

**Town of University Park  
Council Committee on Public Facilities and Services  
Thursday, May 20, 2021**

**Minutes**

In attendance: David Caskey (co-chair), Roland Stephen (co-chair), Laurie Morrissey, Martha Wells, Town Administrator David Deutsch, David M. McGaughey ward 5 Councilor Elect.

Call to order at 7:30pm

**David Deutsch** gave a background briefing on the situation with the U.P. Public Works garage.

A significant difference exists in estimated value of the property exists between the Town and the owner.

If a purchase occurs quickly, it will be done working with Sun Trust bank. The Maryland bonding capability will only be available in the fall.

Other properties are being looked at.

**David Caskey** asked to have the comps explained that were used by U.P. in arriving at its estimate.

**Roland Stephen** suggested that the U.P. Mayor return to City of Hyattsville, given the election of a new Mayor there, to see if a better deal could be arrived at.

**David Caskey** suggested asking Berwyn Heights for opportunities.

**Martha Wells** noted that the future of Public Works in terms of its needs is quite uncertain, and so no long-term capital commitments are warranted. The Town needs to be prepared for technological change and changes in operations.

**David Deutsch** reported on the general viability of the Town site for public works. It is possible in principle, County permits doable but not easy. Not an easy site. A storage facility on site in the near future will be desirable in any event and can increase the efficiency of operations. The site as a whole is 42,000 sq. ft., the impervious surface 14,000 sq. ft.

**David Caskey** We need to take care that risks to operations are minimized, and that we have storage in the future.

**David M. McGaughey** We will need to park the equipment somewhere—we can't be without a back-up plan.

**David Caskey** Final wish for consideration in the future: Setting up a 501 3c for the improvement of the town park.

Motion to adjourn at 8:20pm.