

The Town of Chevy Chase Public Services Committee  
Meeting Minutes, April 28, 2021

Attendees:

Cecily Baskir  
Rich Brancato  
Beth Barnett  
Michael Coplan  
Gautam Prakash  
Joy White  
Abby Marshall  
Donna Worsham  
646-673-4869 (no name provided on Zoom)

The meeting began at approximately 7:00 pm via zoom. No residents gave comments. The minutes of March 24, 2021 were approved.

Mayor Baskir updated the Committee on the latest developments regarding Missing Middle Housing (“MMH”) and the zoning amendment that the County Council is considering. She affirmed that the Town’s regulations regarding setbacks, height restrictions etc would continue to be applicable under the new zoning rules on R-60 lots. The Committee had a robust and lengthy discussion about MMH and its implications for the Town around density, affordability, and providing appropriate Town services to all incoming residents.

The Committee briefly discussed the impending sale of the 4-H property (where there is a separate special committee of the Town Council that is studying the issue in-depth). Mayor Baskir encouraged all members of the PSC to submit comments to both the Town Council and County Council, as appropriate, sharing our views on both MMH and the 4-H property sale.

The Committee discussed a recent accident at the intersection of Thornapple and Maple to determine if there were better public safety measures that could be implemented at that intersection and, more broadly, in other areas of the Town. Debate ensued on whether the Town should lead with enforcement or lead with a positive public relations campaign appealing to Town residents to follow safe driving practices and it was concluded to pursue both approaches (keeping in mind the limitations on managing enforcement activity by the Town’s off-duty police officers wherein they maintain full discretion on how to handle all traffic violations).

There being no new business the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:35 pm.