

**COMMISSIONERS OF POOLESVILLE  
MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 7, 2010**

**PRESENT:** JERRY KLOBUKOWSKI, LINK HOEWING, JIM BROWN AND EDDIE KUHLMAN. ALSO PRESENT WAS TOWN MANAGER, WADE YOST, TOWN ENGINEER, JOHN STRONG, AND TOWN ATTORNEY, JAY GULLO.

**Call to Order**

Mr. Kuhlman: Good evening ladies and gentlemen we will call the September 7, 2010 Commissioner's Meeting to order. For the record all Commissioners are present except for Ms. Gruber who will be absent tonight. Also present are Mr. Gullo, Mr. Yost, and Mr. Strong. First order of business will be the Pledge of Allegiance, please rise, Jerry.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

All: I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible with liberty and justice for all.

**Announcements**

Mr. Kuhlman: All right thank you very much. A couple of announcements this evening I was approached by a couple of citizens the other evening and said they had heard rumors that the County was going to close the pool and not reopen it next year, I contacted Cathy Matthews at the County Rec. Department and got Gabriel Albornos from the County that says there are absolutely no plans to close the Poolesville pool. I asked aquatic staff to see if they can figure out the source of this rumor but it appears to come out of left field so the pool is under no threat. Also on August 23 the Commissioners had an Executive Session at a special meeting, present were all Commissioners except for Mr. Hoewing who was out of Town, also present was the Town Attorney, Mr. Gullo and the Town Manager, Mr. Yost, we were briefed on the appeal case and in particular the potential impact of the recently adopted shared driveway/special exception provisions, the attorney advised the Commissioners of potential outcomes and alternatives to pursuing and the appeal, after a short discussion the Commissioners voted unanimously to have the Town Attorney contact opposing Council to drop the appeal and you want to give an update on that Mr. Gullo at this time.

Mr. Gullo: Yeah I can give you a brief update since that meeting and I've put these comments in writing to you so you can reflect on them but since that meeting opposing council was contacted, opposing council reluctant to join in a joint motion for a dismissal so on the Town's behalf we filed this motion to the Court of Special Appeals, Court of Special Appeals granted the dismissal and the case was dismissed and not scheduled for oral argument. The written opinion for the dismissal has not been issued but that is only an administrative time period. So at this point in time that case still can be appealed to the Court of Appeals but you need a Writ of Certiorari to do that and so that is a 30 day issue, what will happen if that writ is not granted, the case will be remanded eventually back to the Circuit Court for

Montgomery County who will then enforce its remand decision back to the Board of Zoning Appeals here and the Board of Zoning Appeals here and the Board of Zoning Appeals will then need to docket the case and have a hearing consistent with the law at the time which has been changed since then and the case of what the Circuit Court said so you will have to do those things as well when it happens. Timeline for that might be 2 ½ months something like that before the actual record gets back to the Town for a hearing.

Mr. Kuhlman: Ok and we have issued a cease and desist order to the Doctors and that goes into effect when Wade?

Mr. Yost: I am not sure of the exact date it was 30 days from the date of the letter which was 2 days after our last meeting.

Mr. Kuhlman: Ok all right any other announcements?

### **Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Kuhlman: Hearing none we will move on to approval of the minutes, we have the August 16 and the 23 minutes to approve and the Executive Session minutes of the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Is there any motion on the 16<sup>th</sup>?

Mr. Hoewing: I move to approve them.

Mr. Kuhlman: Is there a second?

Mr. Brown: Second.

Mr. Kuhlman: All in favor?

All: Aye.

Mr. Kuhlman: Carries unanimously. Mr. Hoewing you were absent for the 23<sup>rd</sup>, we need a motion and a second from over on my left.

Mr. Klobukowski: Shouldn't that read take the ampersand out?

Mr. Kuhlman: Pardon me.

Mr. Klobukowski: Shouldn't the ampersand come out?

Mr. Brown: The what?

Mr. Klobukowski: The ampersand, did we meet on the 23<sup>rd</sup>?

Mr. Kuhlman: No we started a normal meeting and we adjourned to an Executive Session.

Mr. Klobukowski: Ok I make a motion we accept the minutes of the August 23, 2010 meeting and Executive Session.

Mr. Kuhlman: All right is there a second?

Mr. Brown: Yes Sir.

Mr. Kuhlman: All in favor?

All: Aye.

Mr. Kuhlman: Motion carries unanimously.

### **Open Forum & Citizen's Comments on Agenda Items**

Mr. Kuhlman: Open forum & citizens comments on agenda items, we will be hearing tonight from Mr. Kettler who has a thought an idea about the signage, anybody have any comments on Town signage. Alright we are going to be looking at possibly doing a budget amendment to replace the trees that were damaged in the storm of about a month ago, any comment there, and we will be discussing the Charter Referendum vote coming up, is there any comments there? All right seeing no hands anybody have anything just in general? All right no hands we will go back to the agenda new business Mr. Kettler please.

## **New Business**

Mr. Kettler: For the record Tom Kettler, 18201 McKernon Way, Poolesville, Maryland. I am here tonight as a private citizen and just by way of background I just wanted to do a brief presentation, a PowerPoint presentation prepared last spring and this actually initially went to the Parks, Streets and Rec. Committee and actually they discussed it at two different meetings and at the last I believe it was the last Planning Commission I also made the same presentation and I was talking to Wade a couple weeks ago and asked him to put me on the agenda tonight to kind of go through some thoughts I have about some ideas I had relative to the existing Town signage and way finding or directional signage around Town. So what I did here tonight was just a PowerPoint presentation that has some slides showing you the existing signage in Town and I took the liberty of just contacting one of the people I do some signage with and just have them give me some samples of some signage that has been done in other towns, actually the town is Luray over in Virginia, so with that we will run through the slides and at the end I will tell you kind of what my thoughts are and get your reaction to it and move forward. These are some shots of the existing signage probably the sign that's in the worse shape we have the Welcome to Poolesville signs that come in from the 4 different directions coming into Town I am sure you all are very familiar with them, this is the one on, the first one was the one on Westerly, this one was shot up pretty bad, this was kind of a rainy day it is very hard to read but that is the one coming down 109 right there at the convergence of 109 and Elgin Road, this is the newest one that was put in right by Stoney Springs as you come from Whites Ferry, these signs I think are they were again I think 15 years ago or so, they are very difficult to read especially at night, the size of the letters very small, the color contrast is pretty difficult, so that is kind of what got me thinking and again the line of work I am in I am looking at signage all the time and the Town parks also of course have their own signage which is basically green wood with gold paint of course the paint has kind of faded out here but there is of course there is the Whalen Commons sign again pretty much the color theme the Town has used is the gold letter on green, this accidentally got thrown in here this is just a map that the Chamber had done and the CEDC a couple years ago, that's the map down at Whites Ferry that just got randomly placed in here I'm not sure why its there, this slide actually is an example of one of the newer signs the Town has done, that sign I think is very good, it is very readable the letter sizes are big you can see it and obviously you have the lighted portion down below the top portion, the letters are big they are bold, you can read it when you are running up and down Fisher Avenue so that is an example of a good sign I think. Now here are some examples of some signage that was done over in Virginia and again it just gives you some ideas of the kinds of things and again if you all travel around, different towns all have their own signage program and again Luray I am not sure of the population of Luray but again that has kind of a raised look to it and obviously they have kind of developed their own style, I think there slogan is well it is hard to read on this, the slide is not that clear, its where the Caverns meet the Sky I think is there slogan but again you can see they are using iron and stone base different ideas, here when I use the term way finding this is kind of that idea where you take a sign and you direct people to where things are within the Town of course people who live in

Town know most everybody knows where things are of course if they have lived in Town any length of time but for people who are coming in from out of town to direct them even to the pool or to the high school or if they are coming in for a sporting event these kinds of signs might be useful and again it would be a coordinated type of signage program that I would be suggesting the Town might look into. Of course there is a little more of an urban feel to that street than we have here in Poolesville. Some parking directional signage obviously that wouldn't necessarily apply here because we don't really have any designated parking in town really other than street parking here in front of Town Hall. And again more examples, different colors, different sizes, different styles and this is just some of the schematics of how the signs were put together. Again there are graphic companies that do the design and then you can have somebody else install the sign or you can hire a company that can design graphics and make the signs, there are a lot of different ways to do it but and then this just shows some of the scale if you are doing a sign along the sidewalk of course you need to have it tall enough that somebody walking underneath of it are not going to bang their head and that is the kind of thing on the right side that that shows you so again this is just more idea type stuff nothing in particular. This shows I guess a banner program that they were looking at and I was pleased to see Wade a couple months ago ordered some of those nice banners that are put on the brand new street lights that circle Whalen Commons and I think that is a nice thing and I've always thought banners and certainly as the new lights are added the banners have applications, the nice things about banners is you can change the message to Poolesville Day or Holiday Lighting or Farmers' Market there is lots of different examples. And then these were some larger signs that just got thrown in there that don't really make much add much bearing but having talked to the Parks, Streets and Rec. Committee and the Planning Commission what I discussed with them is the idea of forming an ad hoc committee and of course the Commissioners would need to do that, maybe 5 to 7 people who would again if this is a subject that you all would have any interest in pursuing that would basically look at the whole signage program in Town and maybe working on some requests for proposals to get companies to maybe look at or bid on doing some graphic design for the Town. Of course any of that work the committee would do would be an advisory capacity back to the Commissioners but again didn't seem to neatly fit into any particular box so that was the idea coming out of the Parks, Streets and Rec. Board and talking to the Planning Commission that an ad hoc committee might be the way to go, obviously the lifespan of the committee would be as long as this work would take but again I just wanted to come before you tonight and get your thoughts about that, see if that is anything that you all would have any interest in pursuing, it would be a project that would probably go on for a couple of years, I think there is clearly some money out there in the grants, I know money is getting tighter and tighter but I think there is some opportunities for grant money and some other monies and certainly that ad hoc committee working with the Town and the Town with Wade and with Town Engineer to look at the options as to where monies might be available so it wouldn't necessarily be just the Town paying for it if at some point they decided to move forward with the program and again it is the kind of program that you can design the whole concept and then you can implement it incrementally you don't have to

do everything in day 1 but again it would give some cohesion some thought I mean if you drive on Fisher Avenue there is just a whole myriad of signs and you've got a lot of different types of signs and we are dealing with multiple agencies, we have State Highway involved, we have Montgomery County involved, we have the Town of Poolesville involved, one of the members of the Planning Commission commented that he just thought there were too many signs in Town, there is too much going on and that may be one of the things that the committee can look at sort of consolidating some of those and maybe getting rid of signs that don't need to be there but again that is about all I have for my presentation and I would be happy to entertain questions and just get your general reaction to that.

Mr. Kuhlman: Questions or comments?

Mr. Klobukowski: The entrance signs are getting long in the tooth.

Mr. Kettler: Right.

Mr. Klobukowski: And yeah maybe I sort of like it because it portrays reminds me of the National Geographic edition when Poolesville Town Hall and everything. As for banners Tom what is the frequency they last, how expensive are they, and how much time does it take to put these up and how long how many man hours are we going to be spending on putting up banners and stuff like that.

Mr. Kettler: Well all those questions Jerry are I think something that this committee if it was formed can look into. I mean banners is one of a number of things that I think the committee would be looking into. Certainly the welcome signs, probably would be one of the first things that would be looked at because as you say those signs are getting a little long in the tooth and again when you are driving at night even if they are lit up I mean I can't read them, I mean I just can't read them.

Mr. Klobukowski: I don't have a problem I mean I am not looking at what is in there but I can see them.

Mr. Kettler: Yeah and basic stuff when you work with graphic people there are certain letter sizes and certain colors and certain contrasts that the graphics people and that is what they do their specialty of course is looking at how things are laid out, you see the settled of the incorporated dates I mean we can read that because that photo was taken 3 feet in front of the sign but when you are driving down Fisher Avenue you are not reading that, so if you want that message to be communicated you need to figure out a better way to do it.

Mr. Kuhlman: Yeah but that is more when you look at this compared to the first picture of the Luray is it because of the size or the color of the print because the Luray sign is the same green background but it has white lettering and I think the lettering stands out more with the white. Can you get up to that picture Wade?

Mr. Klobukowski: The other thing is could we the same time we think about this could we...

Mr. Kuhlman: The first one of the Luray, it's a darker color...

Mr. Klobukowski: Well yeah you got the white background, could we use the existing pedestals?

Mr. Kettler: Yeah to the extent that you have got the stone bases built in I would say you could probably keep those, you may end up with a taller panel, I know the Town has its own sign ordinances and you would have to look at square footages and maybe in the case of entrance signs they were town signs and Commissioners

obviously have to make that decision but they could maybe be just taller within the same slot so you wouldn't lose the stone because obviously there is investment in the stone. But again that is one of just multiple things that could be looked at. Again my idea on this committee if it were to be formed would be that we have somebody from the Parks, Streets and Rec. Committee on it, someone from the Planning Commission has already expressed interest in being on the committee so there is two, I would be happy to serve on the Committee if the Commissioners would appoint me and whether a Commissioner themselves wants to be on the Committee that is obviously up to you I don't think that is mandatory I think the important thing is --- committee that is doing work of this nature obviously needs to report back to you all on a regular basis because the thing you don't want to do is have the committee running off here and then come back to you 2 years later and say we have done all this work, this is what we've come up with and you all look at it and say it is terrible we hate it, we don't want to have anything to do with it.

Mr. Brown: Just with all due respect to my fellow Commissioners just tonight's point I think is I have sat through this presentation I think twice now Tom and it is a great idea. We don't have to get in the --- today of what pedestal is going to be used or what signs might be able to be repainted or whatever, lets just agree to put together a nice committee I'd be happy to serve on it and start thinking about a timeframe and a game plan for that committee to have some basis of achievement. So I think we can all easily agree that it is sorely needed and I think our Town signs are definitely our best one looks ok and our other ones are dilapidated at best and plus on top of it we really don't have a Town identity as you go all the way through, so in my mind I was a full proponent of Tom's idea, I think it is a great thing and we need to try to get moving on it because one of these days one of those ones that is on the east end of Town they are just going to fall over and as you said and I love Tom's words, its all shot up, well I mean it is all shot up and the new one will probably get shot up too but at the same time (inaudible).

Mr. Kuhlman: I mean we had one on Cattail Road but you couldn't keep it up for the bullet holes in it and the one on West Willard has been repaired a couple times Jerry hasn't it from bullet holes during hunting season.

Mr. Brown: And just like what we did when we made the sign out front here, the technology is different and you actually can fix these things a little easier now so its not that, its time to get it done, it is time to develop a different theme, I agree with Tom that we don't need to get into the committee can't just make a presentation in then end because we don't want to run into, nothing against the Timeless Charm, but that was a lot of work going into that and that ended up not being something that was accepted so its really going to have to have a kind of open and collaborative feel to it and the time is now that we get it going. Look at all the nice stuff that we have done to make this Town as wonderful as it is, lets do something right signage wise and get it together and start moving forward with it.

Mr. Hoewing: Seems to me your deeper point though Tom is not just the attractiveness of the signs but more the uniformity, simplicity, attractiveness of the signs and telling people where things are more easily. I have had so many people ask me where the soccer field is, where Halmos Park is and we have signs but they

are not noticeable and we don't right away say oh that's --- I've seen that before in Poolesville that is a sign that tells them where to go next so you look for that.

Mr. Kuhlman: Those signs are homemade Preston makes them.

Mr. Kettler: You have the sense that when you are in Poolesville everything has a cohesion to it and again the committee can get into and when you go ask for request for proposals for companies to do sign work you are going to ask them to come back with design ideas concept ideas and there are ideas that none of us have probably thought about but Jim makes a very good point in that technology, my company just got through repainting the entrance sign into Tama that we built 20 years ago and had not been touched, it was a wooden sign, it looked terrible, I am embarrassed by it so we just went and cut out some shrubs because it was completely overgrown but that is made out of cedar nowadays technology is going on to products that are much more durable and have a much longer lifespan that don't, now again if somebody takes a 22 to it I mean...

Mr. Brown: A 22 would be ok its not a shotgun.

Mr. Kettler: There are all kinds of materials that are out there now that and obviously the idea is to put something up there that is going to hold up. But again people coming into Town have got the pool, the golf course outside of Town, you have a brand new skatepark, you have beautiful Whalen Commons with a bandshell all of this stuff and a way to kind of highlight it and tell people that it is in Town, certainly people that come from out of town will be able to find it and people coming from out of town who are going to the high school to go to a sports game and it would be nice to have a easy way to again it doesn't have to be a Montgomery County issued sign it can be a Poolesville sign that directs you to the high school, there is nothing that says it has to be an MCPS sign that does that.

Mr. Brown: And one other thing too, the day that we put up the banners on the light poles I had probably 10 emails from people that noticed it right off the bat and were like wow, so that was a nice, shows how noticeable it really is when something good like that happens.

Mr. Kettler: Yeah I drove through Catonsville a month or so ago because we have a community that we just finished and they do a farmers market over there and the light poles had Catonsville Farmers' Market, you drove through town so you knew they were doing the farmers market in Catonsville and I know the Town when they have done the Farmers' Market this summer they have done the vertical flags on either end of Whalen Commons and again just little things like that you kind of go oh there is something going on here today and there is a million little details like that that can be worked on and are cheap.

Mr. Klobukowski: Define cheap because that is the thing. I am cheap and all this stuff and to have man hours people going up and down replacing all these banners every week or something I mean if it is occasionally that is one thing, number one I don't see any problem with having MCPS or the Montgomery County Revenue Authority who owns the Golf Course pay for some of this stuff either. It is there Golf Course they are benefitting from it, yeah we benefit as well but they are benefitting from it so I would be interested in seeing them fork over a few dollars.

Mr. Kettler: Well the committee certainly could investigate that and see if there is some funding available.

Mr. Brown: The committee is free by the way.

Mr. Klobukowski: I would hope so.

Mr. Kuhlman: Ok so what is the feeling?

Mr. Klobukowski: I think it ought to have a limit of like one year I think this could be done within a year. We don't need to go longer than that, 2 years, why 2 years?

Mr. Brown: You know how (inaudible).

Mr. Klobukowski: No I don't know I don't accept that.

Mr. Kettler: I am all for I mean I am the last person to want to have something drag out for years and years and years and years but to put an arbitrary 12 month...

Mr. Brown: The only reason why is because the whole RFP process will definitely take time, preparing it and getting it in place and then probably weeding it out a little bit and then making presentations etc., and when you only meet once a month, which I can't see meeting more than once a month probably, give us two years.

Mr. Kuhlman: All right so what is the makeup of this board Mr. Commissioners, we want a Commissioner on it.

Mr. Brown: Yeah in the Parks Board meeting we came up and I am not prepared tonight, we made a list and basically it was to put an all-star team of people that are involved in different parts including...

Mr. Kettler: Calvin Sneed indicated from the Planning Commission he would be willing right?

Mr. Yost: Was it, I think it was.

Mr. Kuhlman: I am just trying to figure out, Commissioner, Planning Commission member, Parks Board member and Sign Review Board member.

Mr. Brown: I think we talked about trying to include...

Mr. Kuhlman: And I would like to see a business owner on there or two.

Mr. Brown: And then 1 or 2 citizens. I think the number we talked about was 7 total.

Mr. Kettler: Yeah I think I thought 5 to 7, if it gets beyond 7 its too unwieldy. So what are you up to Eddie?

Mr. Kuhlman: You are going to be at 8.

Mr. Brown: Planning Commission, Parks...

Mr. Kettler: I don't know that the Sign Review Board necessarily...

Mr. Kuhlman: Why.

Mr. Kettler: I mean number one that is a small committee of what 3?

Mr. Kuhlman: Three members.

Mr. Yost: Only one of those would probably be able to attend on a regular basis and he is in the audience now.

Mr. Kettler: And he's a busy man. I don't know if Rande would be interested in doing that and the 87 other things you do.

Mr. Kuhlman: I mean they have to approve them eventually so why not have one of them on it.

Mr. Klobukowski: They don't have to approve them that is not true, not true at all, it is a governmental informational sign.

Mr. Kuhlman: Well I can guarantee you Jerry if I am sitting here I ain't voting for anything that exceeds the law.

Mr. Klobukowski: Well they don't have to approve it because it is informational governmental sign that is the way it reads, that is the way the regs read.

Mr. Brown: Well let's go back to this for a second ok.

Mr. Kuhlman: Commissioner, Planning Commission member, Parks Board member, Sign Review Board, 2 business owners, and at least 2 citizens.

Mr. Brown: Well 1 business owner and a citizen what would that put us at. Parks, Planning Commission, Parks Board, Commissioner, Sign Review, that is 4, business owner 5, who am I missing here?

Mr. Kuhlman: Citizens.

Mr. Yost: We need an odd number that would be better.

Mr. Kettler: I think you could say business and or resident and not sort of..

Mr. Yost: Yeah up to 7 would be appropriate but like when we were looking for a business member for the CEDC now we have been for 6 or 8 months and we can't get one.

Mr. Brown: Yeah 1 business owner, 2 citizens.

Mr. Yost: But up to 7 would be appropriate.

Mr. Brown: With Town Manager sitting in at all. No that is 7 right there, Planning Commission, Parks Board, Commissioners, 3, Sign Review 4, business owner 5, 2 citizens 6 and 7.

Mr. Kuhlman: Well why are you limiting it to one business owner.

Mr. Brown: Well 1 of those citizens could be a business owner.

Mr. Yost: Well three members can be made up of citizens or business owners.

Mr. Brown: There you go.

Mr. Kuhlman: Do what?

Mr. Yost: 3 members need to be made up of citizens or business members, and or so you don't have 3 businesses and 3 citizens.

Mr. Kuhlman: All right well see if you can find any citizens that want to serve on it.

Mr. Brown: We will definitely get citizens no question about it. We don't have to nominate them we can just form this committee then?

Mr. Kuhlman: They have to be approved by the Commissioners right? So find some volunteers and bring them forward and we will discuss it when you get them.

Mr. Brown: Keep it on the agenda for next go round we will have it.

Mr. Kuhlman: All right thank you Sir.

Mr. Brown: Thank you Tom.

Mr. Kettler: Do you all need a formal motion to create a committee?

Mr. Kuhlman: You need to find some people first.

Mr. Kettler: Ok.

Mr. Brown: We'll get you some people.

Mr. Kettler: Thanks for your time.

Mr. Klobukowski: I would think you'd want a motion to create a committee, therefore you have justification to go out and find members. That sounds more logical.

Mr. Kuhlman: I think the intent is there to have the committee if you can find the volunteers.

Mr. Klobukowski: No I think the intent is (inaudible).

Mr. Kuhlman: And I would rather get some public comment or have an opportunity for public comment if we just --- the idea up we can form the committee next meeting when you know who the people are and that way you have opportunity for anybody to air their feelings on it tonight during the citizen forum or next meeting prior to the meeting starting under open forum.

Mr. Klobukowski: Well I think if you say I have to take exception to one thing you said, you said comment on it once they know who the people are, who the people are should have no bearing.

Mr. Kuhlman: I didn't say comment on them I said comment on the work and the committee itself.

Mr. Klobukowski: Well the committee itself yes I will agree with that.

Mr. Kuhlman: All right budget amendment, storm damaged tree replacement Wade.

Mr. Yost: Ok I placed a memo in front of you guys, this afternoon the bids for the replacement trees didn't come in until late Friday so you didn't get it as part of your packet but...

Mr. Kuhlman: And I will be recusing myself from this as my Son's company is one of the bidders.

Mr. Yost: We did have a severe storm we all know impacted us early this year and we lost about 35 street trees. After we did the cleanup effort as long as helping the folks around town do their cleanup also and it ran around \$10,000.00, LGIT is reimbursing us about \$9,800.00 of that \$10,000.00 and that money is for replacing trees too even though we went over and above our cleanup costs because we helped out the residents beyond the 35 street trees that went down. So with that because I was talking to a couple of different companies that do street trees or tree plantings basically and tree repairs and they are certified by the State and they are saying the Bradford Pears we should replace those with a Cleveland Select a little bit more of an upright pear tree but much more hardy and doesn't have the problems that the Bradford does and flowers about the same too.

Mr. Klobukowski: But it is still a pear tree?

Mr. Yost: Still a pear tree yes.

Mr. Klobukowski: Ok.

Mr. Yost: So what we are doing we are actually staying in uniformity with the streetscape street tree plan, just a little bit of a different species that is more durable and that is what most of the trees were, they were Bradford Pears that were destroyed. So the bid I requested was stump removal to actually come in and grind out the stumps, remove the grindings themselves, so you just have a good soil base there and be about a 5 foot diameter hole they will fill that with a compost material and then plant the 2 inch diameter tree in that hole itself and then stake it and one company gave us a 1 year warranty and the other one gave us a 2 year, the third landscape company failed to submit the bid so with that Fine Earth Landscape came in at \$16,940.00 and Kuhlman Lawn Service came in at \$18,855.00 and you can see that Fine Earth Landscaping actually has a 2 year warranty on his trees, Bernie has done a lot of work for the Town for free and planted trees in the back of Town Hall here and helped us on several things so he is definitely a viable candidate and definitely he should get the award on this would be my recommendation and also to fund this project in account 2025 major account projects what we do is swales and

street lighting and all kinds of things that are needed along with these trees, we have \$114,000.00 left over from previously closed out projects so if we were to take the \$16,940.00 that is just in left over money from other projects we could pay for this project easily we could get it done in the October, November timeframe.

Mr. Klobukowski: Ok I have a question it says here the Cleveland Select is more wind resistant do we have proof of this in this last year anywhere, has anybody seen these and they know basically that they...

Mr. Yost: I am not for sure exactly how Bernie got his information on the trees themselves.

Mr. Klobukowski: Because this year if they tested anything they would test all trees this year. I mean this year has been....

Mr. Yost: We lost some maple trees too.

Mr. Hoewing: What would the 2 year warranty cover Wade, like a storm like that it wouldn't cover right?

Mr. Yost: No some catastrophe like that it wouldn't cover. Its just if it dies we will get more or something of that nature.

Mr. Brown: I'm going to take it you specified in the RFP what was the warranty being offered or did that just...

Mr. Yost: I asked what warranty would you offer.

Mr. Brown: Ok good thank you.

Mr. Yost: And both contractors are very capable.

Mr. Klobukowski: Let me ask one other question you are going to put the existing, you are going to replace the trees that are there now, you are going to put them in the exact same holes.

Mr. Yost: That was one option just to grind the roots down flat and then move the tree over but in a neighborhood like Hersperger take for example they are very uniform in how they are placed down the street and if you start moving 1 or 2 because we lost 10 on that street alone, it would really look bad.

Mr. Brown: Does the Fine Earth it looks like they are proposing a bigger hole, bigger grind out and then...

Mr. Yost: They specify exactly every time Bernie does a tree he has an equation that he uses for the size of the ball and how he is going to take out more earth and how much compost he is going to put in.

Mr. Brown: Not specified or doesn't look like it is specified in the Kuhlman proposal.

Mr. Yost: No it is not exactly, but they would be pretty close to the same just because of the size of the root mass and stuff, the trunk.

Mr. Brown: Got ya.

Mr. Klobukowski: Do I have a motion on who to proceed with.

Mr. Hoewing: Move we accept the recommendation to award the contract to Fine Earth Landscaping.

Mr. Klobukowski: Do I have a second?

Mr. Brown: Second.

Mr. Klobukowski: Do we have any more discussion? All in favor signify by saying aye.

Mr. Brown, Mr. Hoewing, Mr. Klobukowski: Aye.

Mr. Klobukowski: Those opposed. Ayes carry 3-0 with one abstention.

Mr. Kuhlman: Thank you Jerry.

Mr. Klobukowski: You are welcome Sir.

Mr. Kuhlman: All right next agenda item is the Charter vote coming up and I asked Wade to put this on here because I think it is incumbent upon us the Commissioners to get our position out to the people on what we feel about the questions that will be asked and do our campaigning I guess to get the decision we need and feel we want and deserve. So with that I would like to open up the discussion to what we could do to mount a campaign for this.

Mr. Brown: I actually wouldn't mind hearing what you have in mind because as far as I am concerned it is just a matter of I personally would like to see us do probably not too much more than using our regular information sources that are available in order to...

Mr. Kuhlman: Ok what I had contemplated was a newsletter or 2 going out and if we do a newsletter I would like to personally I would like to break it down into 2 and at least 2 possibly 3 and do the innocuous ones in one group you know where what we are putting forth is mandated basically by State or County law that serves our powers and just group them either into 2 groups or 3 and do a newsletter basically kind of what Wade did here put it out in this form but then have several paragraphs or so explaining for example a lot of the ones that deal with the Clerk and whatnot that these laws have been on the books for 40 or 50 years, business is not done that way anymore, mandated by County or State or whatever it is that it is done this way so we are recommending to take this off the books because it isn't done this way anymore and it will never be done this way again and we don't want it done that way again, so I think we need to get our position out to the people I would also unless you all have a complaint I am going to offer a night a week to have a meeting here at Town Hall with anybody that wants to come in and discuss it, any of the amendments and you are all welcome to attend or be with me on it or whatever but I would like to do that in conjunction with some sort of a newsletter going out. I think that is the amount of money we are looking at spending is a newsletter.

Mr. Yost: Its about \$1600.00 apiece to print and mail.

Mr. Klobukowski: I agree with Eddie I think the offer of having a meeting at night or Saturday morning with donuts or some suitable pastry.

Mr. Brown: Well how bout this then a meeting what would be wrong with just a meeting specific to the issue.

Mr. Kuhlman: I don't oppose that I also thought there could possibly be a debate if the sponsors of the petition accept it, have a debate with them on the issue. But I don't think you are going to get enough people to attend a meeting Jim I think the newsletter it would be more effective.

Mr. Klobukowski: I think if you break down the thing and group it into those that are housekeeping, correction of spelling, typos, grammatical, things that are no longer practiced in Town due to changes in laws and stuff, and others that are substandard, you know that really make a significant change to the way we do business, that would fall under the category, Commissioners Pay would fall into that category, something like writing your check to the Town of Poolesville verse the Commissioners of Poolesville I think would be more understandable and fall into the housecleaning type aspect of it and just make it simple, rationale reasons why

and some of these we have probably already stated in the newsletter that you put out detailing them all, so maybe you don't want to devote a lot of time to the minutiae, you want to concentrate on the substandard issues I think that is the way it should go and the reasons for.

Mr. Kuhlman: I talked to quite a few citizens about these amendments and I was rather surprised because I didn't think the people that I was talking to would fall prey to some of the misinformation they received, for example where anybody got the idea that we intend to annex land or buy land outside of the Town and annex it, that wasn't in any of the amendments at all. Three people I talked to over this past weekend are of the opinion now convinced by whoever presented the petition to them that the Charter amendment would equal a mandatory 7% increase every year in the taxes, that is the farthest thing from the truth, I think it is incumbent upon us to get the correct information out and to me the best way to reach everybody is a newsletter and I think you can't do it in one there is too much information it needs to be done in at least 2 preferably 3 maybe newsletters and again I have no problem with having special nights set aside for anybody that wants to show up and try to talk to them and present what the facts are.

Mr. Brown: I just hate to see us spend \$1600.00 a pop when we've already covered it in this to a degree, I think that if we publicize the meeting enough and put it out there so that the people that sign the petition know that their voice will be heard and that they have a chance to have input and discuss to gain their own clarity on the issues that they basically elected us to put into place anyway, I would like to see it so it is something interactive besides us just putting the information out there.

Mr. Kuhlman: I don't disagree Jim but I think that from my and Link has alluded to it also in previous conversations there has been a lot of misinformation told to the residents.

Mr. Klobukowski: This is to clear up a misunderstanding, this isn't really for input because the input was already taken but what we are trying to do is we are trying to clear up any misunderstandings that people might have as to why we passed the changes.

Mr. Brown: That is the input I am talking about, I'm not talking about trying to change anything.

Mr. Klobukowski: We are just trying to clarify the reasons for to clear up any misinformation and that is basically it.

Mr. Hoewing: At the meetings you are talking about Eddie would there be time for people not only to ask questions but make statements as well.

Mr. Kuhlman: Yes if you remember a few years back Roy offered these meetings for budget stuff and he was sadly disappointed because I think out of 3 or 4 meetings only 1 person showed up, but I am very willing or whoever wants to attend it with me I am very willing to dedicate a night a week until the election like 3 or 4 weeks before and we put it up there on that board and make it part of the newsletter that we are going to send out that you can come and see the stuff but up on the board and show me where it says that we are going to raise the taxes 7% a year automatically, show me where it says that, nobody can, if we got more than 6 or 12 people out of 3 meetings to show up I would be shocked but I'm willing to try to do it.

Mr. Brown: I am only asking the format because I think the proponents of this petition ought to be able if they wanted to have somebody here to speak or if somebody wants to come and make comments about why they think the petition is right they should be able to do that too at that meeting.

Mr. Kuhlman: It would be a meeting open to the public.

Mr. Hoewing: Ok. As for the newsletter I mean I'm not opposed to it I think we have done a lot on that, we could certainly put more on our website because 92% of the people in this Town have a computer and has internet access, we are pretty highly connected Town so we could do a lot of it on the web too if we wanted to save money, but I am not opposed necessarily to although we pretty much did it in that one newsletter we pretty much already put out the information to people but I am not opposed to it.

Mr. Kuhlman: But my point is or my problem is this that is a lot to read.

Mr. Hoewing: I know it is.

Mr. Kuhlman: And if you have it there but say have several paragraphs explained that the above referenced ones are all housecleaning they worked 40 or 50 years ago but they don't work anymore because of State law and County law as you --- these abilities. This is why we are recommending removing them from the Charter, I mean there is no real explanation here of why we are doing things.

Mr. Klobukowski: What about go through somebody stuffing a newspaper, including them with the newspaper for just the addresses in Town is that a possibility.

Mr. Yost: Or taking an ad out in Rande's paper, we checked on a half page and you can do 3 times a lot cheaper, it's a couple hundred bucks each one of those versus \$1600.00 a pop.

Mr. Kuhlman: The other thought is maybe check prices with Rande and see what have you got, how many more editions before the General Election?

Mr. Davis: I have 3.

Mr. Kuhlman: 3 I mean we could price an insert and put it in the paper.

Mr. Davis: (Inaudible).

Mr. Kuhlman: I just feel we need to do something.

Mr. Brown: Well without question I am going to be spelling it out in my email newsletter but that doesn't have the breadth of something going in everybody's mailbox but I don't really regard it as making a case, I really just regard it as providing explanation for the reasons why we did what we were elected to do and that its all kind of matter of fact really what it comes down to and I know there is 3 hot button issues and probably the rest are housecleaning or a little bit less or a little bit more so I am ready to make a case without question on it and it is just a matter of do we want to spend the money to put it in a newsletter to put out to people or do as we say as Link says either have it be wired, send it out to the people that way and advertise in the Monocle and just say an advertisement that gives the basic issues and then directs people to the website and have the people go to the website and have a well made presentation on the website that explains the hot button issues, I mean to me that is probably more efficient than trying to put it in a newsletter. I can see people taking the newsletter and seeing Charter Amendments

and just glossing over it like oh yeah I remember signing on that, see you later, see you on Election Day maybe.

Mr. Kuhlman: See I see it the same way for a website.

Mr. Klobukowski: Me too. How fast can you click?

Mr. Brown: If you put links out there for people they definitely will make a move if they think it is something that interests them I think so maybe that is just where I come from versus where you guys come from. And I am supposed to be representing the print industry. Would it be out of line to engage the Barnes to get their input on this too as the best way to put the message out?

Mr. Kuhlman: No I mean if they want to come forward and talk that is fine.

Mr. Brown: I wouldn't mind listening to what you have to say I mean I think in my personal discussions with you it came down to that you felt like that we weren't communicating the right way with the people or weren't communicating properly in terms of these actual amendments so here we are kind of debating the best way to communicate, I am all ears as to what you think would be the best way to handle it, if you want to come up, and if you don't I understand too that is fine, kind of catching you off guard we didn't give you a heads up on that.

Mr. Barnes: My name is Don Barnes I live at 19735 Selby Avenue. I think what you are talking about all sounds reasonable approach, I would hate to see \$1600.00 a pop going out of my money, of course as you know we are paying less taxes now, property taxes in the Town of Poolesville because our property has been adjusted due to the circumstances but I don't want to see my money wasted. And I think one of the underlying principals of the referendum is to give the people in the Town the opportunity to express their views and I think voting is one way to do that and I think some discussion with the population if they choose to come down here, I think that is a reasonable thing to do, I think people would learn, I think you guys would learn something and I think the citizens that come here would learn something also.

Mr. Brown: Ok what do you think about the idea of hard newsletter versus electronic and advertising.

Mr. Barnes: Well you already have a wide distribution through some of your other contacts, which I think you use pretty well to get out your views. I think I have gone to the Town webpage and I can go right to the referendum page without any difficulty, I think people have access to it, maybe you want to since you are talking about signs maybe use a little bit to make it more bold.

Mr. Brown: That is a good point if we could put something...

Mr. Barnes: But it at the top because you know we all read right to left, top to bottom and you go down the line so maybe draw more attention to it.

Mr. Brown: Right put it on the webpage in a more prominent spot and also maybe put it out here on the sign out front that really says that kind of spells it out and leave it up there for awhile. I don't know if it will help or not but maybe, me personally I remember your original discussion and your issue with the way these Charter Amendments were that you felt like we didn't get enough public input on it and that that is why you wanted to bring it to referendum and now we are at referendum and we probably, they are not up for debate but they are up for information and so that I'm just trying to figure out a way not to have to, you know we voided having a special election for them because the Town has lived this long

with them the way they are so they in my mind it made sense to wait until regular election time in order to save the money there, so I was looking for an opinion and I guess the opinion from you is that if we do it through judicious spending of funds maybe a newsletter but more importantly wire and maybe through advertisements.

Mr. Barnes: Its all about getting people to --- we need to talk about these things I think through the process of talking to a lot of citizens I think they did become more informed and I disagree with you Mr. Kuhlman.

Mr. Kuhlman: I can't hear you Sir.

Mr. Barnes: I disagree with you as far as the some of the things you said as far as misinformation that has been put out there, I know I worked very hard at maintaining a very unbiased opinion and just focus on lets get out and let the people vote, I have worked very hard at not having any opinion at all and I do take your comments directly to me.

Mr. Kuhlman: My statement was in talking to several citizens over the last 2 weeks they said the presenter of the petition, I didn't say you, you had other people out presenting your petition, I am not saying who, I don't know who it was, they didn't know who it was either that presented the petition, all I am saying is I am reading amendment number 11 and I would like to understand from whoever disagrees with this how they can construe that this things says that there is going to be a 7% increase in taxes every year.

Mr. Barnes: Lets get some people in here and lets talk about it, lets get some citizens to take you up on what you are saying, lets have some...

Mr. Kuhlman: Well I mean I have some real heartburn in this I mean you sat there at the meeting that Jim is referring to and saying there was no input or opportunity for input, I disagree wholeheartedly there were 4 work sessions that were open to the public, there was a public hearing and there was at least 2 other nights that it was open for open forum discussion and you know how many people we had say anything, zero, the opportunity was there, we gave all the opportunities in the world to speak on this, and I am not accusing you at all believe me it may sound that way but whoever knocked on some of these doors and talked to people in a previous newspaper that was in town presented a totally --- picture on several of these but a lot of people operating from what they are telling me on this information, because there is no way that I can construe this to read that we are going to be raising taxes 7% a year automatically by the adoption of amendment 11, but 4 people I have talked to in the last 2 weeks were convinced by whoever presented them the petition that that is what this said.

Mr. Barnes: Did they read it themselves?

Mr. Kuhlman: And I am not saying you did it.

Mr. Barnes: No I understand. I know I wouldn't.

Mr. Kuhlman: But we have invested a hell of a lot of time of doing this work, every step of it was open to the public, nobody showed up to participate in it, I have taken it kind of personal about this referendum, I'm not going to lie about that and I do want to see the outcome come correctly and correctly to me is it be voted in and I think it is incumbent upon us as the Commissioners and the authors of this work to educate, whatever you want to call it, educate, inform, campaign, whatever you want to call it, the voters on this subject matter.

Mr. Barnes: I think people should read the proposed changes and make up their own minds on that and vote in November.

Mr. Kuhlman: And as I said earlier in our comments I would not oppose a debate with you all that we could put on publicly and you can discuss in front of the people where you feel the shortcomings are and we can defend them.

Mr. Barnes: I would like for you to hear from the public themselves.

Mr. Kuhlman: We had 6 meetings none of the public showed up.

Mr. Barnes: Well do you still want to have these meetings that you just requested.

Mr. Kuhlman: I still can have the meetings regardless.

Mr. Barnes: Let's get those meetings.

Mr. Kuhlman: But I still favor doing a newsletter or getting information out there besides just on a website because I'm old like a lot of people in this Town, I don't rely on that website.

Mr. Barnes: We relied on our feet.

Mr. Kuhlman: Its just like there is certain sites up about Poolesville but if you go to it all the time it's the same 5 or 6 people that participate in it, there is no way to track how many other people are involved and how many people read it, I mean we have a counter I think on our website but if I sat there one day and entered it, exit it, entered it, exit it, I could get 100 hits on it one day just by me, I don't trust that. Putting something out in their mailbox that they can read, that to me is more reliable.

Mr. Klobukowski: Actually you can count.

Mr. Hoewing: You can count --- visitors by the IP address. When does our next newsletter go out?

Mr. Yost: Not until October. Well the regular schedule would be October we could have a special one come out.

Mr. Hoewing: And that would be the last one before the election obviously so we haven't had one, that is the only one between now and the election.

Mr. Yost: Exactly that is our typical rotation.

Mr. Hoewing: So we would have spent \$1600.00 anyway on the newsletter.

Mr. Brown: Well I certainly don't mind having that newsletter...

Mr. Hoewing: It wouldn't be the only thing we'd address, we could also have other things, I mean it wouldn't have to take the whole newsletter up.

Mr. Brown: It is going to take some space.

Mr. Yost: You saw how much space it took in the explanation on the web, I shrank it down as far as I could.

Mr. Hoewing: I think what Eddie is saying is you can I think legitimately say most of these are housekeeping and here are some examples, and go to the website and read them for yourselves.

Mr. Yost: I agree with that, but the three itself I think maybe just have one that pinpoints the key items like the tax thing, and the Commissioners pay...

Mr. Kuhlman: I have yet to hear anybody complain about that one. I heard the CEDC, buying the land outside of Town and the 7% tax increase.

Mr. Yost: Well buying the land outside of town is not even an amendment.

Mr. Kuhlman: I know but that is what the Bulletin was preaching for a while. That and that we were going to automatically raise taxes 7% a year.

Mr. Hoewing: And not to blame anybody here Eddie but having been involved in politics almost my whole life I can tell you there is a lot of things Americans believe that are just incredible that they believe them so I don't where they got it, they could have got it from reading the newspaper, they could of got it just making their own assumption, why would they pass it unless they wanted to --- but it is astounding what they believe so I think we should do what we can to try to correct it but some of it is just frankly people don't really read things that closely unfortunately.

Mr. Brown: Totally agree.

Mr. Hoewing: But let's try to do it and I think the meetings are worthwhile I would be happy to come to any of them I can certainly.

Mr. Brown: Well this could all happen if you could put the newsletter out in earlier October and then schedule a meeting in late October and then advertise the meeting obviously in many places, well we can have 2 meetings that is fine, if you want to have 2 meetings devoted specifically to this.

Mr. Klobukowski: Well we could have this as part of our regular meeting.

Mr. Brown: That would be fine by me.

Mr. Klobukowski: Just have an initial discussion the early part of the meeting so people who don't want to stay for the rest of it can leave.

Mr. Brown: 2 meetings before the election. Have the Town newsletter come out before the 2 meetings saying that we will be dealing with this.

Mr. Kuhlman: On this subject matter Mr. Kettler?

Mr. Kettler: Yes and one other thing I think getting as much information is a good idea I just wanted to mention that the Chamber of Commerce does a forum, Candidate Forum every 2 years before the election and actually I emailed Hilary Schwab who is currently President of the Chamber and suggested that maybe at that forum again whether they have 20 people, 30 people, 50 people it might be an opportunity for a point counterpoint so it might be another opportunity a different group of people so again it could be pro con however you want to structure it but I just throw that out as another venue and not that all the ideas you guys are talking about aren't fine but just mentioning that the Chamber might put that...

Mr. Kuhlman: That's fine but that is a Chamber event, that is not a Town run or sanctioned event.

Mr. Kettler: No I am just saying that the Chamber may at that event give the opportunity whether it is you or somebody representing the Commissioners point of view and then someone else speaking for the amendment, against the amendment, I mean it is going to be voted up or down the entire Charter so I just give that to you as an informational item and you said there is a date set on that Rande?

Mr. Davis: Sunday I think October 17.

Mr. Kettler: So just again I just wanted to provide that by way of...

Mr. Kuhlman: Thank you Sir. All right so we have come to consensus on what we are going to do. Got it?

Mr. Yost: Yes.

Mr. Brown: And without question as Jerry said too it's at the top of the hour on the for the discussion of it so that whether all the masses or the small handful or the one or two whoever shows up they get their time and not wait until the end of the day.

Mr. Kuhlman: Yeah. All right before we move on one other thing I wanted to throw out for a future meeting, having some conversations with some business owners who most everybody in Town is hurting, one of the key things that I heard from quite a few that might help them is the ability for some relaxation of the sign ordinance as it pertains especially to the special sale item and I wondered I would like to put it on the agenda to discuss it at the next meeting or possibly just ask the Sign Review Board to go and do some work if there was a concession and come back with some recommendations as quickly as possible, try to offer these businesses an opportunity where what I am thinking is what is a temporary sign permit right now cost \$10.00.

Mr. Davis: The actual fees I am not involved in.

Mr. Yost: I think it is pretty cheap based on the size. It is based on the square footage.

Mr. Hoewing: We are talking about these sandwich board kind of things that is what you are saying?

Mr. Kuhlman: Yeah I mean I would like to try to relax the rules at least on a temporary basis for 3 to 6 months or something to see if it does help them, give them an opportunity. For example if the Mexican Grill guy who I have never met, if he comes in one day and wants to put enchiladas on sale for a super deal just to try to attract people I want to put together some sort of an amnesty I guess you would say where he could go out and throw up a sandwich board very easily, maybe just coming over here and dropping off, I intend to put up this sandwich board sign today and we will say they are legal for 5 days, we need to keep a check and balance in it I think but I would like to find some way to ease the restrictions right now on businesses who are hurting to see if that might help them, there is not a whole lot we as a Government can do to help them but allowing them to be able to have more options available for signage and sales is about the only real thing that I can see that we can do to help them right now.

Mr. Hoewing: I'm not sure, I think it is right I am not opposed to it, I guess the other thing we probably could explore, maybe the CEDC is already done this but a couple weekends ago one of the guys in my office sent me a blackberry message when I was actually traveling to another Town and he said hey I am in Poolesville are you here today and I said no why are you in Poolesville and he said because I am eating at Cugini's and I said why and he said because there is a soccer stadium out here and you guys have this great soccer thing and it is great and all our friends are here, I mean I don't know if there is anything we can do more to promote events like that, like the skatepark we were supposed to have some events there we haven't yet but that type of thing could certainly draw people into Town I mean that is what you need traffic.

Mr. Klobukowski: Well to do something like the soccer events I know I spoke with a waitress at Bassett's and she said the soccer events the last 2 weekends increased business tremendously there but if people wanted to do something as has happened in the past I will be out mowing the lawn and I have had on occasion 2 or 3 guys stop and ask me where is the Subway or McDonalds or whatever, is to have something at the venue where the event is occurring, have them put up their sign there and I mean this Town is not that large that some people can't find the Subway or the

Mexican Restaurant or McDonalds, I find that really hard to believe I mean it is not like we are Gaithersburg and you are looking for Panera's.

Mr. Kuhlman: I didn't say they couldn't find it Jerry but I mean if Cugini's, Subway or somebody knew that the soccer thing was happening and they wanted to go out there and put a sub on sale I would like to find some way to make it very simple or very easy or very quick that they could do that.

Mr. Klobukowski: The easiest way to do it would be to have a sign at the entrance and the exit at each of the soccer places because then you got all those guys coming right through.

Mr. Yost: We already do have the sign that is displayed up here that Tom inadvertently put into his presentation that shows where the businesses are located in Town and everything hanging up in the parks.

Mr. Klobukowski: Well the thing is though these you need to go down the Poolesville Area Chamber of Commerce needs to go down when Muldoon has...

Mr. Yost: We tried that he said no.

Mr. Klobukowski: Muldoon said no?

Mr. Kuhlman: Yeah, private property they don't want to have to do it.

Mr. Klobukowski: They don't have to.

Mr. Yost: We tried that one.

Mr. Kettler: We have a moveable A-frame for that very reason but we have run into that problem where it has got maps, its got slots to put maps in and the Chamber is getting ready to print a brand new set of maps this month in time for Poolesville Day.

Mr. Kuhlman: I mean I am sure that Bassett's and McDonalds those 2 have a couple legs up on those soccer weekends because hell you come 109 you just run into the building if you go another 30 feet so everybody sees that and its not hard to miss McDonalds, I mean it is very hard to miss it, but it is not that easy to find Subway, Kristopher's, Cugini's, the Beer and Wine, I mean he is sitting here squinting he doesn't even know where some of these places are.

Mr. Hoewing: Actually this guy that I was talking about from my office didn't even come in that way, he came in on 28, but what I was really talking about though was the Chamber of Commerce doing its own advertising and maybe they would even talk to Muldoon's about handing out at the event, I mean they hand out all kinds of other stuff if they handed that out saying instead of going, like he was going to go up to Frederick until he talked to somebody at the soccer game that said there is a pizza place right in town, he said what town, they said Poolesville, he didn't even know Poolesville was here, he knew I lived here he didn't know how close it was, I mean he is not from this area. So sometime Tom I think the Chamber of Commerce is its own worst enemy for example on advertising they could do and its done in other towns because I was just at one recently where they actually do their own advertising bulletin, we don't have a paper, we have some advertising but I am talking about sales and that kind of thing they don't do anything like that. There is just not a lot of promotion they could do some of it themselves not that we can't help and the signs would help.

Mr. Kettler: Well one thing about handing out the maps, we talked about that at the Soccerplex and Cathy Bupp has talked to Muldoon's and for some reason they don't,

I mean maybe they are afraid people will throw it down and won't pick it up, but yeah we are frustrated because we've tried to make things, a map up there...

Mr. Klobukowski: Why can't these places have a little board sign like some of these real estate signs there is a metal one where you somebody from the Poolesville Chamber of Commerce is responsible for getting the signs down to these places where they are having the event.

Mr. Kettler: That has happened in the past with Cugini's, I have seen Cugini's with a direction arrow but my company has done it, my company has put the Kettler Forlines arrow, you can bet when I see 400 cars parked in Muldoon's I stick a sign up there saying come on this way.

Mr. Hoewing: Yeah I think the sign relaxation is worth looking at certainly, I am just pointing out I think there is a lot we can do and maybe the CEDC is already looking at it.

Mr. Davis: There is a lot more the Chamber can do, you are the Commission so let's focus on what you can do.

Mr. Hoewing: Do you have another idea?

Mr. Davis: No.

Mr. Hoewing: Well then we will do that.

Mr. Davis: I'm just saying to start off with the issue was brought up can we liberalize the ability...

Mr. Hoewing: I am willing to do that.

Mr. Davis: And be creative and energetic toward trying, will they do it, my biggest gripe is they don't do enough of their own that they should do ok, but I don't think the government needs right now to stand in the way.

Mr. Hoewing: No but the other thing Rande is we relaxed them for these malls, they can already put big signs up they don't even do that, why don't they go and talk to the mall owners and say you are not helping us.

Mr. Davis: I think there is a role for the Chamber but I also think that what we are talking about tonight is one thing that the businesses have an idea, if they don't do it that is there own fault and if they fail to do it then you can...

Mr. Hoewing: I'm not pointing fingers I am trying to come up with ideas because I don't think that is the only issue it's a lot more than just putting signs up.

Mr. Davis: There are a lot of different things, you sit back and you say the question was raised, what can the Town do to help businesses.

Mr. Kuhlman: Yeah.

Mr. Hoewing: Well I am happy to do it but I'm going to tell you I am just surprised that...

Mr. Davis: (Inaudible) the whole idea with the CEDC to bring in the Farmers' Market...

Mr. Hoewing: And they did a good job.

Mr. Davis: But that is not how the business sees it, if you are a restaurant and you bring in an out of town vendor who doesn't pay taxes, whose kids don't go here, who doesn't donate to anything and you have them sell chicken and sandwiches to make the Farmers' Market more attractive they, are angry. Ok now do I agree with them 100% no, because I still think there is much more that they can do on their own, they need to be aggressive with their own business but when you look at the Town

government sponsoring an event and you bring in an out of town vendor to sit across the street from them that doesn't pay any, he doesn't contribute to the Town and their Friday night sandwich sales go down they are angry.

Mr. Hoewing: So why didn't they participate?

Mr. Davis: Because they have a business that they are operating, they have a business I agree with them in that regard, I don't think the emphasis should be why don't you leave your business that you are paying rent and...

Mr. Hoewing: Rande you are missing the point, a lot of businesses were approached that said no, a lot of businesses were approached that said no in the Town.

Mr. Davis: What?

Mr. Hoewing: They said no to coming to this.

Mr. Davis: That is right. And if I am running a business and the Town is spending money, I just think that when we talked about it originally there was concern about how the farmer aspect of it would impact businesses, well it turned out it didn't matter, we haven't had a real Farmers' Market all summer, primarily because we haven't had farmers, we haven't had the corn, we haven't had the vegetables, Dave Scott can't come back because he doesn't have anymore corn, it is a great festival but I do think you are basically, I didn't even want to go down that far of a road, all I am saying is just to focus on what you as a Commission...

Mr. Hoewing: We said we would do it.

Mr. Davis: If you are going to sell real estate you want to put up your real estate if you want to stick it on the street and you've got no problem with that, and you want to run for election you want a sign in the road, but let a business want to do it and all of a sudden you get all uptight about it, let them do this, let the Chamber do that, well Freedom of Speech too if you really want to, I am just so sick and tired of this attitude about why the businesses have to have this thing strapped on their hands more than anyone else in Town.

Mr. Kuhlman: And there is a valid point Rande because I have noticed on the Farmers' Market weekends we have real estate type signs all over Town, Farmers' Market advertising that but yet if I owned a store and wanted to run a special one day on a particular sandwich I can't do that.

Mr. Davis: You can't but you can do it as a town because it is informational and to promote a Farmers' Market it doesn't look bad I don't think it is that bad of a deal and I'm not against the Farmers' Market.

Mr. Kuhlman: Well my original point was I would like to find some way to liberalize weekend, give some opportunities to businesses for some time period as Rande said make the sign ordinance more business friendly.

Mr. Davis: I can tell you from my own, I mean you know that we spent over 2 years battling with a different sign and you guys were there and it took us well over 2 years and then most of these businesses didn't take advantage of that you are right and I am not happy about that either but I am saying that right now as a temporary thing you got to try and they ought to try. You need to go to these businesses and say to them you have got to try to work some of these up at least temporarily we are not talking about turning it into Las Vegas we are just talking about the same rights that everyone else in this town has, everyone.

Mr. Klobukowski: There is a difference though, there is a difference whether you believe it or not and I probably can't articulate but there is.

Mr. Davis: I don't agree that they should be able to stick their sign all over town but I do agree that they ought to be able to put a banner up on their door to say we've got a special today or put a sign out on the thing just to promote it, I don't have a problem with that and until it gets to a problem.

Mr. Kuhlman: Anyway I pitched my idea is there anybody that supports my idea or opposes it or what?

Mr. Hoewing: Well like I told you this friend of mine he would not even have known even if he was going through town he wouldn't have known that Cugini's was there unless somebody in Town told him he would not know, so he would never have stopped, so I agree that some kind of a weekend special when there is a lot of traffic sandwich boards that are nice looking not just scribbled on is probably appropriate, I think they are going to get business I agree with you, people that don't live in this Town are not going to see them, gonna drive right through.

Mr. Brown: Agreed, relax weekends.

Mr. Kuhlman: Jerry?

Mr. Klobukowski: Weekends only because I can see this escalating, all of a sudden well you know it's a Wednesday business is saying we ought to have it then, and well Monday is slow.

Mr. Hoewing: Lets just try it on the weekend and see what happens as an experiment.

Mr. Klobukowski: The whole idea, I have to get back to what Link said, the whole idea with the liberalize the sign thing, which I didn't like the size of because I thought there was better ways of doing it that would advertise business and yet keep a lower profile than this 4x8 sheet of plywood that we erected to see what it would look like and everything that there are probably --- ways of doing it but I don't think we just go off the deep end and all of a sudden well now it is Monday, now it is Sunday, there seems to be we open stuff up and then there is no boundaries set and it continues and I don't want to see us looking like we go up to Frederick and we have some guy standing on the corner waiving a sign back and forth or parading up and down, well they want to wear a chicken suit what can I say but again I have seen it on Rockville Pike and everything else this is not Rockville Pike this is not the Golden Mile in Frederick.

Mr. Kuhlman: Wade you look like you got a comment.

Mr. Yost: I was just going to say we really had guidelines but together for this when we were drafting some of the sign ordinances before...

Mr. Hoewing: And they didn't get adopted.

Mr. Yost: Right so we can just bring those guidelines back up which do specify that it has to be professionally made, that it has to be from Friday evening to Sunday evening and that is it, otherwise it gets taken, it has to be set back in the right of way, I mean all the guidelines right down the row.

Mr. Klobukowski: Excuse me you are saying they are already in our ordinance.

Mr. Yost: No, we had drafted some...

Mr. Hoewing: We didn't adopt them.

Mr. Yost: We used the same language that was for real estate signs.

Mr. Klobukowski: Yeah we didn't adopt it because we went for the 4x8 sheet of plywood.

Mr. Hoewing: Right.

Mr. Kuhlman: All right Rande as the Sign Review Board Chairman how quickly do you think you can assemble your people and or are you better off talking to them and working with Wade?

Mr. Davis: Well I will try to assemble them we should probably assemble them.

Mr. Hoewing: Do you really think based on the work we did before we need to do a lot of work and get those to Rande and take a look at those and start with that as a base because I think we actually did I remember we did...

Mr. Yost: Yeah we will set a meeting up and have all that stuff ready.

Mr. Kuhlman: See what you two can get done and with the other members also.

Mr. Klobukowski: I agree with what Link said about the businesses themselves have to do some stuff and I don't know if we need to well Muldoon is one place, what about the other place at the old Polo Ground at the end of Hughes Road they have events there, did that gentleman object to putting anything there as well.

Mr. Yost: I thought we did have our big sign down there at one time.

Mr. Klobukowski: But something down there.

Mr. Yost: I think it depends on who has the fields because some of the folks like at the soccer tournament they actually had their own vendors that they brought in and were set up there also.

Mr. Klobukowski: That is right some of those very large soccer tournaments do that, they will have people that will be selling soup to nuts everything from shoes and jerseys to pizza and I know some of the schools used to go down there, the Middle School PTA used to have a thing down at the Polo Ground down at Hughes Road for awhile they ran a concession stand serving breakfast and lunch.

Mr. Kuhlman: All right Jim you had a comment?

Mr. Brown: Just real quick I guess Rande on the Chamber does the Chamber is it privy to information say when Muldoon's are having a get together.

Mr. Davis: We are not on the radar right now (inaudible) well obviously like the Fox 5 thing it was the Chamber that (inaudible).

Mr. Brown: The only reason I am asking is because in passing out car show flyers and posting them in all the businesses I think I have talked to just about everybody in the last week or two and the gentleman that runs Subway he asked to be on my email list and he is like does anybody know if there is something going on at the farm outside of Poolesville this weekend, I said well there probably is and he wanted to know because he wanted to stock up, he wanted to advertise, he even talked about, he wasn't going to trespass but he was going to as cars pull into there hand out a flyer but he didn't know and I think its actually I mean I know that we have no we obviously can't force anybody to tell us when they are having events over there but I think it is kind of disingenuous that they...

Mr. Kuhlman: Or they can get a hold of the soccer the people that put it together for the soccer...

Mr. Brown: Well there is different groups that do it all the time. I wish it was one.

Mr. Yost: The August Cup we knew about and we did send letters to the Chamber to let them know.

Mr. Davis: They need to notify the ---, gets a heads up and in the beginning I was running around to all the businesses giving them a heads up.

Mr. Yost: So were we.

Mr. Brown: Its too bad that the source of it the Muldoon's and if the polo grounds on the other end but somehow that they could make the town know and the town could alert the businesses because I don't know who would stop somebody from putting a Subway with an arrow sign at the end like Tom puts his right next to his...

Mr. Yost: When Al owned Subway he used to do that all the time.

Mr. Brown: I mean it is a shame that they are not, here is an event that drastically affects our Town in terms of the amount of business that it generates, about of traffic that it generates etc., they operate right outside of the Town and yet there is no return for it for the people that work here besides if you are a business owner whoa there is more people in town maybe I should have stocked up this weekend I mean that is kind of a shame, that is a wasted opportunity.

Mr. Kuhlman: All right see if you guys can be back to us by the next meeting with something.

All right no old business move on to Committee Reports, Planning Commission Link?

### **Committee Reports**

Mr. Kuhlman: All right no old business, Committee Reports, Planning Commission Link?

Mr. Hoewing: I wasn't here at the last meeting so I don't know what happened.

Mr. Yost: We finished up the survey stuff and talked about some rezoning issues with Rabanales and we really didn't get anywhere with it, it was more informational of the past history with those properties and the trials that it went through.

Mr. Kuhlman: Ok Parks Board Jim?

Mr. Brown: Parks Board meets tomorrow night.

Mr. Kuhlman: Cool. CEDC Wade anything.

Mr. Klobukowski: Wait a minute I got a couple comments on the Parks Board. One of the issues that I've seen with Whalen Commons during our band concerts on Friday nights, I haven't noticed it on movie nights though is people will park in the turn lane in front of on this side and the opposite side of Whalen Commons and I asked one gentleman to move and he said well there is no no parking sign, well I don't want to go through this but I asked him, he did move but I noticed a couple times people have parked there and that one thing in front of Whalen Commons is in fact the turning lane to get here or turn out lane if you are turning out of Beall Street.

Mr. Kuhlman: Milford Mill.

Mr. Klobukowski: Milford Mill. So I don't want to put another sign up in front of Whalen Commons maybe we need to put something along the curb, you know no parking.

Mr. Kuhlman: What is it hurting.

Mr. Klobukowski: Bottom line is...

Mr. Kuhlman: We create....

Mr. Klobukowski: Wait a minute at night cars shouldn't be there because it is an ingress/egress lane, they shouldn't be there to begin with and I think you are asking for some trouble. I don't know I mean we've got parking on either end of Whalen

Commons and the nights I have been here the parking lot where the library is that is not all full, not all the parking slots on this side of Whalen Commons or the other side next to the shopping center are full there is plenty of parking. So bottom line is I think we ought to make sure people, we ought to talk with the State or something do something low impact just to not get people to park there. The other thing is as you were talking about signs when I was at the MML convention there is a new sign reflectivity requirement that the Feds are imposing that are supposed to go into effect either 2011 or 2012 are you aware of that?

Mr. Yost: Yeah I've heard about it I am not for sure exactly...

Mr. Klobukowski: A guy made a comment and said well why do we have to change, well you have to change because the Feds are mandatory, he says well even if the sign is ok and not shot up, well yeah you got to change, said well I don't know about that, he said well the Feds will tell you. And the last thing is so that is something and I think I gave something to I know I gave something to Doug McKenney on the requirements, a CD, a booklet and a CD. The other thing is trees other than storm damaged, you go down Tom Fox and go all the way back to where all the way around Tom Fox, Hillard, that whole zone and other places going up Spates Hill, some of those trees look like they are barely hanging on, I mean the bark is split, borers have got in them, some of them have no bark, some of them have no leaves, some of them are just plain dead, some of them I guess are on private property, they are street trees but they are on private property is that correct?

Mr. Yost: No if they are street trees they are on our...

Mr. Klobukowski: They are between the curb and the sidewalk ok.

Mr. Yost: The last 2 years it was very dry late summers and fall.

Mr. Klobukowski: I know some of the homeowners I think in the past we have asked homeowners to water them and they say why should we water them, it is our water, its our money, and some of them they really need a severe pruning because I look at the number of suckers coming out of the bottom and stuff like that they could definitely need a dressing up so I offer that up to see if Parks Board has basically examined the streets and identify which trees are really, really hurting for replacement.

Mr. Yost: The Parks Board has not done that for several years as far as I know.

Mr. Klobukowski: Ok because I think that is in order it is really in order and maybe there is something that we could do where we could entice the homeowner to maintain the tree.

Mr. Yost: Well they could help water it but they can't prune it, it takes a certified, which our guys are certified through the state to be able to prune trees.

Mr. Kuhlman: You can't prune trees, you can't touch it Jerry. You don't have a license.

Mr. Yost: And the Parks Board really they can recommend...

Mr. Klobukowski: Yeah but people can be trained, you can train people.

Mr. Yost: They are state certified.

Mr. Kuhlman: Maryland law, you have to have a license, a Maryland license.

Mr. Yost: State certified, Preston is, John is, and Ricky Davison also.

Mr. Klobukowski: Ok maybe that is flowerbeds I am thinking of then, I know other towns have people who maintain, like we have Monocacy Garden Club would

maintain thing, I know there are people as I said before, Tom Fox used to maintain stuff, it used to look beautiful and then all of a sudden one day Preston said they couldn't do it anymore for whatever reason and that was incorrect too in their saying about liability but yet at MML they had a waiver of liability waiver form that they offered up at one of the Town Beautification work sessions they had a couple years ago.

Mr. Yost: They just did the new sign at...

Mr. Klobukowski: I am talking about some of these entrances at either end of Tom Fox where you have this barren strip with nothing but scrub grass and I know the people who used to plant stuff there used to be day lilies there, different grasses, different flowers and then one day they went and as I recall I can't recall everything but basically they were told by Preston they couldn't do that anymore and it was like why, why are you preventing somebody who is volunteering.

Mr. Yost: That was not to my knowledge because I would have overridden Preston on that one. I didn't know about that at all.

Mr. Klobukowski: Ok and then the last thing on the Parks Board issue I raised it with John and I raised it with I know I mentioned it to you but I went over to the skatepark on Saturday wanting to see a lot of kids there and of the 17 kids there, 2 were wearing helmets, kneepads or anything, helmets I think were the only thing they had, the other thing was is the number of cracks that have developed now you can argue they are surface cracks, you can argue that they are troweled wrong, you can a lot of things but that one thing that you come off the ramp, you come down over, you go straight across there is this little triangular thing hump with a rail on the side and then there is a backstop I want to call it that goes up.

Mr. Yost: It's a saucer.

Mr. Klobukowski: Saucer thank you. That has more cracks than my grandmother did when she died in 93 in her face so I just find it and I spoke with the gentleman there who was filming these other kids going through there routine and he said this is the worst I've ever seen any park do it this quickly, and I also noticed the stairs that you mentioned to me where the whole edge of the stair is gone, stairs I think a 3 set and all the edges are gone, I don't understand if these people that we contracted with are the ones who are supposed to know how to put a skatepark in regardless of the weather I think the outcome should have been a heck of a lot different and I would ask them to come back and replace the saucer in total because we are going to have all that grout over there maybe it is the greatest thing since sliced bread, maybe you could use it on a submarine but to me this is the time to fix it based on their under warranty then lets do it now rather than later on and say oh my god we should have, thank you.

Mr. Kuhlman: Do you have any comments to that?

Mr. Yost: John you are working with them.

Mr. Strong: Well they came down they put down a --- they ground out the shrinkage cracks that had developed. The grout they put down was what they use on able dry docks in other facilities. We do have to have them back because there seems to have been some type of reaction between the hardener and the grout that was used.

Mr. Klobukowski: Probably an Air Force guy put it in.

Mr. Strong: So they are scheduled to come back. We will watch the cracks and see if they enlarge or change and if they do, if they become --- worse then they would have to come back and redo it. The shrinkage time on concrete is 90 days, during that first 90 days because of the type of troweling that they do, which is a hard pan trowel and also the (inaudible) air up to the top of the surface of the concrete, which means that there is more air in the very surface of the concrete than there is in the body of the concrete and the tinsel strength to the concrete so when it starts to dry it shrinks and creates these cracks. Now they should not impact the longevity of the concrete, the steps if you look at the steps the reason for that chipping is because when the kids jump it the metal part of the board impacts that and unless there is a metal edge along that step you are going to have wear and tear on those steps. The same thing where it looks like somebody took a ball peen hammer at the base of those steps and wacked it that is from the board flipping up and the metal of the trucks coming down and hammering the concrete. Now that concrete is designed for 4500 psi and if you've seen them especially in the surface areas we don't have the tinsel strength it is going ding it and chip it. I am not the skateboard guy but I have been told by other skateboarders this is normally seen the type of construction work that you have for a bowl a lot of concrete surface. So I can check around, the papers I've read indicate the same thing.

Mr. Brown: John I know that you are going to do this anyway but I am sure that before we even get close to releasing the bond on it that we are going to inform ourselves as best we can as you already have and then also address it probably like we are dummies and say well we got holes here that is not what we would consider to be normal what are we doing here, so I fully expect that you are going to handle it, Town Staff is going to handle it the right way it is supposed to and we are not going to release it until we are 1000% satisfied that the park is wearing the way it is supposed to wear.

Mr. Strong: And with the maintenance --- what will happen as we progress through it (inaudible) if we find anything abnormal and find out otherwise then we will go ahead and approach it then.

Mr. Hoewing: The cracks I have seen before in other parks but I was kind of surprised that the stairs didn't have metal edges on them, I mean they are always going to get...

Mr. Strong: It's a design issue, take it up with the designer.

Mr. Brown: Well I think that is fully worthy of taking up with the designer as a matter of course and they can be added. So its not, it may not be the exact way the skateboarders want it because the way they do want it is raw concrete but they can definitely live with a metal edge on it and then the next thing you know they will wax it up, they will do all kinds of stuff to it to make it workable so that is not out of the realm of what needs to happen there. Thank you John.

### **Town Manager's Report**

Mr. Kuhlman: All right moving on Town Manager's report.

Mr. Yost: Ok lets see Montgomery County sent us a check for the speed camera revenue, \$48,000.00. We did get that and that will be in restricted reserves until we determine what program we want to place it in.

Mr. Kuhlman: That will be what?

Mr. Yost: We will place it into restricted funds because it has to be spent with public safety or pedestrian safety programs.

Mr. Brown: So the check is in hand \$48,000.00.

Mr. Yost: It is in the bank. Candidate applications and petitions need to be turned in by October 4 because we have 2 petitions open. The Master Plan Survey is up on the website and running, just go onto Poolesville's Government Website and click on the Master Plan did you guys get a chance to look at it yet and do it.

Mr. Klobukowski: Some of the questions should have been more than choose one because I wanted to choose at least 4 of them but anyway, but it worked pretty good.

Mr. Brown: Wade how is the response so far can you tell.

Mr. Yost: I don't know yet I am waiting to hear a reply from Chuck Stump on that he is the one that all the...

Mr. Brown: Right he put the --- aspect of it together right ok.

Mr. Yost: And it goes until September 30<sup>th</sup> so can you put it out in your...

Mr. Brown: Yeah I am going to keep pushing it every time.

Mr. Hoewing: We did leave in the question about whether you want to keep the existing Town Manager or not right?

Mr. Kuhlman: Dig out the last survey and there is all your answers.

Mr. Yost: Skatepark we have been doing fairly well as far as the public works goes in closing it down and trash. This weekend we did have an episode where the park was totally trashed they carried logs in from the neighbor next door and put it all over the park, I guess they were jumping them or something but it was a big mess so we are having signs made up and my plan is to tell the kids if this park is trashed and you don't keep the trash picked up it will be closing in one week intervals.

Mr. Brown: Ok good yeah I'm all in favor of that sure.

Mr. Yost: So the signs will be going up soon. Let see we did receive a State Highway report as far as what they are going to be paving in the upcoming years and in 2012 they are looking at paving Whites Ferry from Partnership to 28, I know they patched it and did a terrible job at that but that is in the book now in 2012 yes. At least it is on the radar.

Mr. Kuhlman: Yeah that is true.

Mr. Brown: Oh Whites Ferry from Partnership going south to 28 got it.

Mr. Yost: Now we still are working with them as far as Elgin Road, 109 there, we did meet with this new project manager for this area and she was pretty certain that they would replace the sidewalk at the time that they would resurface that area also.

Mr. Klobukowski: What's that?

Mr. Yost: Over on Elgin Road, which is the first time we've heard that from anyone so kind of wait and see and we are going to keep pushing the idea with them.

Mr. Hoewing: They are 4 feet wide now right?

Mr. Yost: 4 feet.

Mr. Klobukowski: That is the bigger issue than anything else because I can't think of the lady whose daughter lives in Town at the corner of Hersperger Lane, Henry her daughter I know even with her wheelchair couldn't navigate them. But as I recall part of that reasoning was because of drainage, the reason they were made that way I was told.

Mr. Yost: And the last thing I have is we do have a plan out there received from State Highway also about the improvements they are going to make at Partnership, John and I had to go through this, it is going to be sitting out for you guys to take a look at also, Eddie is concerned about tractor trailers or farm equipment making turns on the roads to make sure they are improved correctly. So they want to bid this job in November from the cover letter that came with these plans so I will give you an update as we get through it.

Mr. Hoewing: That is it right there?

Mr. Yost: Yes. You can see they are making that little spur is a 2 way spur and in the shot going into Partnership Road is one way going in, you can't go straight out of it, you have to turn onto the spur and then make your left or right turn, and they are adding an extra lane onto Whites Ferry Road also.

Mr. Klobukowski: They are bumping it out a little.

Mr. Yost: But they did change the grades but until we go through it and see exactly what they have done, but the biggest concern is the tractor-trailers at this point. It looks like they are doing a lot of clearing and different things also. But I will leave those plans out they will be in the conference room if you guys want to take a look at them. That is it.

Mr. Brown: Did they have a projected timeframe on that again.

Mr. Yost: They are advertising it in November that is all it says so I don't know if they plan on doing it in springtime or when.

Mr. Kuhlman: Ok thank you Sir.

### **Citizen Forum**

Mr. Kuhlman: Open forum anybody?

Mr. Klobukowski: I have one thing, I do have one thing since you were talking State Highway, what happened to our stop sign at Hoskinson and Fisher Avenue, they said they were going to get back to us and everything, did they go back into the we need a stoplight mode as opposed to...

Mr. Yost: Wootton and Fisher?

Mr. Kuhlman: Where does Hoskinson hit Fisher?

Mr. Klobukowski: Or Wootton and Fisher rather excuse me, I am sorry Wootton and Fisher.

Mr. Yost: Stop sign?

Mr. Klobukowski: Yes. The four way stop sign.

Mr. Yost: They said no way.

Mr. Kuhlman: They said no. Yeah they said no wouldn't allow it.

Mr. Brown: Plus I believe the evidence is pointing out that the speed cameras have reduced the speed just enough.

Mr. Klobukowski: Not really no. Not from what I have talked to parents, basically people slow down for the speed camera and then they pick up their speed as soon as they get past it and I have seen it happen.

Mr. Brown: I just want to knock on wood that there hasn't been a major accident there in quite some time so there has got to be some benefit.

Mr. Yost: Except the fire hydrant.

Mr. Brown: What is that.

Mr. Yost: Except the fire hydrant.

Mr. Hoewing: What is the projected date for the sidewalk to be done.

Mr. Strong: Hopefully they will have all of it complete next week, but there are 2 sections that will have to be addressed, one is where the gas meter is out in front of the townhouse.

Mr. Hoewing: Yeah I saw that.

Mr. Strong: Gas Company says September of this year.

Mr. Hoewing: Thanks for the clarification.

Mr. Strong: And the power pole wire has to be moved.

Mr. Kuhlman: No the guidelines have to be moved.

Mr. Strong: Yes the power pole guidelines have to be moved and it will be (inaudible) Friday so --- we should have that line moved, right now there is --- in front of where the hill was, they are excavating for the footing of the retaining wall that is why it is down below the grade of the roadway.

Mr. Kuhlman: All right citizen forum anybody?

### **Adjournment**

Mr. Kuhlman: Seeing no hands entertain a motion to adjourn to a work session.

Mr. Klobukowski: So moved.

Mr. Kuhlman: Is there a second?

Mr. Brown: Second.

Mr. Kuhlman: We are adjourned to a work session thank you.