

St. Michaels Planning Commission
St. Michaels Town Office
300 Mill Street

Remote Workshop
September 22, 2020 - 2:00 P.M.

Present: Planning Commission Chairman Jefferson Knapp and members Helen Herman, Paulette Florio, Chris Thomas and Carol Parlett, Zoning Officer Kymberly Kudla, Police Chief Anthony Smith, and Meeting Coordinator Kimberly Weller.

I. Call to Order:

Chairman Knapp called the remote workshop to order at 2:00 p.m. in St. Michaels, Maryland.

II. Approval of Minutes

- September 8, 2020

Chairman Knapp said the members would have the minutes from September 8, 2020 for review at their next meeting.

III. Discussion Items

- Curbs, truck traffic, speed limits – Comments from Police Chief Anthony Smith

Chief Smith said his officers had been doing an assessment of parking issues around Town and, in addition to 704 S. Talbot, there were areas which needed painting or re-painting of yellow curbs. The Chief said he would compile a needs list and provide it to Public Works. Regarding truck traffic, the Chief said his officers had monitored truck traffic on streets other than Seymour and Meadow. Chief Smith said truck deliveries to other locations did not use the side streets that frequently, and he did not think the problem warranted an ordinance. The members and Chief Smith discussed whether signage, geo-mapping designating a “truck route” and possibly prohibiting trucks from using New Lane, might help alleviate the problem. There was agreement that the issue would need further study and discussion. On the issue of a lower speed limit on Brooks Lane and in the town in general, it was determined that an engineered study was necessary.

- Parking Plan Update – Member Helen Herman

Member Helen Herman said she had made some changes to the design of the parking signage based on comments from the Commissioners and on the mock-up provided by Jeff Richardson. Member Herman said that the blue color for the parking “P” needed to be a lighter and brighter blue. The members agreed and said they approved of the P inside a circle as a parking signifier, but it should be larger. Member Herman recommended more consistency for all the parking signs in town. Chairman Knapp said he had met with Public Works Director Jeff Richardson at the potential lots on Boundary and Mill to discuss upgrade details.

- Chapter 9 of the Comprehensive Plan (Parks and Trails) - Update

Chairman Knapp said that Commissioner Bibb and Town Manager Jean Weisman were researching who had maintenance responsibility for the trail, including the extension, but it was likely that the Town would have to accept responsibility.

- Lot coverage in the CC Zone

The members agreed that the lot coverage requirement for the Central Commercial Zone needed to be adjusted in the new version of the Code. Chairman Knapp agreed, and a text amendment would be necessary to make the change.

IV. Comments from the Commission

The members decided on Tuesday, October 6, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. for their next meeting.

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Minutes approved by 3-0 vote in favor on 6th day of October, 2020.

Jefferson Knapp, Chairman