

# TOWN OF KEEDYSVILLE, MARYLAND

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*Ken Lord, Mayor*  
*Brandon Sweeney, Assistant Mayor*  
*Judy Kerns, Council*  
*Matthew Hull, Council*  
*Sarah Baker, Council*

## **Public Hearing: De-Annexation Minutes December 1, 2021**

*Approved*

The Public Hearing regarding de-annexation with the Keedysville Mayor and Town Council was called to order at 6:33pm with the following present: Assistant Mayor Brandon Sweeney, Council Members Judy Kerns, Matt Hull, and Sarah Baker, Town Attorney Ed Kuczynski, and Town Administrator Lisa Riner.

The de-annexation would be of approximately 44.23 acres located along the N/W side of Shepherdstown Pike owned by the Matson family. Eric Matson would like the Council to approve the de-annexation.

Mr. Hull would like Mr. Matson to consider putting the property into a permanent farming easement so that the Town doesn't have to go through the annexation again. It is currently in a 15-year easement, but Mr. Matson would not want to make it permanent. Mr. Hull wondered about what the benefit would be to the Town to allow the de-annexation. The Town originally approved the annexation to have some control over the development that goes on there. Mr. Matson noted that the County property surrounding him is in Preservation Agriculture, and when he spoke to Jill Baker from the County, she indicated his property would likely be the same. Mr. Hull would like the property to be a little more locked in so that the Town doesn't have to continue to go through changes with the property in the future. Mr. Kuczynski said there could possibly be a de-annexation agreement.

Mr. Matson noted there were multiple errors in the annexation. Mr. Kuczynski acknowledged that the surveyor has admitted there was a mistake made in the description 20 years ago. However, there were not multiple errors. If the property is not de-annexed, then the Town would need to fix that surveying mistake in the description of the annexation.

Ms. Baker asked about whether the County could re-zone the property in the future even if the current zoning is Preservation. The County usually looks at the zoning of the surrounding properties in order to determine how a property will be zoned. Mr. Kuczynski's thoughts were that the zoning would only get changed drastically because of major changes in Keedysville, such as expansion, growth, and industrialization, which looks unlikely. The County can re-zone through Comprehensive re-zoning. There was much discussion.

Larry Matson noted that Eric is his son, and they don't want to sell the property off to a developer.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55pm.  
Respectfully Submitted,  
Lisa Riner, Town Administrator

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All attendees must sign in. Attendee comments will only be heard during the appropriate time in the agenda. Those wishing to be heard must check the appropriate box. Comments will be limited to three minutes each.

NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE	WISH TO BE HEARD
Justin Hilder	308 West Chapline St Sharpsburg, MD 21782	(240) 356-2008	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Karen Matson + Larry Matson	6367 Coffman Farms Rd Keedysville, MD 21756	240-818 4010	<input type="checkbox"/>
ERIC Matson			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Dian Thomson	9 Mt. Vernon	301- 305-229	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jonathan Pufferberger	23 Sutter Dr	301 697-3705	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kaden Snyder	10813 Greenwillde Williamsport	240-382 6934	<input type="checkbox"/>
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## Public Hearing: De-Annexation Agenda December 1, 2021

Call to Order

De-Annexation of approximately 44.23 acres located along the N/W side of Shepherdstown Pike

Comments by Residents

Comments by Council

Adjournment



**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
KEEDYSVILLE, MARYLAND**

Notice is hereby given by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Keedysville, Maryland, as its duly constituted legislative body, that pursuant to the powers granted to it under the provisions of the Constitution of the State of Maryland, the general laws of the State of Maryland, and the Charter of the Town of Keedysville that a public hearing will be held by said Mayor and Council on Wednesday, December 1, 2021 at 6:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers, Town Hall, Keedysville, Maryland, to determine whether or not to amend the Charter of said Town to de-annex all or a part of certain property located within the corporate limits of the Town consisting of approximately 44.23 acres located along the N/W side of the Shepherdstown Pike. The property is currently owned by Lawrence H. Matson, et al and all or part of said property was annexed in accordance with Maryland Law into the corporate limits of the Town of Keedysville on November 7, 2003. This proposed Charter Amendment is being initiated by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Keedysville at the request of the property owners.

Testimony will be taken at said public hearing from interested persons. The Charter of the Town of Keedysville as it now exists is on file in Town Hall, Keedysville, Maryland and is incorporated herein by reference for convenience and may be inspected in that office.

Pursuant to the Maryland Open Meetings Law, notice is hereby given that the deliberations of the Mayor and Council are open to the public.

The Mayor and Council's determination as to whether or not to amend its Charter to de-annex the herein described property will be made at the regular meeting on the date of the hearing or at a regular meeting to be held at a later date, the date and time of which will be announced.

Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Town Hall at 301-432-5795. Any person desiring a stenographic transcript shall be responsible for supplying a competent stenographer at their expense.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE  
TOWN OF KEEDYSVILLE, MD

Edward L. Kuczynski  
Town Attorney

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Notary Public  
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