

Town of Upper Marlboro

14211 School Lane • Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772

PUBLIC FORUM

Thursday, May 23, 2019 – 7:00 p.m.

Amendments to the Town of Upper Marlboro Charter

All Town residents are invited to attend a forum to discuss proposed amendments to the Town Charter. The Town's Attorney will be present to answer resident's questions and concerns on the topic.

AGENDA

Call to Order

- Roll Call
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Consent to the Agenda

Business

- 1) Charter Overview & Background: presented by Town Attorney Kevin J. Best, Esq.
- 2) Recommendation 1 — **Section 82-13**: President to Mayor
- 3) Recommendation 2 — **Section 82-3**: Commissioner 2-year Term to 4-year Term
- 4) Recommendation 3 — **Section 83-36**: Town Treasurer as a Staff Position
- 5) Recommendation 4 — **Section 82-49**: Overdue Town Tax Recommendation Rate
- 6) General/Administration issues

Public Comment

Adjournment

*All meetings are subject to closure in accordance with the State Open Meetings Act—House Bill 217
See back of Agenda for Public Comment Procedures*

Wanda Leonard
Commissioner

Tonga Y. Turner
Commissioner/ President

Linda Pennoyer
Commissioner/ Treasurer

PUBLIC COMMENT PROCEDURES

Your Town government appreciates citizen input. So, in an effort to maximize effective resolutions on resident's issues, we encourage Town residents and businesses to contact us at Town Hall first, weekdays: 9 a.m.–5 p.m., or by written correspondence (or email to info@uppermarlboromd.gov). You are always welcome to schedule an appointment with the President or a Commissioner to discuss municipal problems and quality-of-life issues one-on-one, and work together towards a satisfactory solution.

Agendas for meetings are posted on our website and a synopsis of the monthly Town Meeting Agenda is also provided in the "On the Agenda" column of our monthly newsletter, the *Landings*. Outreach and notices of legislative items are also posted on the Town's social media accounts (Facebook & Twitter).

Our meetings are open to the public, and we ask that residents who want to comment to please follow the rules that have been established by "Resolution 2016-02: Adoption of Rules of Order and Regulations for Public Meetings" . . .

III. Citizen Input

A. At regular and special meetings, residents of the Town may have the opportunity to address the Board on any item on the agenda provided a resident is recognized and allowed to speak by the President. Recognized public comment and/or questions that are germane to the immediate agenda item shall be limited to (1) minute. Furthermore, each regular meeting shall also have an agenda item for citizen input regarding any municipal question, during which time any resident of the Town may address the Board for up to three (3) minutes on matters or items not necessarily placed on the agenda. Individuals not residing in the Town may speak at regular or special meetings under conditions specified by the Board. The President or the Board may uniformly change or adjust the time limitations for all speakers depending on the circumstances or provide additional time for experts or other officials.

B. Except in instances where the presiding officer expressly invites or allocates time for public testimony, questions, comments, or other forms of participation, or when public participation is otherwise authorized by law, no member of the public attending an open meeting session may actively participate in the session. Public comment by members of the public is not typically designed or intended for interactive dialogue between the Commission and the public, unless the presiding officer specifically allows it or the Commission elects to suspend its rules to allow such colloquy.

C. Speakers shall state their name for the record, and their address (**street name only**). Ordinarily, for each agenda item, including citizen input, speakers shall have one opportunity to speak and may not poll or ask questions of individual commissioners, staff or public officials. Otherwise, the Board shall determine the conduct of the public discussions on any issue and may set reasonable time limits for such.

D. Ordinarily, work sessions are open to public observation only and public participation is at the discretion of the Board. At work sessions, residents and non-residents may be allowed to speak on any municipal issue, but only under conditions specified by the Board.

Each individual speaker must stand, state their name and home of record (street name only) and approach the Board to a designated position in order to be recognized by the Chair of the Board, and to be heard by the recording Clerk, as well as others in attendance.