

Town of Sudlersville
Town Commissioner Meeting Minutes
February 18, 2026

Town Commissioners in attendance:

E T Kimble, President

John Haag, Vice-President

Sharon Dilks, Commissioner

Marcia Costa Martin, Commissioner

The February 18, 2026 Sudlersville Town Commissioner meeting (rescheduled from February 4 due to inclement weather) was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President E T Kimble and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion to approve the 1.7.26 Meeting Minutes was made by Commissioner Sharon Dilks, seconded by Vice-President John Haag and approved by a voice vote.

A motion to approve the 1.21.26 Budget Workshop Meeting Minutes was made by Commissioner Sharon Dilks, seconded by Commissioner Marcia Costa Martin and approved by a voice vote.

President E T Kimble then opened up the Press and Public Comment period by asking Rob Penny from the Queen Anne's County States Attorney's Office to provide an update on the case involving Commissioner Keith Griffith. Mr. Penny provided a candid and frank summary of the process, details and anticipated timeline involving the criminal case. He answered questions from both the public and the Town Commissioners and advised that he would come at any time to update everyone on the process.

Heather Tinelli, QAC Director Economic and Tourism Development provided a brief introduction of the Rural Maryland Economic Development Fund Grant Program and then introduced consultants Leslie Gray and Aaron King, with Jon Stover & Associates to review the Sudlersville Economic Development Strategy project.

It was explained that once the Town Commissioners approved the Economic Development Plan - it would allow for development and implementation of the key concepts within the plan and also allow the Town to move forward with a "new" Sustainable Communities program with the Department of Housing and Community Development which would compliment the Economic Development Plan.

The Town Commissioners will review the Economic Development Plan and take formal action at their regularly scheduled meeting on March 4.

Commissioner Marcia Costa Martin then shared the upcoming Due East Process and Project that was looking for a location for the second Town public meeting and asked if the Town Hall meeting room could be that location on Tuesday, March 3 from 5-6:30 pm. On a motion made by Commissioner Costa Martin and seconded by Commissioner Dilks, the Town Commissioners agreed to open the Town Hall meeting facility for the meeting.

First State Inspection Agency owner, Earl Dempsey, spoke to the Town Commissioners about a process and the cost associated with a formal rental property inspection process. There are numerous details to consider with implementing the process related to establishing the number and location of each “unit”, developing a database to ensure the property owners receive the formal letter outlining the payment process, scheduling the inspections and providing appropriate documentation that the inspection process has been completed and making payment to First State Inspection.

A copy of the proposed inspection form was included in the Town Commissioners packet for review as well.

Mr. Dempsey also brought up the need to ensure all building inspections were completed on the new homes anticipated in the future – notably the Cross Winds and Foxx Farms developments.

The Town Commissioners agreed to review and discuss the rental property inspections and the building inspections and will address accordingly at the meeting on March 4.

Old Business

The Town Commissioners announced that the sale of backhoe through the auctioneering service was complete. The backhoe sold for \$1820 (\$1850 less \$30 for pictures/advertisement and the pick-up had been scheduled for Thursday, February 18, before noon. Arrangements were being put in place to ensure assistance was provided with loading the equipment.

The Town Commissioners held an initial FY27 Budget Workshop on January 21. They anticipate scheduling a follow-up meeting to review, update formulate a schedule that meets the timing requirements for the County at the next meeting.

New Business

Ordinance 2026-101 Updated Fee Schedule.

Commissioner Dilks mad a motion to introduce Ordinance 2026-101 and update to the fee schedule, it was seconded by Vice-President John Haag and approved by a voice vote.

The appropriate section of the Charter indicating Public Hearing is not required and clarified that ordinances cannot be introduced and adopted in the same meeting. It was agreed that as required, the ordinance would be posted on an office bulletin board for public review prior to adoption at the March 4 Town Commission meeting.

Agency Reports

Planning Commission members that were present at the Town Commission meeting brought up the need to identify two new Planning Commission members to replace Andi Haag and E T Kimble whose terms are up in February. It was discussed but not resolved the process for advertising and appointment to be continued at the Planning Commission meeting on Thursday, February 19th.

In order to respond accurately to the US Census Bureau – members of the Planning Commission – determined that three was the number of new houses built in Sudlersville in 2025. Planning Commission members present agreed to meet on February 19 to discuss outstanding issues. The Town Clerk will provide the response to the Census Bureau.

The Town of Sudersville Library provided the attached January update to the Town Commissioners for review and consideration.

Sharon Andrews shared the Town will be hosting a Vintage BB Game Saturday, October 10th at the Park and are planning a community picnic with hot dogs and cracker jacks. It may be an opportunity for the Town Commissioners to participate.

Town Clerk Update

First on the agenda was information from Shore Rivers who offered an opportunity to plant free trees in town on public or private property. Present at the meeting to share details was Darren Tilghman, Shore Rivers - Director of Community Engagement. This opportunity will be shared with Town Residents through updated Facebook presence and Town website.

Next was an email from Misti Boggus regarding MDA Mosquito Control/Costs ability to participate – the final date to participate is April 24. An estimated cost to complete in 2024 was ~\$3900. The Commissioners agreed to review and discuss.

There was again an acknowledgement to fill 2 Planning Commission members appointment positions (Andi Haag and E T Kimble) ASAP and one 1 TC elected position was noted and action to comply with all regulations or policy followed.

The Town Clerk brought up the need to establish the date and time for another budget workshop and develop a Budget Schedule to ensure all necessary timelines are met.

It was agreed to meet at 5:30 p.m. on March 4 prior to the next Town Commissioner meeting.

In addition, the need to bid out contractual services for trash, the Town auditor once the Financial Statements for FY24, FY25 and FY26 are complete and other potential options to reduce costs should be considered.

The Town Clerk shared the outreach to neighboring municipalities to determine website hosting entities and options. These included Chestertown, Centreville, Ridgely, Greensboro, Queenstown, Millington. Part of the discussion will revolve around ADA requirements and offer language translation.

The Town Clerk Confirmed completion of the Town Boundaries with Census and completion of the MDOT – required road improvement form.

The Town Clerk then gave a summary report of the funds currently held in the Queenstown Bank and provided a list of updated Income/Expenses. Commissioner Dilks made a motion to pay all of the outstanding bills. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Costa Martin and passed with a voice vote.

Town Commissioner Roundtable

Commissioner Dilks shared:

- 1. QAC intends to repave the entire walking path in the park.**
- 2. Barclay was awarded over \$1 million for the construction of a new Town Hall.**
- 3. Church Hill will be celebrating 150 years this year.**
- 4. The Sudlersville Meat Locker and Fire House will have a joint BBQ event.**

Seeing no further business, the Town Commissioners adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.