

MINUTES



**Commissioners of
St Michaels
Meeting Minutes Special Session
Thursday, June 22, 2023, 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm
St. Michaels Branch of the Talbot Co. Library
106 S. Fremont Street
St. Michaels, MD 21663**

1. 4:30pm - Call to Order for a Special Session - Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Breimhurst, President, called to order a live and remote Special Session of the Commissioners of St. Michaels at 4:30 pm in St. Michaels, Maryland and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Also present at the meeting were Commissioners Joyce Harrod, Tad duPont, Katrina Whittington. Commissioner Mercier joined via Zoom. Other representatives include Town Administrator Rob Straebel, Town Clerk Vickie Sharp, and Customer Services Representative Kris Kakabar. Approximately 25 members of the public were present as well as remote attendees on Zoom.

2. Announcement of Closed Session

The Commissioners will meet in a closed session after adjournment of Open Session pursuant to Maryland Code, under the Open Meetings Act, General Provisions Article Section §3-305(b) to discuss the following: (1) To discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over who this public body has jurisdiction; any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals.

3. Comments from the Public

Many members of the public that attended the meeting voiced their approval of the Town of St. Michaels purchasing the Environmental Concern property located at 201 Boundary Lane. There are provisions in the contract, must have a clear title and any encumbrances on the property the deposit will be refunded to the Town. Other contingences will have an initial environmental assessment on the property.

4. Old Business

Discussion and approval for the purchase of the Environmental Concern Property, thanking the Slear's for their patience during this process.

Commissioner duPont stated that they expect the Town to totally utilize the Environmental Concern offices. Commissioner Harrod commented how beautiful the property is. Commissioner Whittington stated it would make a wonderful setting for a New Town Office and repurposing something that already exists. Commissioner Mercier stated let's move forward and backed the other Commissioners that this should be used as a Town Office.

Commissioner duPont motioned to accept the contract for the purchase of Environmental Concern. Commissioner Harrod seconded and was passed on roll call vote 5-0 in favor.

Commissioner Breimhurst stated that this is a wonderful addition to the town and one of the last largest pieces of waterfront property. The public will have input on what will be done with this

piece of property.

5. Comments from the Public

Sue Ann Raring commended Commissioner Breimhurst and everyone that helped with this process to make this purchase happen.

6. Comments from the Commissioners

7. Closed Session Statement

Commissioner Whittington motioned to go into closed session after open meeting is adjourned. Commissioner Harrod seconded and was passed on roll call 5-0 in favor.

The Commissioners voted to go into a Closed Session to be held after the Open Session on Wednesday, June 22, 2023 pursuant to Maryland Code, under the Open Meetings Act, General Provisions Article Section §3-305(b) to discuss the following: (1) To discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over who this public body has jurisdiction; any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals.

8. Adjournment of Open Session

At close of Open Session, COSM will convene into Closed Session

9. Adjournment of Closed Session

Public Participation: All comments from the public will be taken during the period set aside for "Comments from the Public." The "Comments from the Public" portion of the Commission agenda shall have a limited time period as determined by the Commissioners, and shall be at the beginning and at the end of each agenda. To be recognized, a member of the public should raise his or her hand and wait to be recognized by the President. Comments and questions should be kept brief and to the point, and be directed to the President.