

A Town Meeting of the Thurmont Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, May 16, 2006 at 7:45 p.m. The following were present: President Pro-Tem Commissioner Hooper; Commissioner Blakeslee and Muth; Clerk Rick May; Brian Lynch; Jim Jeffries and John Kinnaird.

Commissioner Hooper welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Mr. Brian Lynch led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The first item on the agenda is the yard waste collection information. Commissioner Hooper read a letter into the record which was sent to all residents of the Town of Thurmont (see attached). Only Town of Thurmont residents will be allowed to dump their yard waste at the drop off location.

The next item on the agenda is a presentation of information on the Civil War Heritage Area Certification by Liz Shatto. Ms. Liz Shatto presented background information to the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Hooper read into the record a letter from the Planning and Zoning Commission recommending the approval of Resolution R06-03 (see attached). Commissioner Hooper read into the record Resolution R06-03: Master Plan Amendment for Civil War Heritage Area (see attached). Commissioner Blakeslee made a motion to approve Resolution R06-03: Master Plan Amendment for Civil War Heritage Area. Commissioner Muth seconded the motion. Vote 2-for, 0-against; motion carried.

Commissioner Muth mentioned Senior Project night is being held this evening at Catoctin High School. Commissioner Muth stated there are tickets still available on the Harley Raffle. Commissioner Muth stated Catoctin High School graduation will be held on June 7, 2006 at the Knott Arena at Mount Saint Mary's.

Commissioner Blakeslee commented on attending the "Meet the Chief Night" held on May 15, 2006. Commissioner Blakeslee commented on a new program called PACE through the Thurmont Police Department. The program involves town citizens signing forms to pledge to drive the speed limit. The citizens are given either a bumper sticker or window decal to be placed on their vehicle promoting the PACE program. Commissioner Blakeslee encouraged citizens who are interested in signing up for the PACE program to please stop by the Town Office and fill out a form. Commissioner Blakeslee asked if there are any residents interested in the Neighborhood Watch program please contact Chief Eyler. Commissioner Blakeslee stated the next Economic Development meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 17, 2006 at Mountain Gate Restaurant, dinner at 6:00 p.m. with the meeting to follow at 7:00 p.m. Commissioner Blakeslee commented on a Main Street presentation conducted by Vickie Grinder and himself at the Ole Mink Farm on Saturday, May 13, 2006. Commissioner Blakeslee mentioned he attended the ribbon cutting ceremony held at the Discovery Center (Welcome Center in Emmitsburg along Route 15).

Commissioner Hooper announced the Frederick County Board of County Commissioners have voted and approved the Thurmont Primary School addition for 2007. Commissioner Hooper commented on attending the Master Plan workshop meeting held at the Thurmont Senior Citizen Center. Commissioner Hooper encouraged Thurmont residents to please attend these Master Plan workshop meetings. Commissioner Muth voiced his concerns regarding the Master Plan being influenced by non-residents. Commissioner Hooper commented on the Park Commission meeting which was held on May 10, 2006. Commissioner Hooper stated the next Park Commission meeting will be held on June 14, 2006. Commissioner Hooper stated members of the Board will be attending a Program Open Space meeting to be held on May 25, 2006 in Walkersville. Commissioner Hooper mentioned a donation of \$25.00 towards park equipment. Commissioner Hooper read the schedule for the Summer Concert Series (see attached). Commissioner Hooper stated the Friends of the Thurmont Regional Library will host an "American Music Program" which will be held on Thursday, May 25, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at the American Legion.

Mr. Jim Jeffrey, 17 Victor Drive voiced his concerns to the Board regarding zoning more land for commercial enterprises. Mr. Jeffrey recommended no new land zoned; unless zoned commercial. Mr. John Kinnaird, 106 North Church Street commented on a new website being linked to the Thurmont website. Mr. Kinnaird stated the new web link has images of events held throughout Thurmont which are available for purchase.

Without further discussion the public meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Recording Secretary