

TOWN OF CECILTON
Mayor and Council Regular Session Meeting
Tuesday, March 23, 2026

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The Mayor and Council held a Regular Session Meeting in Town Hall on Tuesday, March 23, 2026. The following were in attendance:

Michael Cooper, Mayor

Sue Katzmire, Member

Hester Wise, Member

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.
All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Review and Act:

February 17, 2026 Regular Session Meeting Minutes: Member Katzmire motioned to accept the February 17, 2026 Regular Session Meeting Minutes as written. Member Wise seconded the motion. Motion carried.

February Final Financials: Member Wise motioned to accept the February Final Financials as written. Member Katzmire seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

WTTP and Water Supply Report: Jordan Smith and Heather Perry were in attendance to review the report. Monthly maintenance was performed on both plants. Both plants were in compliance for the month. When weather gets warmer all hydrants will be flushed.

Cecilton Activity Report: Sergeant Dixon was out of town for business and unable to attend meeting. Any questions on the report can be submitted to him. Discussion of homeless couple by the senior housing. It will be looked into. Members commented that there were a lot of traffic stops.

Seat at the Table: Reverend Keisha was not able to make it, so will look at seeing if she can attend April's meeting.

Cemetery Lane/Stump Lane: Administrator Cooper explained that there is a piece of property in town that is classified as Cemetery Lane/Stump Lane. It is abandoned. Images were provided. There is a chimney on the verge of falling over and turkey vultures are roosting in it. They are doing damage to the neighbor's property. Looking at the property file, this has been a concern for decades. Letters have been sent and returned. Can't seem to make contact with anyone. Discussion of what degree we need to make contact before looking at taking over the property. The taxes have been paid. We do not know who is paying them. We do not seem to have an updated address for them. The property has essentially been abandoned and it is a concern. Discussion of how to move forward. Member Wise knows owner's daughter and will try to

obtain contact information for her. Wise commented that a neighbor tried to buy the property in the years past but they would not sell it. Once contact is made, then if the property is not maintained fines will be sent.

North Bohemia Avenue: North Bohemia Avenue is an ongoing issue also. Two weeks ago, Admin Cooper received phone calls from people that live in close proximity to the property letting her know that they have seen people in and around the property/home. She visited the property with the owner's permission. She contacted the owner concerning the open windows and doors. With the owner's permission, she went into the house. It is a mess. Kids have been in there and have vandalized it significantly. There are also vultures roosting. She sent pictures to the property owner. He commented that there were "No Trespassing" signs on the property. That is not stopping people from vandalizing the property. Admin Cooper stressed to the owner that he needs to come see and attend to the property in person. He commented that it is a project that he will get to. Admin Cooper called Maryland Historical Trust to see if she could get some money just to board up the house to keep people out. Historical Trust said that since he is not residing in it and it is essentially a project, they do not fund/support that. They inquired about the condition of the ice house and they may be interested in trying to save that. Cooper got all the information, so that she could pass it along to the owner. She spoke to him on Friday and told him that he has to come to this town. The police cannot do anything about the vandalism because the owner has to be the one to report it. In three weeks, owner is supposed to come down and contact Cooper when he is in Town. Discussion of need to look at change of ordinance concerning nuisance property. Health Department was called and they referred to the County and the County referred by to the Health Department. Admin Cooper will take a look at what other small towns have in their ordinances.

2027 Fiscal Year Budget: Mayor and Council were present with the proposed FY2027 Budget. Member Wise made a motion to accept the proposed budget to move forward in advertising for the Public Hearing. Member Katzmire seconded the motion. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: Noe

Public Comment: None

Good of the Order:

Cecil Harford Chapter MML Dinner – Perryville, April 16, 2026

UME Bethel Gala Fundraiser – April 18, 2026 at 2pm. Mary Cooper will be honored.

Annual Bed Race – April 1, 2026

Member Katzmire motioned to adjourn the meeting. Member Wise seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:28pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael Cooper

Mayor



Teresa Quinn