



**VIRTUAL MEETING
AGENDA FOR THE TOWN MEETING**

July 27, 2020

7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

CALL TO ORDER

PERSONAL REQUESTS FOR AGENDA:

MVAA Request for Installation of Scoreboard at Remsberg Park

Scott Farrow – President

Ken Hofgesang – Treasurer

Jon Lobenstine – Facilities Director

Don Delauter – Assistant Facilities Director

CONSENT AGENDA

- Town Meeting Minutes
 - June 13, 2020 – Town Meeting¹

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Speed Sign Data Review
 - Tobias Run¹
 - South Jefferson Street¹
- Discussion of Speed Control Measures for Tobias Run⁵

NEW BUSINESS:

- Request for Glenbrook Residents for Additional Stop Sign on Glenbrook Drive at Hollow Creek Circle¹
- Bee City USA Resolution¹
- MML Statement on Racial Justice Endorsement¹

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PUBLIC COMMENTS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- *Please Complete Your Census Information*

ADJOURNMENT

Zoom Invitation Information:

Topic: Town Meeting - July 27th

Time: Jul 27, 2020 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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BURGESS AND COMMISSIONERS OF MIDDLETOWN MARYLAND

TOWN WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES VIRTUAL MEETING

REGULAR MEETING

July 13, 2020

The virtual regular meeting of the Burgess and Commissioners of Middletown was called to order on July 13, 2020, by Burgess Miller at 7:00 p.m. Present were: Commissioners Larry Bussard, Christopher Goodman, Jennifer Falcinelli, Jean LaPadula and Rick Dietrick.

PERSONAL REQUESTS FOR AGENDA: None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- **Proposal for Deferred Compensation Plan for Employees**
- **Financial Statements**
- **Town Meeting Minutes**
 - *June 22, 2020 – Town Meeting*
 - *July 2, 2020 – Town Workshop*

Motion by Commissioner Bussard to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Commissioner LaPadula. Motion carried 5-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Request for Stop-Sign on Tobias Run from Residents of Glenbrook – Residents of Tobias Run have asked for the placement of a 3-way stop sign within their neighborhood. The Town Administrator and the Director of Public Works do not think it is warranted. Town Board members met with neighborhood residents at 6:15pm this evening, just prior to the town meeting. Most of those speeding are residents of the neighborhood. The Town Board does not have an issue with placing a stop sign at the identified intersection, but also offered up other ideas to deter the speeding. This includes: painting “Slow Down” on Tobias Run just before playground, increase speed enforcement by the community deputies (no warnings, speeders should be ticketed.), installing speed humps, publishing educational information in the quarterly town newsletter, having the community deputies educate the children of the neighborhood about street safety, etc.

It was suggested that the Town spend a month gathering information regarding speeding in that neighborhood. Placing the speed sign there to gather data. Have the deputies step up their presence there and writing tickets for those speeding. The Director of Public Works is asked to contact the City of Frederick regarding their speed hump on Kline Avenue, and Ocean City regarding their speed hump along St. Louis Avenue. The Town Board will also review the Town policy for installing speed bumps on Town Streets. If residents of the neighborhood notice someone parking on the wrong side of Tobias Run, they are to notify the Town Office.

Ron Moss, 213 Broad Street, stated that the speed hump on Franklin Street does not slow people down. He has observed many drivers running over it at high rates of speed.

Cost Estimates for Enclosure Around Treatment of Well #22 - There has been an identified problem of natural manganese depositing on the pump, the drop pipe and the delivery pipe to the treatment plant. To address this a chlorine pellet feeder was installed which brings the manganese out of the solution and keeps it in the well. To protect the device the Town is looking at 2 possible security solutions. One is

purchasing a green fiberglass enclosure (6ft. x 5ft. x 5ft.) and placing it over the feeder at a cost of \$7500.00. The second solution is to build an 8ft. x 8ft. fence (with a gate) around the device at a cost of up to \$2000.00, to include landscaping.

Motion by Commissioner LaPadula to approve the installation of the privacy fence around the pellet feeder at a cost of up to \$2000.00. Seconded by Commissioner Falcinelli. Motion carried (5-0).

Ordinance 20-07-01 – Text Amendments for Accessory Structures and Parking Requirements – For accessory structures, the town attorney put the proposed changes into the correct ordinance format.

Accessory structures will have a maximum height of 16 feet. There is a change in cumulative square feet for accessory structures based on zoning district. It is now 10% of the rear yard not to exceed 1,000 square feet in R-20, R-1, R-2 and R-3 zoning districts. Keeping the cumulative square footage in the R-20 district will deter the construction of large accessory structures in that district. Since the average square footage for a standard two car garage is 676 square-feet, it was suggested that the cumulative square footage for R-2 and R-3 be increased to 700 square-feet.

Motion by Commissioner LaPadula to approve Ordinance 20-07-01 as presented with the additional change of increasing the cumulative square footage of accessory structures to 700 square feet in R-2 and R-3 districts to accommodate a standard 2 car garage. Seconded by Commissioner Falcinelli. Motion carried (5-0).

Review of Recommendations from the Planning Committee on Building Height Restrictions – The Planning Commission reviewed the Town Code and recommended deleting any references to “stories allowed” and limits buildings in all districts a maximum height of 35 feet. Commissioner LaPadula suggested that changes be made to increase this to 36 feet in all areas so the need for variances from the Board of Appeals is decreased. The Town Attorney needs to place these recommendations in the appropriate format for a text amendment. This will be completed before the September workshop.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

WATER & SEWER – Commissioner Falcinelli reported:

over 300 cubic yards of concrete have been poured at the water reservoir, and that the waterline has been installed from the booster station, through the AC Jets property, to the water reservoir. The contractor plans on having this project completed in 6 months. There is no problem with the larger reservoir being off-line. The Fire Chief and Central Alarm were both notified when that occurred. Frederick County is in the yellow phase for water usage. The Main Street waterline is 100% complete. There is a Water Sewer Standing Committee Meeting via Zoom on July 22nd.

PUBLIC WORKS – Commissioner Bussard reported:

The mill and overlay for Jefferson Village is completed. Broad Street Streetscape planning is 95% complete. Staff review of Franklin Street is complete. Commissioner Bussard has been contacted by several residents concerning how bright the new streetlights are on Main Street. The Town Board may have to look at that issue. Public works crews are busy with their standard summer maintenance.

SUSTAINABILITY – Commissioner Dietrick reported:

The committee met virtually in both May and June. DNR is giving 50-75 trees to plant in the Fall. The Staff Planner is working to place a Town tree trail on the website. Trees are being identified and tagged. The 2020 Comprehensive Plan will have a new section titled Sustainability which will include composting for restaurants, a dark sky policy, streetlight conversion to LEDs and pollinator paths through Town. The next meeting is July 21st via Zoom.

PLANNING COMMISSION – Commissioner LaPadula reported:

The virtual Planning Commission workshop will be held July 15th. Items include incorporating changes into the Annual Report 2019 Annual Report and Review of Chapter Three of the 2020 Comp Plan. Chapters 1 and 3 will be on the Town Board agenda in August.

PARKS AND REC. COMMITTEE – Commissioner Goodman reported:

The committee recommends that the Town looks at the leash law currently in place and amending it so that all dogs must be on leashes when out in public. If people are renting the pavilion at Memorial Park

or Wiles Branch Park, they need to be following CDC and state guidelines regarding Covid-19 (6ft. social distancing and wearing masks etc.). The Town Administrator will add a statement to the current pavilion rental form and send it to the Town Board members to review. There is a grant that the Town can apply for that would promote businesses and activities in the downtown area. The deadline for this grant is August 10th. Commissioner Goodman will have pictures and costs after Wednesday for this. He was asked to send the information to the Main Street Manager to review as Main Street pursues ideas and planning to bring visitors and residents to the downtown area.

PUBLIC INFORMATION – Commissioner Falcinelli reported:

The committee has been reviewing options for video streaming of meetings. With the projected use of Zoom for meetings for the next few months, Commissioner Falcinelli recommended postponing entering into a contract with Boxcast until the Town gets closer to having in-person meetings. Residents are encouraged to sign up though Citizens Connect to stay informed on things happening within Middletown. Residents are also encouraged to register for Alert Frederick County to receive emergency notifications that affect Middletown. That can also be done through Citizen Connect. The Town website contains a wealth of information. Citizens are recommended to check it out.

NEW BUSINESS:

Review of Covid-19 Protocols for Town Staff – Two town employees have tested positive for Covid-19. Burgess Miller stated it was only a matter of time before this occurred. Burgess Miller, Commissioner Falcinelli and Drew have been reviewing CDC and Frederick County guidelines concerning exposure protocols and returning to work. Commissioner Falcinelli has combined all the pertinent protocols into one set of draft protocols for town employees to follow. She reviewed these draft protocols. The Town Board was asked to review the policy and provide any recommendations to Commissioner Falcinelli. Commissioner Falcinelli reviewed this policy with all towns employees via a zoom meeting. The Town hall has been disinfected. Sneeze guards have been erected in the receptionist area and the office manager’s work area as they tend to have the most contact with the public. Town crews have returned to split crews shifts as was previously utilized when the Covid-19 state of emergency was enacted. Office staff is currently telecommuting when possible. The Director of Public is reviewing ways to increase airflow and cleaning the air in town hall.

Commissioner LaPadula motioned to approve the Covid-19 Protocols for staff as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Goodman. Motion carried (5-0).

Discussion of Celebration Event at the Completion of the Streetscape Project – Tabled until a date is determined in the future.

Discussion of Playground Equipment for Heritage Park – See report on Parks and Recreation Standing Committee above.

Discussion of Speed Regulation Policy – The policy already exists regarding speed bumps within Town limits. It was suggested to further develop the policy to include a formalized strategy to reduce speeding on Town streets. If anyone has ideas or suggestions, please contact the Town Hall. Commissioner Bussard asked about moving the speed sign to South Jefferson Street. It will be moved this week. Deputies have stepped up their patrol of that neighborhood. The data from North Church Street is coming. That information will be available next week.

Kevin Dunlap, 337 South Jefferson Street, stated he has seen deputies on his street once. The deputies will be asked to increase their patrols there even more. If there are nonregistered motor bikes, or loud music playing in the area, residents can contact town hall and deputies will be notified. If it is after hours, residents can call the non-emergency number for the Sheriff’s Department. Commissioner LaPadula suggested posted this information in the town newsletter. It was suggested to place speed limit signs from Route 17 north on South Jefferson Street. The first speed limit sign one sees when heading north on South Jefferson from Route 17 is ¼ of a mile up South Jefferson Street. Commissioner Goodman suggested stenciling “25 MPH Speed Limit” on South Jefferson Street as one heads north up the hill where there are no houses.

The use of jake brakes within town limits was asked. Drew will look through town minutes to see where it is stated for use within town limits is prohibited. Oakland, MD has a “No Jake Breaking” sign . It was asked if someone could get a picture of it.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

2020 Scarecrow Contest – The Middletown Arts and Activities Council would like to hold a modified version of the scarecrow contest this year. Participants would register on-line and then pick up their kit at a determined date and time. There would also be a dedicated drop-off time. Voting would take place on-line as well. Details are being worked out.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- *Please Complete Your Census Information* – Residents will now have to mail in their information.
- *Virtual Vintage Vehicles in the Valley* – July 5, 2020. Congratulations to Jim Hoover on a successful Virtual event. The video is up on the Main Street website and Facebook page.

Meeting adjourned at 8:36 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Annette Alberghini,
Office Manager

Average Vehicle Count

Technician Name: administrator

Location: South Jefferson Street

Report Period: 7/16/2020 to 7/21/2020

Address: 300 South Jefferson Street, Middletown, MD, USA,

Total Vehicle Count: 1,395

Speed Limit: 25



Hour	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Average Weekday	Average Weekend	Average Week	Average Speed	85% Speed
00-01	1	0	n/a	n/a	0	1	1	0	1	1	19	22
01-02	1	0	n/a	n/a	0	1	1	0	1	1	16	21
02-03	0	1	n/a	n/a	2	2	1	1	2	1	13	22
03-04	0	0	n/a	n/a	2	0	0	1	0	0	20	22
04-05	1	2	n/a	n/a	1	0	0	1	0	1	28	31
05-06	0	3	n/a	n/a	4	2	2	2	2	2	18	24
06-07	3	^H 18	n/a	n/a	9	3	1	10	2	7	18	30
07-08	8	5	n/a	20	12	7	4	11	6	9	16	30
08-09	5	9	n/a	93	11	4	7	30	6	22	18	34
09-10	4	5	n/a	99	4	11	11	28	11	22	19	33
10-11	4	13	n/a	^H 123	10	8	7	38	8	28	19	32
11-12	4	10	n/a	118	14	^H 12	5	37	9	27	20	32
12-13	7	5	n/a	94	12	11	8	30	10	23	16	32
13-14	9	9	n/a	110	^H 20	10	8	37	9	28	16	30
14-15	13	16	n/a	12	7	9	7	12	8	11	16	25
15-16	^H 21	4	n/a	13	19	6	5	14	6	11	17	25
16-17	13	n/a	n/a	12	14	^H 12	3	13	8	11	14	22
17-18	13	n/a	n/a	15	19	2	^H 15	16	9	13	14	23
18-19	8	n/a	n/a	8	7	8	5	8	7	7	16	22
19-20	9	n/a	n/a	6	11	0	4	9	2	6	15	22
20-21	7	n/a	n/a	10	7	2	7	8	5	7	13	19
21-22	1	n/a	n/a	4	8	5	2	4	4	4	13	21
22-23	0	n/a	n/a	1	2	2	1	1	2	1	15	17
23-24	2	n/a	n/a	2	1	2	0	2	1	1	13	14
TOTAL:	134	100	0	740	196	120	105	313	119	244	17	25

Statistics Summary Report

Technician Name: administrator

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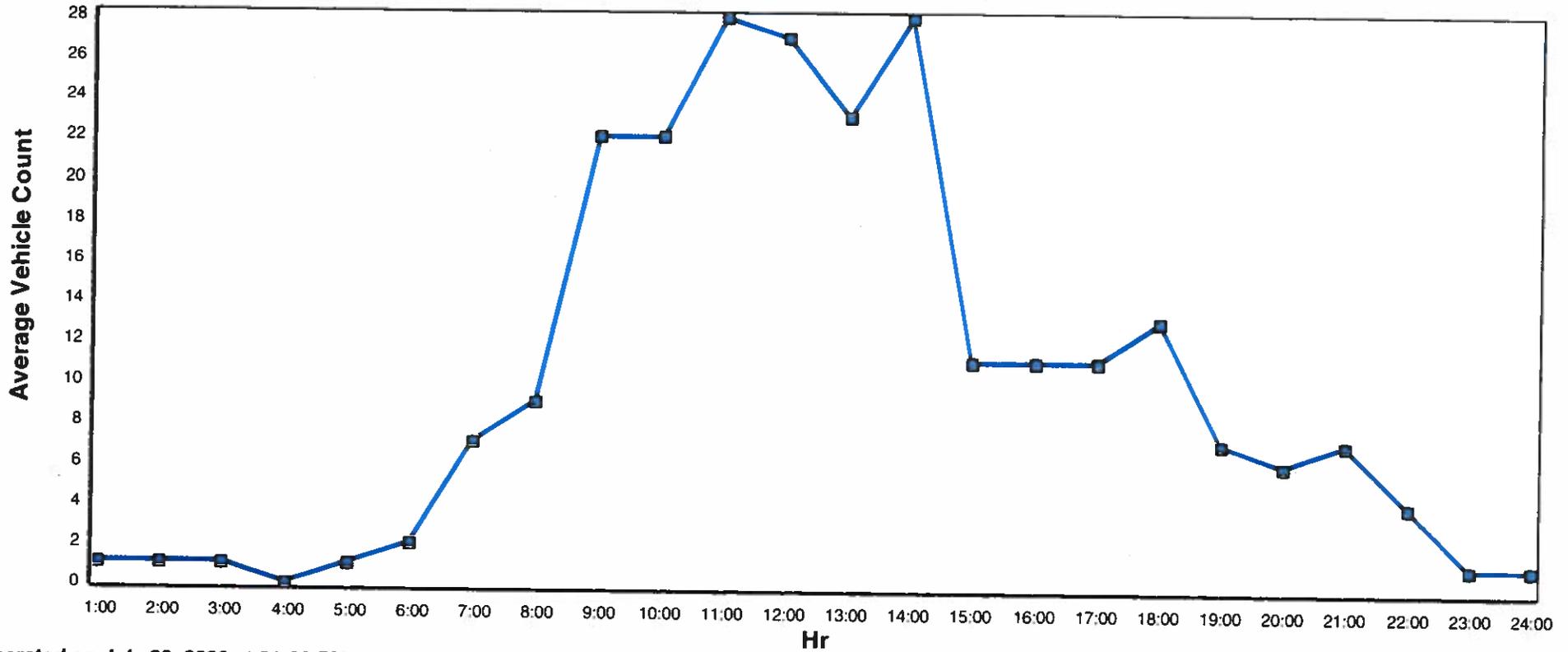


Hour	Total Vehicles	Average Vehicles	Total Violations	% Violations	Min. Speed	Max. Speed	Avg. Speed	85% Speed
00-01	3	1	0	0 %	12	22	19	22
01-02	3	1	0	0 %	8	21	16	21
02-03	6	1	1	17 %	3	26	13	22
03-04	2	0	0	0 %	18	22	20	22
04-05	4	1	3	75 %	12	32	28	31
05-06	11	2	1	9 %	7	32	18	24
06-07	34	7	6	18 %	5	37	18	30
07-08	56	9	12	21 %	3	39	16	30
08-09	129	22	55	43 %	3	40	18	34
09-10	134	22	59	44 %	3	43	19	33
10-11	165	28	68	41 %	3	45	19	32
11-12	163	27	68	42 %	3	40	20	32
12-13	137	23	63	46 %	3	40	16	32
13-14	166	28	51	31 %	3	43	16	30
14-15	64	11	7	11 %	4	32	16	25
15-16	68	11	9	13 %	4	34	17	25
16-17	54	11	5	9 %	3	35	14	22
17-18	64	13	7	11 %	3	36	14	23
18-19	36	7	1	3 %	3	29	16	22
19-20	30	6	1	3 %	3	26	15	22
20-21	33	7	1	3 %	3	30	13	19
21-22	20	4	1	5 %	4	29	13	21
22-23	6	1	0	0 %	9	21	15	17
23-24	7	1	0	0 %	6	20	13	14
	1,395	244	419	19 %	5	32	17	25



Average Vehicle Count Hourly Values

South Jefferson Street (300 South Jefferson Street, Middletown, MD, USA, 21769)
6/29/2020 to 7/27/2020



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Traffic Speed Mitigation Policy

1. Intensify police presence in the identified area and issue tickets-not warnings-so as to make the statement we are serious about speed on this street. (2weeks)
2. Place the speed identification cameras on the street gathering speed data for both directions of travel. (2 weeks)
3. Recommendation from Town engineer on national standards for stop signs, speed bumps, pedestrian crosswalks and any other traffic calming strategies under consideration. (1week)
4. Analysis of speed data so as to determine necessity of speed limit change, use of traffic calming strategies, or other actions of a more permanent nature. (1 week)
5. At a regularly scheduled Town meeting receive public input from the residents of street in question.
6. Decision on the issue after receiving input from residents. (At town meeting)
7. Inform residents of issue by letter/email and social media.
8. Re-evaluation of the targeted area after 6 months and again at the 1 year anniversary of the implementation of the decision. Determine if any other action is required. (6 months and again at 1 year from decision date)



RESOLUTION NO. 20-05

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE MIDDLETOWN SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDATION TO DESIGNATE
THE TOWN OF MIDDLETOWN AS A BEE CITY USA® AFFILIATE**

WHEREAS, the mission of *BEE CITY USA* (an initiative of the Xerces Society) is to galvanize communities to sustain pollinators, responsible for the reproduction of almost 90% of the world's flowering plant species, by providing them with healthy habitat, rich in a variety of native plants and free to nearly free of pesticides; and

WHEREAS, thanks to the more than 3,600 species of native bees in the United States, along with introduced honey bees, we have very diverse dietary choices rich in fruits, nuts, and vegetables; and

WHEREAS, bees and other pollinators have experienced population declines due to a combination of habitat loss, poor nutrition, pesticides (including insecticides, fungicides, and herbicides), parasites, diseases, and climate change; and

WHEREAS, pollinator-friendly communities can benefit local and regional economies through healthier ecosystems, increased vegetable and fruit crop yields, and increased demand for pollinator-friendly plant materials from local growers; and

WHEREAS, ideal pollinator-friendly habitat (A) is comprised of mostly native wildflowers, grasses, vines, shrubs, and trees blooming in succession throughout the growing season to provide diverse and abundant nectar and pollen, since many wild pollinators prefer or depend on the native plants with which they co-adapted; (B) is free to nearly free of pesticides, as many pesticides can harm pollinators and/or their habitat; (C) comprises undisturbed spaces (leaf and brush piles, unmown fields or field margins, fallen trees and other dead wood) for nesting and overwintering; and (D) provides connectivity between habitat areas to support pollinator movement and resilience; and

WHEREAS, Integrated Pest Management (IPM) is a long-term approach to maintaining healthy landscapes and facilities that minimizes risks to people and the environment by: identifying and removing the causes of pest problems rather than only attacking the symptoms (the pests); employing pests' natural enemies along with cultural, mechanical, and physical controls when prevention is not enough; and using pesticides only when no other method is feasible or effective; and

WHEREAS, supporting pollinators fosters broad-based community engagement in environmental awareness and sustainability; and

WHEREAS, Town of Middletown should be certified a *BEE CITY USA* community because the Burgess and Commissioners have recognized the importance of pollinators to the well-being of all in its Resolution 17-07 (November 13, 2017) which commits to:

- ❑ following best IPM practices;
- ❑ educating the broader community about these actions and stress their importance;
- ❑ urging all businesses, homeowners, and homeowner associations to avoid the purchase and application of pesticides and other products hazardous or lethal to pollinators;
- ❑ discouraging the unnecessary cosmetic use of hazardous lawn and garden chemicals and instead encourage and support IPM Practices for control, including appropriate plant selection and maintenance;
- ❑ reviewing the Town's mowing practices in order to raise grass to the IPM recommended 2.25 to 4" height in areas used for recreational purposes and raise grass to the legal 8" height in appropriate non-recreational areas;
- ❑ managing Town properties effectively by adding fewer exotic non-native plants and installing more native perennial plants; identifying and dedicating potentially pollinator-friendly areas, continuing creating habitat by replacing unnecessary turf grass with trees, shrubs, sub-shrubs and herbaceous plants known to shelter pollinators; and leaving some areas with brush piles, bare earth patches and fallen trees so that native pollinators can nest;
- ❑ reviewing the Town's bid solicitation documents, existing contracts, service agreements and purchases to screen for unsafe chemicals; and requesting IPM in bids and contracts with landscapers, pest-management companies, and other independent contractors engaged by the town.

NOW, THEREFORE, in order to enhance understanding among local government staff and the public about the vital role that pollinators play and what each of us can do to sustain them, the Town of Middletown chooses to support and encourage healthy pollinator habitat creation and enhancement, resolving as follows:

1. The Town of Middletown Burgess and Commissioners is hereby designated as the *BEE CITY USA* sponsor.
2. The Town of Middletown's Administrator and Public Works Department are designated as the *BEE CITY USA* Liaison.
3. Facilitation of Town of Middletown's *BEE CITY USA* program is assigned to the Sustainability Standing Committee.
4. The Sustainability Standing Committee is authorized to and shall:
 - a. **Celebration:** Host at least one educational event or pollinator habitat planting or restoration each year to showcase Town of Middletown's commitment to raising awareness of pollinator conservation and expanding pollinator health and habitat.
 - b. **Publicity & Information:** Install and maintain at least one authorized *BEE CITY USA* street sign in a prominent location, and create and maintain a web page on the Town of Middletown's website which includes a copy of this resolution and links to the national *BEE CITY USA* website; contact information for your *BEE CITY USA* Liaison and Committee; reports of the pollinator-friendly activities the community has accomplished the previous year(s); and a recommended native plant species list and an IPM plan.
 - c. **Habitat:** Develop and implement a program to create or expand pollinator-friendly habitat on public and private land, which includes, but is not limited to: identifying and inventorying Town of Middletown's real property that can be enhanced with pollinator-friendly plantings; creating a recommended locally native plant list to include

- wildflowers, grasses, vines, shrubs, and trees and a list of local suppliers for those species; and, tracking (by square footage and/or acreage) annual area of pollinator habitat created or enhanced.
- d. **Pollinator-Friendly Pest Management:** Create and adopt an IPM plan designed to prevent pest problems, reduce pesticide use, and expand the use of non-chemical pest management methods.
 - e. **Policy & Plans:** Establish, through the Town of Middletown, a Pollinator Conservation Program plan integrated into the Town's Sustainability Manual and a pollinator conservation policy in the Town's Comprehensive Plan to acknowledge and commit to the *BEE CITY USA* designation. An annual review the Pollinator Conservation Program and other relevant documents shall be performed to consider improvements to pollinator conservation efforts, the IPM plan and practices as they relate to pollinator conservation, performance of existing pollinator-friendly plantings, and consider new locations and other appropriate measures.
 - f. **Renewal:** After completing the first calendar year as a *BEE CITY USA* affiliate, each February, apply for renewal of Town of Middletown's *BEE CITY USA* designation following the format provided by *BEE CITY USA*, including a report of the previous year's *BEE CITY USA* activities, and paying the renewal fee based on Town of Middletown's population.

INTRODUCED ON THE XX DAY OF MONTH, 2020

PASSED ON THE XX DAY OF MONTH, 2020

EFFECTIVE DATE: MONTH DAY, 2020

ATTEST:

**BURGESS AND COMMISSIONERS
OF MIDDLETOWN**

by Town Administrator

by Burgess

Statement by MML President Ryan Spiegel



Statement by 2019-2020 MML President Ryan Spiegel regarding racial injustice with the unanimous support of the Executive Committee - June 9, 2020

The recent deaths of George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, and Breonna Taylor, along with so many others throughout our nation, are a tragic reminder of the terrible legacy and ongoing effects of systemic racism. The Maryland Municipal League condemns racism, bigotry, and hatred in all forms. We are committed to the values written into the U.S. Constitution that express freedom, justice, and equality, which should be at the heart of every level of government in America, especially the municipal governments that are closest to the People.

MML is proud of its diverse leadership and membership and of the hard work that municipal government officials and employees do everyday throughout Maryland, but the work to meet the promise of America comes up short for many. We will continue working to support the 157 cities and towns of Maryland and the 1.5 Million Marylanders who live in them, providing a platform for education, research, and sharing of experiences as municipalities confront the realities of society's racial disparities and both conscious and unconscious biases – whether in education, housing, criminal justice, health, jobs, or other aspects of American life. We explicitly stand against anti-blackness.

MML is there for our members who are working to invest in improvements and reforms to local government operations, to acknowledge the good things that municipalities and their personnel are already doing, and to ensure public safety during the COVID-19 pandemic while protecting the right to peaceably assemble. In solidarity with our members and with all who have worked to end racism and discrimination, MML also regularly endeavors to improve its own organizational operations to align with these principles.

We encourage any of the mayors, councilmembers, or other municipal officials in Maryland to reach out to us if we can be of assistance in your efforts to connect, share, educate, learn, and better our communities as we Reimagine a Tomorrow in which no one is subjected to fear, violence, or other disadvantage simply because of the color of their skin.

The following municipalities have endorsed this statement:

- Town of Barnesville
- Town of Bel Air
- Town of Berlin
- Town of Betterton
- Town of Brentwood
- Town of Brookeville
- Town of Burkittsville
- Town of Cambridge
- Town of Cecilton
- Town of Chesapeake Beach
- Town of Cheverly
- Section 3 of the Village of Chevy Chase
- Section 5 of the Village of Chevy Chase
- Town of Chevy Chase
- Chevy Chase Village
- City of College Park
- Town of Colmar Manor
- City of Cumberland
- Town of Delmar
- Town of Eagle Harbor
- Town of Easton
- Town of Edmonston
- Town of Elkton
- Town of Fairmount Heights
- City of Frederick
- Village of Friendship Heights
- City of Frostburg
- City of Gaithersburg
- Town of Galena
- Town of Garrett Park
- Town of Glen Echo
- City of Hagerstown
- Town of Henderson
- Town of Highland Beach
- City of Hyattsville
- Town of Keedysville
- Town of Kensington
- Town of La Plata
- Town of Landover Hills
- City of Laurel
- Town of Leonardtown
- Town of Morningside
- City of Mount Rainier
- Town of Mountain Lake Park

- City of New Carrollton
- Town of North Beach
- Village of North Chevy Chase
- Town of Poolesville
- Town of Port Deposit
- Town of Princess Anne
- Town of Queen Anne
- Town of Riverdale Park
- Town of Rock Hall
- City of Rockville
- City of Salisbury
- Town of Smithsburg
- Town of Snow Hill
- Town of Sykesville
- City of Takoma Park
- City of Taneytown
- Town of Thurmont
- Town of Union Bridge
- Town of University Park
- Town of Upper Marlboro
- Town of Walkersville
- Town of Washington Grove
- City of Westminster
- Town of Woodsboro