

**TOWN OF CECILTON**  
**Mayor and Council Regular Session Meeting**  
**Monday, March 20, 2023**

The Mayor and Council held a Regular Session Meeting in Town Hall on Monday, March 20, 2023. The following were in attendance:

Michael Cooper, Mayor

Craig DeVary, Member

Danielle Zack, Member

Sue Katzmire, Member

Introductions were made.

All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**REVIEW AND ACT:**

**February 21, 2023 Mayor and Council Regular Session Meeting Minutes:**

Member DeVary motioned to accept the February 21, 2023 Regular Session Meeting Minutes as written. Member Zack seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**WTTP and Water Supply Report:** Jordan Smith introduced himself to the new people present. Smith reviewed the report including preventive maintenance tasks. Temporary water tank has been dropped off for the water tower maintenance. Preparations are being made for the tank maintenance. Administrator Cooper added that the County Emergency Department and Cecilton Volunteer Fire Company were alerted that the water tower would be offline. Chief Reamy notified other local fire companies so they can be on alert to assist with emergencies.

**Cecilton Activity Report:** Deputy Walmsley was present to review the report. Walmsley scheduled some time for coverage of the Bed Race. There were no questions concerning the report.

**134 North Bohemia Avenue:** Administrator Cooper introduced Steve Jones. His intentions for the property could be a change of use of property. It is zoned Town Center, but was used as a single-family residence. He is not changing the zoning. He explained who he was and his history with addiction. He has been clean for 11 years. Jones plans on making the house a recovery house. He continued to explain that he has put one in Elkton and one in Chestertown. The one in Elkton has dissolved. The one in Chestertown has been there for 8 years. They have a contract and policy with the residents that if they start using again that they have to leave. They would then be provided with a safe place to go. Residents want to live with other people who are sober. He explained they have the right under the Fair Housing Agreement. They are a family together. There are record checks and he does not accept anyone with child and sexual offenses against them. The typical person went through the recovery center, then lived on a house on the property, and have 6 to 9 months sober. They are now working in the area. They have a network

in the area and go to meetings in the area. They just want to stay in the area. Attorney Yeager commented that Mr. Jones did a good job in explaining what he is doing and to continue to develop public relations with the community so that they understand what he is doing. Yeager commented that our code will need to be looked for in whether it is allowed or we need a special exception. He may have to go through the special exception process but we can't discriminate on who we give a special exception to. Each residence does pay rent. Jones lives nearby, so he can be in contact. Attorney Yeager, after looking at the ordinance, could not find anything concerning group homes. He said that as long as there is adequate parking and no more than the home is equipped for. There does not seem to be anything to keep him from doing it. Jones explained his policies. They can have guests but not overnight. He will be there often monitor. He will provide the Town with a copy of his contract with the residents.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

MML Dinner – Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup>. North East hosts.

Bed Race – April 1, 2023. Discussion of parking, vendor placement, and the running of heats.

Concerns about those that have not registered yet.

Meeting adjourned.



Michael Cooper  
Mayor

Respectfully submitted,



Teresa Quinn