



*The Jewel of the Chesapeake Bay*  
**North Beach, Maryland**

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Minutes from the February 10, 2022  
Town Council Meeting  
7:00 pm

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| X _____ Mayor Benton  | X _____ Joanne Hunt     | _____ Rick Crump      |
| X _____ Mr. Dotson    | X _____ Stacy Milor     | X _____ Donnie Bowen  |
| X _____ Mr. Hummel    | X _____ Dawn Richardson | X _____ Lt. Hollinger |
| X _____ Ms. Kabler    | X _____ Ms. Lawton      | _____ Lisa Garrett    |
| X _____ Mr. Tronccone | X _____ Elissa Levan    |                       |
| X _____ Mr. Wilcox    |                         |                       |

This meeting of the Town Council will proceed virtually, as permitted under the Maryland Open Meetings Act.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES**

Minutes from the January 13, 2022, Town Council Meeting. **MOTION** was made by Mickey Hummel to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by Gregg Dotson. All in favor. **Motion carries.**

**SCHEDULED APPOINTMENTS**

A. Debra Noyes – North Beach House and Garden Club – Mrs. Noyes was in attendance to request funding for the Yard of Month Club tiles for the next 5 years. The Town supported the purchase of these tiles 5 years ago. **MOTION** made by Gregg Dotson to support the expenditure of \$445.20 for the House and Garden Club – Yard of the month tiles for the next 5 years. Seconded by Mickey Hummel. All in favor. **Motion carries.**

**REPORTS FROM ALL DEPARTMENTS**

Departments which were in attendance gave a summary for the month. All Department reports are in Board Docs <https://go.boarddocs.com/md/nbeach/Board.nsf/Public>. If anyone has a question from any report, please contact the Department directly.

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTONS**

A. Ordinance 22-01 – Amended by the Interlineation After Introduction; An Ordinance Repealing Article 3 of The Town Zoning Ordinance and Enacting Chapter 117, "Zoning "of the Code of The Town of North Beach, Including Article 3, "Zoning Districts". This Ordinance was introduced by Mayor Benton. The Ordinance will be placed on the March 10, 2022, Town Council Meeting Agenda for a vote.



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## **BUSINESS ITEMS**

B. Update on the October Nor'easter Storm. Donnie Bowen, Public Works Director, gave an overview of the work completed to date to rectify damage from the storm. The Contractor has finished the boardwalk and railing repairs. The Town will notify the public on February 15, 2022, regarding the opening of the boardwalk. The work will continue on the flowerbeds.

**Report from the Mayor:** On Thursday, February 17, 2022, the Town will conduct a work session on the American Rescue Plan Act.

Reports from the Council:

**Mickey Hummel:** Thanked everyone for attending tonight.

**Paul Troncone:** Thanked everyone for attending. Have a good night.

**Lauren Kabler:** I'd like to report out on four flood related items.

1. First, an update on grants:
  - a. Three grant applications requesting \$2 million to help combat flood and stormwater issues were submitted to the Maryland Dept., of the Environment on January 31<sup>st</sup>. We expect to hear back before June 1<sup>st</sup>. Fingers crossed.
  - b. The grants seek funding for three critical infrastructure improvements: building a new pump station at 7th and Atlantic, upgrading the 9th St. pump station, and enhancing the rock seawall along Atlantic Ave and a portion of the boardwalk.
  - c. Shout out to Dawn, Jo and Donnie and the flood committee. Very heavy lift.
2. Second, an update on the flood action plan RFP.
  - a. The RFP was issued on January 31<sup>st</sup>. There is a mandatory pre-bid meeting scheduled for Valentine's Day and bids are due on March 16<sup>th</sup>.
  - b. I would like to note that we (Stacy, Donnie, me) made a lot changes to this RFP to kind of bring it into the 21<sup>st</sup> century – like the pre-bid meeting will be done via Zoom vs. in person, a drop box is set up for submissions, the RFP was posted to sites other than the Town website to include the Maryland Municipal League's RFP website to ensure broad distribution, etc....So anyone working on RFPs for the Town may want to consider using this RFP as a model.
3. Third, we have done a little reset of the flood committee, as follows:
  - a. The Official titles stay the same (DB – SFMAC Chair, DD – SFMAC Secretary, LK – SFMAC Council Liaison).



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- b. But in addition to these official titles/roles each committee member will serve as a subject matter expert or SME for one of six core areas. The purpose is to ensure that each committee member is provided the structure and the opportunity to fully engage in committee matters. The SMEs are identified on the flood committee page and the six core areas are:
  - i. Engineering/Technical (design, review flood mitigation measures from pumps to berms and jetties, to green infrastructure measures. Also, help with mapping).
  - ii. Grants (research, identify promising grants and help Town Treasurer complete applications for grants – this person would work closely with/help Joann).
  - iii. Bids and Contracts (review, draft, edit RFPs, SOWs, contracts; respond to bidder questions – this person would also work closely with/help Stacy).
  - iv. Flood Response/Recovery (be available to help DPW during flood events).
  - v. Education, Outreach and Training (Education/Outreach plan implementation; identify, communicate, set up flood training for SFMAC and/or Town residents to include identifying opportunities to host trainings being delivered by State and Federal entities).
  - vi. Messaging/Marketing (review, draft, edit flood-related communications – this person would also work closely with/help Dawn).
4. Fourth, development of frequently asked questions or FAQs.
  - a. The Flood Committee has been working hard on a FAQs document over the last several weeks. The FAQs focus on the status of the Committee's many projects, and what people would likely ask about how those projects affect them. The intended audience are North Beach residents. The FAQs will be distributed via Town text and posted to the Committee's page.

**Ken Wilcox:** Thanked everyone for attending. I am involved in a task with Stacy, Elizabeth and Ellisa to update the Town Charter. The 1<sup>st</sup> Chapter we will tackle is the Election Code. Councilmembers and residents will receive updated language for review soon.

**Elizabeth Lawton:** Thanked everyone for attending tonight. The Environmental Committee EC recently met, and three new members were brought onto the Committee. Each committee member will have their own sets of tasks. The EC is working on a few new initiatives, which will be shared with the Council soon. The newly founded Health Committee was formed by a Resolution in January 2022. Currently the committee is working on a mission statement, assisting with the Health Fair in Chesapeake Beach in May. The



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committee will also be involved with the Walkability Committee in Chesapeake Beach. The committee's goal is to conduct their meetings every two months.

**Gregg Dotson:** Thanked everyone for attending this evening. I would like to ensure the Town receives community input for the ARP Monies and the meeting being conducted. Councilman Dotson inquired as to why the water in small pond is low and mentioned the back corner of Sunrise Garden is dark and the light is out. Donnie Bowen informed the Mayor and Council; he is working with Garner to receive an estimate to troubleshoot the ponds.

Meeting closed at 7:54 p.m. with a **MOTION** made by Mickey Hummel to close the meeting. Seconded by Paul Tronccone. **All in favor.**

Submitted:

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*Mike Benton*  
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Mike Benton, Mayor

DocuSigned by:  
*Stacy Milor*  
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Stacy W. Milor, Town Clerk