

DUBLIN/DARLINGTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

September 16, 2009

MINUTES

Members Present: Rich Norling, Chairman
Charles Day, Vice Chairman
Jane Howe, Secretary
Jim Murphy
Joni Nugent
Alan Thompson
Shirley Thompson
Stephen Smith

Guests: Sgt. Kevin Thomas

Review of Minutes: The June 17 minutes were passed by a vote on the motion to accept by Jim Murphy and seconded by Charles Day.

Government Updates:

Sgt. Kevin Thomas – Regarding complaints about trucks and traffic on Shuresville Road, there have been 11 radar details in the past several weeks resulting in 8 traffic tickets issued to teachers of Darlington Elementary and 1 warning to a tractor trailer truck driver. The Traffic Unit is now looking into commercial motor vehicle regulations. A significant amount of extra training and equipment will be needed. It costs money, but Federal grants are available. Jim Murphy encouraged the Sheriff and this group to work with the State to help the Sheriff with training.

Next, Sgt. Thomas presented the crime stats for August 2009.

Total calls for Harford County – 12,443

Sector 100	8/09	793
	8/08	645
Sector 90	8/09	619
	8/08	606
Sector 60	8/09	275
	8/08	350

He said the biggest concern is theft from unlocked cars. **LOCK YOUR CAR!** October is National Crime Prevention Month. The Crime Prevention Trailer will be at the Dublin WaWa on the first Thursday. Look for a pull out section in the Aegis for a full schedule of events. Finally, a blood drive will be held on Sunday, October 11, in memory of Ralph Galion, former Deputy and DVFC member.

Updates:

1. **Aberdeen Water Permit** – No news. A Mayoral Election happens in November. Discussion followed regarding potential outcomes for the request for a 6th Amendment to the existing Water Agreement.
2. **LNG Pipeline** – No news. FERC delayed a decision.
3. **NYP** – No summer cases.

Old Business:

1. **Crosswalk on Route 161 in Darlington** – One crosswalk has been installed.
2. **Tour of Scarboro Landfill** – Charles Day, Shirley Thompson and Jane Howe took a guided tour of the facility, including the recreational areas. Discussion followed regarding the traffic back up on Saturday

mornings. Stephen Smith and Jim Murphy will work on a landfill suggestion that will allow residents to purchase one card for multiple passes at the landfill.

3. **New members** – Still open.
4. **Future Guests** – It was suggested that the pool manager of the Exelon Public Swimming Pool be invited to address issues on the perceived decline in services.

New Business:

1. **Runoff from Harmony Church Road into Deer Creek** – Ronnie Cassilly is concerned about runoff on the gravel part of the road and has had no success in getting SHA to look at it. Rich Norling will contact Jane Walker to set up a meeting with SHA, Soil Conservation, Bob Cooper and Chad Shrodes.
2. **Repainting local bridges** - There is concern about containment of hazardous materials during the repainting of bridges over Deer Creek. Rich Norling will investigate.

Good of the Council:

~ The Darlington Dublin Community Association will hold a Town Meeting tomorrow night. One topic will be about truck traffic in Darlington. In support of the DDCA, the DDCC sent a letter to SHA and they responded that not much can be done until the Route 40 project is completed.

~ The Sheriff's Department will detour truck traffic at Rt. 155 and Rt. 161 on the day of the Apple Festival.

~ A hair dryer sends out the same signal as a radar gun to a radar detector.

~ Stephen Smith announced the upcoming Bike for Breast Cancer. He is now a Director at the national level.

~ Cathy Johnson had a bad fall and is slowly recuperating.

~ The DVFC Fire Prevention Week commences on Oct. 6-11. Multiple activities are planned and are all free at the 2600 Castleton Road station.

~ Jim Murphy asked about State of Maryland awards for people in the community. Specifically, he suggested that an award be drawn up to recognize the decade of service from Jim Calcutt as Chair of the Apple Festival. This is his final year. Charles Day will contact Barry Glassman.

~The next part of the Harford County Transportation Plan will be presented on Sept. 30 at 6:30pm in the P & Z conference room.

~ The Annual Soil Conservation Awards Dinner will be held on October 15 at Level Fire Hall.

Next Meeting: October 21 at 7PM.

Adjournment: Jim Murphy made a motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Shirley Thompson. The meeting adjourned at 8:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Howe