

**Minutes from Glen Echo Environmental Committee**  
**January 22, 2020**  
**Held in Glen Echo Town Hall**

**Attendees:** Beth Boa (Town Manager), Dia Costello, Alec Graham, Robin Kogelnik, Mayor Willem Polak, Ana Rasmussen (Bannockburn), Holly Shimizu, Charles Trowbridge, Speke Wilson

**1) Ana Rasmussen discussed the application for a Chesapeake Bay Trust grant that she is involved with in Bannockburn. Some of her key points:**

- first work with Ann English, then with Jeff Poppf (he handles the grants)
- we must know what we want to do, what are we asking for
- Work with a Landscape Architect, they worked with Susana **Altmann**. S. 301-351-9909  
[dsaltmann@gmail.com](mailto:dsaltmann@gmail.com)
- work with an engineer, they worked with John Shorb since they have done this before
- study who the grants have been awarded to previously
- Tina Rouse, Executive Director, Friends of Cabin John Creek can help: Tel: 301-221-7827 or  
[tina@cabinjohncreek.org](mailto:tina@cabinjohncreek.org)
- it was a laborious process, they paid approximately \$30,000 to prepare this grant
- RFP available in August-September
- Lawrence Halprin has done excellent work in this area:  
<https://tclf.org/sites/default/files/microsites/halprinlegacy/>

**2) Mayor Polak on Stormwater issues in Town**

- Construction on Vassar has been a big problem
- Flooding problems at Wellesley & Cornell are an issue
- He has spoken with County,
- roads in Glen Echo are owned by Glen Echo,
- MacArthur Blvd. is a State Road
- The stormwater problem has many parts to it: many houses in Glen Echo dump water from their roofs, when Washington Gas worked in Town they reduced the curb heights along the roads, sump pumps are pushing water out on to roads, water comes in Town from MacArthur Blvd.
- Town Engineer Joe Toomey is working with Chamberlain Co. to find solutions
- Solutions from Chamberlain include “speed humps” (berms) to direct water flow or raising sidewalks at certain points in Town.
- Glen Echo has an ordinance that residents cannot directly dump roof water into neighborhood
- We need to encourage homeowners to put in rain gardens and cisterns

**3) Sustainable Maryland Update**

- Tree Ordinance draft: Speke and Dia will review and send to TM Beth Boa by January 31<sup>st</sup>
- Then it can be reviewed by Counsel and presented at next Council Meeting (Feb 10). This is one part of getting approved as a Tree City. Also need to have an Arbor Day celebration.
- We want an insect hotel for Town and Robin will ask Troy if he is willing to create one

-Beth has calculated the points we have towards certification and we are already up to 70 out of 150

#### **4) Pesticide Ban Montgomery County: for information -**

<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/lawns/law/>

-how do we dispose of old pesticides?

The Montgomery County House Hold Waste drop-off is located in the Recycling Area of the [Shady Grove Processing Facility and Transfer Station](#). Use the Route 355 / Frederick Road entrance to the facility.

The HHW drop-off for residents is open during the [Transfer Station's hours of operation](#). Small businesses must bring material only during [our ECOWISE program hours](#).

-does the Pesticide ban cover mosquito control? From the Montgomery County Site

#### **Q: A company just sprayed over the lawn next to me to control mosquitoes. Is this allowed?**

A: Yes. So long as the applicator was properly licensed or the pesticide was approved for use by the private property owner, and all directions were followed per the label on the product. The law allows for registered pesticides to be used to control biting or stinging insects, as well as disease vectors. If you believe the product was not used per the label, or was used by an unlicensed company, or drifted onto your property, inquire immediately with the Maryland Department of Agriculture by calling 410-841-5710.

#### **5) Right-of-Way Update**

-soil tests are being done

-we may consider swales in the long run

-the County will supply and plant free trees:

<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/green/trees/tree-montgomery.html>

#### **6) Our Committee members will get training on rain gardens and related solutions so that we can offer free services to Glen Echo residents**

-Robin has identified the following resources:

The Montgomery County Master Gardeners are holding our 2020 Spring Gardening Conference on Feb 22 from 8:30 - 2:30 - it's open to the public, and there should be lots of good presentations. Here's a link to the registration with info on the presentations,

etc. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/gardening-with-2020-vision-focus-on-the-future-spring-conference-2020-registration-87503396013>

You can also become a master gardener! Here's a link to the 2020 program (class starts Jan 28th): <https://extension.umd.edu/sites/extension.umd.edu/files/docs/programs/master-gardeners/Montgomery/2019-2020Become%20a%20MCMG.pdf>

There's a new online class that sounds pretty good: "Landscaping for Resilience in a Changing Climate" <https://extension.umd.edu/news/landscaping-resilience-changing-climate>

The University of Maryland Extension has routinely listing classes and training. For example, I did a Bay-Wise Landscape Management Advanced Training this fall.

There are a lot of education opportunities through Montgomery College - classes can be taken for credit or audited, and class fees are waived for seniors. Here's a flyer on what they have this spring: <https://extension.umd.edu/sites/extension.umd.edu/files/docs/programs/master-gardeners/Montgomery/LNTP%20Class%20Description%20Spring%202020.pdf>

**7) Instead of Solar installation on Town Roof**, it is recommended that Community Solar be considered. TM Boa will investigate and present as an option to the Town Council.

**8) April 19 has been reserved for installing plants** at the Nancy Long Bird and Butterfly Garden. May also have Arbor Day Celebration at this time.

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