



## Town of North Beach Mayor and Town Council Special Town Council Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Thursday, November 9, 2023

**Location:** North Beach Town Hall

**Begin:** 7:00 PM

**Adjourn:** 8:03 PM

**Mayor and Council Attendee via ZOOM:**

Mike Benton, Mayor  
Gregg Dotson, Councilmember via ZOOM  
Mary Healey, Councilmember  
Mickey Hummel, Councilmember  
Lauren Kabler, Councilmember  
Paul Troncone, Councilmember

**Staff:**

Dawn Richardson, Marketing  
Joanne Hunt – Town Treasurer  
Donnie Bowen – Public Works Director  
Phil Ashworth – Waterfront Manager

**Agenda**

- Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance
- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Minutes
- Proclamations
- Staff Reports
- Public Comment
- Business Items
- Ordinances and Resolutions
- Mayors Report
- Town Council Member Reports
- Adjournment

**Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**

- The November 9, 2023, Town Council Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mike Benton, Mayor. The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.

**Approval of Agenda and Minutes**

- Agenda Approval - **MOTION** made by Councilmember Hummel to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Councilmember Troncone. All in favor.  
**Motion carries.**

**Meeting Minutes**

- Minutes from the October 12, 2023, Town Council Meeting **MOTION** was made by Councilmember Dotson to approve the minutes as submitted. Seconded by Councilmember Hummel. Abstention: Councilmember Wilcox **Motion passes.**
- Minutes from November 2, 2023, Work Session. **MOTION** was made by Councilmember Hummel to approve the minutes as submitted. Seconded by Councilmember Dotson. All in favor. **Motion carries.**

**Recognitions and Proclamations**

- Mayor Benton recognized the winners of the Halloween Decorating Contest.
- Mayor Benton read a proclamation recognizing George W. Owings, III for his service to the State of Maryland.

**Staff Reports**

All staff reports are located on the Town website under Board Docs <https://go.boarddocs.com/md/nbeach/Board.nsf/Public>. If there are any questions regarding any report, please contact the Department Head.

**Business Items**

**Public Comment**

The following residents were in attendance and voiced their concerns over the increase to the water and sewer rates:

- Donna and George Payne, 4013 10<sup>th</sup> Street
- Charles Smylie - 4114 1<sup>st</sup> Street
- Molly Larsen, 8819 Greenwood Avenue
- Abigail Goldsmith - 3933 2<sup>nd</sup> Street
- Leann Deans - 3920 4<sup>th</sup> Street
- Linda Wiley - 9133 Frederick Avenue
- Ophelia Gray - 3937 Sea Bream Court
- Patricia Eleazer - 3917 4<sup>th</sup> Street
- Lawan Sweetenberg - 8810 Dayton Avenue
- Pamela Pelham - 9214 Atlantic Avenue

Mayor Benton stated all residents who commented tonight would be sent an email with an explanation for the waterbill. The emails are incorporated into these minutes.

**Mayor and Council Reports**

- Lauren Kabler: It was nice to see more people at the meetings. It would be good to have more residents during budget time. Comments can be submitted in writing.

- Mary Healey: Thanked everyone for coming up and giving their opinions. Happy Thanksgiving and hope we see everyone at more meetings.
- Mickey Hummel: Thanked everyone for coming out. He appreciates all the comments tonight. The Boo-Bash was a good time and I love judging.
- Paul Tronccone: Thank you for coming out tonight.
- Gregg Dotson - Thanked everyone for coming out and I had a good time being a judge at Boo Bash and I am looking forward to the event next year. Happy Thanksgiving.
- Ken Wilcox - Had a great time at the Hound of Town and Boo Bash. I estimated the number of humans at approximately 200 people at both events. Happy Thanksgiving.

**Adjournment**

- **A MOTION** was made by Councilmember Hummel to close the meeting at 8:50 p.m. Seconded by Councilmember Kebler. All in favor. **Meeting closes.**

Respectfully submitted:

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*Stacy Milor*  
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Stacy Milor, Town Clerk (from review of  
ZOOM recording)

DocuSigned by:  
*Mike Benton*  
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Mike Benton, Mayor