

**MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS
TOWN OF NORTH EAST
106 S. MAIN STREET
NORTH EAST, MARYLAND 21901**

Annexation Workshop Meeting – May 28, 2025

Assistant Town Administrator Grant Handley called the Annexation Workshop to order at 5:31 P.M. Participating were Mayor Kelly Benson, Vice-Mayor Kimberly Davis, Commissioners Hilary A. Crothers-Moore, Catherine Bernard-Dutton and Neal DeMatt. Also present were, Town Administrator Melissa Cook-MacKenzie, Director of Planning Betsy Vennell, Grant Writer/Project Manager Amy Yackanech and Town Clerk Stephanie Racine-Dean.

OPENING COMMENTS

Grant Handley, Assistant Town Administrator, Betsy Vennell, Director of Planning and Melissa Cook-MacKenzie, Town Administrator gave a presentation regarding the Town of North East Annexation Proposal which would include proposed properties that are not served water. This would include the cost, revenue and the cost to the water customers. It is not a large area for annexation, some properties bordering Route 272, Route 40 and North Main Street Extended. Each lot would have to be surveyed and put on a plat and advertising the legal notice. This doesn't consider any land to the south of Town.

The benefits to the Town:

- Increased Annual Tax Revenue
- Increased Ability for Future Planning
- Cleaner Corporate Limit Map
- Increased Water Customers
- Improved Community Aesthetics
- Increased Political Participation

The annexation process:

- Annexation Consent
- Annexation Resolution
- Zoning Requirements
- Annexation Plan
- Publication, Hearing and Resolution Passage

Annexation Workshop Approved Minutes – June 25, 2025

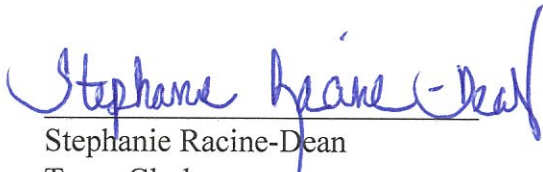
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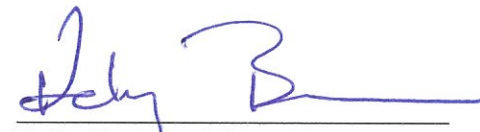
After discussion, Mayor Benson and Board would like for town staff to move forward regarding the annexation plan. If any additional questions or thoughts need to be asked, please contact them directly via email.

Mayor Benson thanked the town staff for putting together the presentation for tonight's meeting. He also stated this project will be an investment for the community as well as the town, which was stated in the presentation.

Respectfully submitted,

Attest:


Stephanie Racine-Dean
Town Clerk


Kelly Benson, Mayor