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2 **TOWN OF EASTON, MARYLAND**
3 **Easton Town Hall**
4 **14 S. Harrison Street**

5 December 16, 2013

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7 **PRESENT AT CONVENING**
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9 Mayor Robert C. Willey
10 Council President John Ford
11 Councilmember Megan M. Cook
12 Councilmember Kelley K. Malone
13 Councilmember Pete Leshner
14 Councilmember Leonard E. Wendowski, Sr.

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16 Also present was Town Manager Mr. Robert Karge, Town Attorney Mrs. Sharon VanEmburch, and Town Clerk
17 Mrs. Kathy Ruf.

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19 **OPENING REMARKS BY MR. WENDOWSKI AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**
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21 Mr. Wendowski led those present in opening remarks and the Pledge of Allegiance.

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23 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 2, 2013 MEETING.**
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25 Upon motion by Mr. Leshner seconded by Ms. Malone and carried unanimously, minutes of the December 2, 2013
26 meeting were approved as written.

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28 **ITEMS BY MAYOR WILLEY.**
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30 Mayor Willey reminded those present that there is a scheduled workshop regarding the trees at Mistletoe Hall
31 Farm on January 13, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

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33 Mayor Willey stated that the Economic Development Corporation will update the Council on their projected future
34 during the January 21 meeting.

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36 **CONSIDERATION OF MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.**
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38 Upon motion by Mr. Wendowski seconded by Mr. Leshner and carried unanimously, Mr. Gary Molchan's
39 reappointment on the Board of Zoning Appeals was approved for an additional three year term.

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41 Upon motion by Ms. Malone seconded by Mr. Leshner and carried 3-2, Mr. Ray Grodecki's appointment to the
42 Board of Zoning Appeals for special waiver hearing requests was approved for a three-year term with Mr.
43 Wendowski and Mrs. Cook voting no.

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45 **LETTER FROM EASTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. ASKING APPROVAL OF THE**
46 **RE-ELECTION OF MORRIS (SONNY) E. JONES TO THE OFFICE OF CHIEF FOR THE YEAR 2014.**
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48 Upon motion by Mr. Leshner, seconded by Ms. Malone and carried unanimously, Chief Sonny Jones re-election to
49 the office of Chief for the Easton Volunteer Fire Department was approved for 2014.

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51 Mayor Willey wished everyone a happy holiday. He thanked everyone for their help during the last year.

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53 Mr. Wendowski reminded those present of a scheduled meeting January 13 with FAA representatives. He stated
54 that Mr. Michael L. Henry, Manager Easton Airport stated that a representative may not be able to make that
55 meeting and the meeting may need to be re-scheduled to accommodate the representative.

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57 **SAVE THE TREE CLUB PRESENT TO ADDRESS COUNCIL.**
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59 Anna Virginia Leshner, Sophie Elizabeth Light, Benjamin Landy Cook, Charlotte Anna Cook; representatives from
60 Fourth Grade Save the Trees Club, Easton Elementary addressed the council regarding the trees at Mistletoe Hall
61 Farm. They stated that the trees make more oxygen so the community can breathe fresh air. They asked the
62 council not to cut down the 359 trees.

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64 **ITEMS BY THE TOWN MANAGER.**
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66 Mr. Karge reviewed the holiday trash schedule.
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68 Mr. Karge stated that he has recently met with Ms. Patti Willis, Shore Health System. Ms. Willis advised that some
69 medical offices may consolidate onto Idlewild Avenue but she wanted to reinforce to the town the hospital's
70 dedication to build the new medical facility.

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72 Mr. Karge stated that there would be no Park Board meeting December 23 and no meeting in January.

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74 Mr. Karge wished everyone Happy Holidays from the Town staff.

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76 **ITEMS BY THE TOWN ATTORNEY.**

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78 Ms. VanEmburch wished everyone a Happy Holiday. She stated that she will give Ethics Ordinance requirements
79 after the new year.

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81 **MATTHEW E. BIRKELIEN, PARTNER; CLIFTON GUNDERSON LLP TO PRESENT TOWN OF**
82 **EASTON AUDIT.**

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84 Mr. Birkelien thanked the Town's management for cooperation during the audit.

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86 Mr. Birkelien briefed on the results of the town's audit and the issuance of an unqualified opinion.

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88 **MR. JORDAN LLOYD TO DISCUSS 2013 CHRISTMAS PARADE.**

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90 Mrs. Cook stated that there were fabulous reviews regarding parade.

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92 President Ford stated that Mr. Lloyd will reschedule to update on the parade.

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94 **LETTER FROM MR. JOHN ATWOOD, CHAIRMAN EASTON PLANNING AND ZONING**
95 **COMMISSION REGARDING PUD APPLICATION FOR HARRIS TEETER GROCERY STORE.**

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97 President Ford stated that this application is for Waterside Village behind Target.

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99 President Ford set the public hearing for the PUD application for Harris Teeter for Tuesday, February 18 at 7:15
00 p.m.

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02 **RESOLUTION NO. 6022 AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF THE LEASE AND SUBLEASE OF THE**
03 **TRAIN STATION TO HISTORIC EASTON/CHESAPEAKE WILDLIFE HERITAGE.**

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05 Upon motion by Mr. Leshar seconded by Mrs. Cook and carried unanimously, Resolution No. 6022 was approved
06 following a roll call vote.

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08 **REVIEW OF INVOICES TOTALING \$606,557.32.**

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10 Upon motion by Mr. Leshar seconded by Mrs. Cook and carried unanimously, invoices totaling \$606,557.32 were
11 approved.

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13 **ITEMS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL.**

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15 Mrs. Cook thanked Easton Utilities for bringing Rudolph back to town.

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17 President Ford asked the community to stay safe and healthy.

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19 **ADJOURN.**

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21 At 7:49 p.m., upon motion by Mr. Leshar, seconded by Ms. Malone and carried unanimously, President Ford adjourned
22 the regularly scheduled meeting.

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26 Kathy M. Ruf, Town Clerk
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