski stated that TRPA is
43 willing to assist the Town of Easton in their endeavor to continually do a better job.

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45 Ms. Frankie Thorington, 6942 Travelers Rest Circle stated that she is violently opposed to the marina
46 as proposed by Elm Street due to the increase in boat traffic. Riparian Rights were discussed. Ms.
47 Thorington urged the council to reconsider and not allow the marina.

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49 Mr. Tom Fountleroy, Waverly Road, asked what the alternative is. He asked if the 30 slips are better
50 than the alternative of each lot having their own slip.

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52 Mr. Jensen discussed the approved project and the original proposal.

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54 Ms. Alice Michalak, 7837 Woodland Circle, asked if the Council had seen the final plan for the pier
55 and asked if there any restrictions in the town for piers. She stated that she feels that the town should
56 review the pier due to the substantial changes.

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58 The Town Attorney discussed waterfront development in the town and stated that the final authority
59 for any pier lies with the Board of Public Works.

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61 Mr. Mike Burlbaugh, Vice President of Elm Street Development addressed the Council regarding the
62 approval process and the environmental aspects for Easton Village. Mr. Burlbaugh discussed the
63 necessity for the configuration of the pier and the changes to the shoreline. He stated that most lots at
64 Easton Village are buffered from the water by 300’ and in very few instances 100’ with the only access
65 to the water this community pier. Mr. Burlbaugh stated that the footbridge is still in the plan with a

1 bond posted to the town for its construction. He stated that the average size of the boat the pier will
2 accommodate will be 25' to 30'. Mr. Burlbaugh stated that 50 trees will be removed. He stated that
3 trees will be replaced at more than a 2 to 1 ratio.
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5 It was the consensus of the Council to not withdraw the support recently conveyed to the Board of
6 Public Works for the pier at Easton Village.
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8 Ms. Jackson-Amis discussed whether the pier's configuration is a substantial change and would require
9 additional review by the Council.
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11 **ITEMS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL**

12 Mr. Wendowski stated that the Comprehensive Plan Survey was well done.
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14 Mr. Ford stated that Mr. Thomas is looking into PACE at Salisbury University helping with the survey.
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17 **CLOSED SESSION**

18 At 8:38 p.m., upon motion by Mr. Jensen seconded by Mr. Wendowski and carried, President Ford
19 convened into Closed Session.
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22 **ADJOURNMENT**

23 Upon motion by Mr. Jensen seconded by Mr. Wendowski and carried unanimously; President Ford
24 adjourned the regularly scheduled meeting at 9:29 p.m.
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28 Kathy M. Ruf, Town Clerk