

**TOWN OF COLMAR MANOR
TOWN MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2014
7:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Sadara B. Barrow called for a motion to call the Town Meeting to order.

Motion made by Council Member Blue to call the Town Meeting to order. Seconded by Council Member Jackson. Motion passed unanimously.

PRESENT AT THIS MEETING:

Sadara B. Barrow	Mayor
Lois A. Blue	Council Member – Ward 1
Cynthia Bowden	Council Member – Ward 2
Vivian Jackson	Council Member – Ward 3
Doreatha Epps	Council Member – Ward 4
Dan Baden	Clerk-Treasurer - Absent
Brian Gibson	Chief of Police - Absent
John Barr	Town Attorney
Tracy Stone	Media Coordinator
Citizens	

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENTS OF SILENCE

Mayor Sadara B. Barrow led the Pledge of Allegiance and called for a Moment of Silence.

RAIN CHECK REBATE PROGRAM

Natalia Sanchez, a representative from the Chesapeake Bay Trust, gave an overview of the Rain Check Rebate Program regarding Storm Water Management and how it can be utilized by citizens.

Residents asked questions regarding the Storm Water Management process.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**August 6, 2014 Worksession
August 12, 2014 Town Meeting**

**August 14, 2014 Worksession
September 9, 2014 Worksession**

Motion made by Council Member Blue to accept the August 6, 12th, 14th and September 9th, 2014 minutes. Seconded by Council Member Epps. The motion was passed with a vote of 5-0.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Barrow stated that Port Towns Day was a success again this year.

Mayor Barrow met with County Executive, Rushern Baker to discuss the needs of the town and how the county can help us meet our goals for economic development.

Mayor Barrow stated that the Port Towns Legislative Dinner will be held in November.

COUNCIL WARD REPORTS

- **Ward 1** – Council Member Blue reminded everyone that it was Breast Cancer Month. Council Member Blue stated that Middle School students are playing football in the street in the morning on 40th and Newark Road. She asked parents to monitor their safety. Colmar Manor Gospel Chapel is having kid's night every Friday from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Council Member Blue gave an overview of the last Neighborhood Watch Meeting. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, November 23rd, 2014 at 7pm.

- **Ward 2** – Council Member Bowden stated that she is still looking for Block Captain in Ward 2. Council Member Bowden stated that the Recreation Council will have a Spaghetti Dinner for the Harvest Fest. Other activities include volley ball, and Zumba.
- **Ward 3** – Council Member Jackson congratulated Ms. Bethea on her recent Beautification Award. Council Member Jackson stated that she is still looking for Block Captains in her Ward. She encouraged residents to register to vote.
- **Ward 4** – Council Member Epps stated that she is looking for volunteers for Black History Month. Council Member Epps stated that the next Flea Market will be held on the first weekend of April, 2015.

Highlights from Work Session

Mayor Barrow gave an overview of the Worksession meeting.

TREASURERS REPORT

John Barr, Town Attorney gave an overview of the September 2014 Treasurers Report

(See attached).

Motion made by Council Member Blue to accept the September 2014, Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Council Member Bowden. The motion was passed with a vote of 5-0.

POLICE REPORT

No report given. Chief Gibson absent.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Trick or Treat Ban

Motion made by Council Member Jackson rescind the Trick or Treat Ban. Seconded by Council Member Epps. Motion was passed with a vote of 5-0.

Discussion

It was the consensus of the Mayor and Council to change Town meeting from November 11th to November 12th due to Veteran's Day holiday.

NEW BUSINESS

Beautification Award

Mayor and Council presented an award from Prince George's County to the Garden Club for their outstanding work.

Port Towns Day Community Engagement Award

Mayor Barrow awarded Ms. Carrie Biggs-Adams with the Port Town Day Community Engagement Award.

War of 1812 Banners

Mayor Barrow asked the Council if they would like to keep the War of 1812 banners on Bladensburg Road. The town would be responsible for the banners and the upkeep. If the banners are removed, ATHA would be responsible for their removal but would leave the hardware.

Motion made by Council Member Epps to assume responsibility of the War of 1812 Banners. Seconded by Council Member Bowden. Motion was passed with a vote of 5-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **SENIOR REPORT** – Mr. Mutchler stated that the Senior Club meets every first and third Wednesday of the month. Mr. Mutchler wished Ms. Connie McClain a Happy Birthday.
- **GARDEN CLUB** –Carrie Biggs-Adam gave an overview of the Garden Club and their accomplishments.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Resident of 39th Ave stated that six resident came out from Ward 1 to the meeting.

Resident asked about a Dog Park in town. Discussion was held regarding resident investigating how such a park could be established.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Council Member Jackson to adjourn the Town meeting.