

TOWN OF KEEDYSVILLE, MARYLAND

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Mayor and Council Minutes June 3, 2026

Approved

The monthly meeting of the Keedysville Mayor and Town Council was called to order at 7:00 pm with the following present: Mayor Ken Lord, Assistant Mayor Brandon Sweeney, Council Members Judy Kerns, Sarah Baker, Town Attorney Ed Kuczynski, Town Administrator Lisa Riner, and Administrative Assistant Teresa Pangle.

Minutes from the May 6, 2026, meeting were approved.

The General Fund Report was \$582,259.83

Announcements were read.

Community Deputy Report

Deputy Watkins completed the following checks: 4 in Cannon Ridge, 4 in Rockingham, 4 in Stonecrest, 4 at the park, 1 at the filtration plant, 3 at the cemetery, 1 at the church, 3 calls for service, 1 special event (SpringFest), and 2 days of training.

Resident Comments

The Town received an anonymous letter regarding public comments made at the Comprehensive Plan update on May 14, 2026. The letter is attached to these minutes.

Old Business

FY2027 Budget – Ms. Riner made a few updates from the last meeting. Mr. Sweeney motioned to move forward with the town and water budgets, Ms. Kerns seconded, and all voted in favor.

Cable Franchise Agreement – Mr. Kuczynski hasn't finished his review. A Comcast attorney sent him an abbreviated version, which has complicated his review. Mr. Sweeney sent Mr. Kuczynski an email regarding questions he has. Mr. Kuczynski will forward the abbreviated version to Mr. Sweeney.

Green Purchasing Policy – Mr. Sweeney motioned to approve the Green Purchasing Policy, Ms. Baker seconded, and all voted in favor.

Mt. Vernon Reformed Church Restoration Work and Funding – We received a quote from Gruber-Latimer to do the work just on the bell tower before the new slate roof is installed. The quote was for \$6,891.00, and would come out of the

town's budget. Mr. Sweeney had a question regarding the mobilization fee. Ms. Pangle will confirm with Gruber-Latimer tomorrow. Ms. Baker motioned to move forward pending a reasonable mobilization fee, Mr. Sweeney seconded, and all voted in favor.

Brandenburg Field Flagpole & Fence – Mayor Lord has not contacted Ms. Ellis. Ms. Riner said depending on what Ms. Ellis says, it might affect the Council's decision. She received a quote from Mr. Babington. It will cost \$1,175.00 to remove the chain link fence, concrete for the flagpole and memorial plaque, fill in the holes with topsoil, and seed. He said this is on the high end because he's not sure what he will find once he starts digging. He said he will do his best to get the plaque off the concrete in one piece, but he can't guarantee it. Re-installing the flagpole and memorial plaque will be about \$2,350.00. Mayor Lord asked if we have a good place to put the flagpole. Ms. Riner thought this might be something Ms. Ellis would weigh in on. Mr. Sweeney asked if we know how much we paid for the plaque in case we need to replace it. Ms. Riner will see what she can find on the plaque and contact South County Little League one more time regarding the maintenance of the ballfield.

15 S Main St – Mr. Babington gave a quote of \$4,250.00 to remove and dispose of the concrete and footers. If there are no footers, the price will be lower. This does not include doing anything with the ground after removal. Ms. Kerns motioned to move forward with Mr. Babington's quote, Mr. Sweeney seconded, and all voted in favor.

Washington County 250th Event Table – Ms. Kerns said Ms. Gemeny and Ms. Thompson are working on this with her. Their theme is three tri-fold boards with pictures of Past, Present & Future. Ms. Kerns asked the council what her budget will be for this event. Mayor Lord suggested \$250.00. Ms. Baker mentioned grant funds from the trivia event could be used for the display boards if used at the trivia event. Ms. Kerns asked what the hours are for the event tables. Ms. Riner will find out and get back to her.

New Business

Mt. Vernon Church Slate Roof Bid Invitation – Ms. Riner reported that the invitation to bid was sent out on May 22nd, and the mandatory pre-bid meeting is on Tuesday, June 9th at 10 am. Bids are due Wednesday, June 24th at 12 pm.

Website Accessibility – Ms. Riner reported there are new legal requirements for making websites accessible to people with disabilities. She reached out to Mr. Wiegand, and he provided three options. We have until April 2028, so this isn't urgent. Mr. Sweeney motioned to move forward with options one and two, Ms. Baker seconded, and all voted in favor.

Southern Corrosion Testimonial – They are getting a new website and looking for customer testimonials. Mr. Sweeney will put something together.

E-Bikes & E-Scooters – Resident Amy Simmons expressed concerns about the use on the streets and sidewalks. The resident requested the Town post a public statement. There was much discussion. Mr. Kuczynski suggested asking the Sheriff's Dept to put together a written statement of policy and law to advise the public. This could be used by all the municipalities and shared by the town on the website and social media.

Weed Control & Fertilizer @ Talor Park – Resident Amy Thomas, who lives next to the park, sent a letter to the council. She has concerns about the use of fertilizer and herbicides and would like the town to reconsider the use. Ms. Pangle contacted Antietam Tree about the products they use and is waiting for their response. Mayor Lord suggested doing more research about the alternatives.

Brandenburg Field Sign – Resident Cindy Brandenburg mentioned the sign at the ballfield is in need of attention. Ms. Baker will take her portable power washer over to see if that makes a difference.

Residents Comments

Ms. Gemeny said there was an article in the paper about several Boonsboro businessmen redoing the totem pole in Boonsboro. She said, "It looks absolutely snappy".

Council Comments

Ms. Baker gave an update for Trivia Night. She said her husband could be the DJ, but she hasn't contacted the community center yet. Mayor Lord asked about using the park pavilion instead of the community center for the Trivia Night. Some of the money saved from the DJ and community center can go towards the budget for the Keedysville past/present/future display board. The Council decided on a date of Friday, September 18th at 6 pm at Taylor Park. Ms. Baker will check on local caterers.

Ms. Kerns went to the Hancock MML Dinner. She said the Mayor of Williamsport is starting "talk of the town" to compile what's going on in each municipality. She said he will email Ms. Riner to get updates about Keedysville, and it will be distributed to the municipalities every month.

Ms. Kerns suggested getting July 4th decorations for Town Hall. Two small wreaths for the door. Banners for the railing and the windows. The council agreed.

Mr. Kuczynski reported the Circuit Court decision overturning the PIA ruling on the Attorney Invoice redactions has been appealed by Mr. Holder.

Mayor Lord said he was with Boonsboro Mayor Howard Long today for a music education award. Boonsboro is the only public high school in Maryland that has won this award.

Mayor Lord said Friends of Red Hill Cemetery will be doing a cleanup on Saturday at noon. He will be there and hopes others can attend.

Mayor Lord mentioned Mr. Waring will host 30 visitors from Baltimore to tour Mt Hebron Cemetery and his house (the George Adam Geeting house), this Saturday. He will be giving a talk at Salem Church at 1 pm.

Mayor Lord asked about the electric at the park. There were issues with Pavilion #3 during SpringFest. Ms. Riner said we will get quotes to look at the entire electrical system at the park. There have been issues with the food pavilion breakers tripping during SpringFest.

Mayor Lord asked about the pickleball court. Ms. Riner said the grading is complete, but a test still needs to be done. Kompan plans to start in July. It should be completed by the end of summer. Ms. Riner said the engineer fee will be paid out of pocket, not from the grant.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Teresa Pangle, Administrative Assistant

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Mayor & Council Agenda June 3, 2026 at 7:00 pm

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes: May 6, 2026 Budget Hearing and Meeting and May 28, 2026 Special Meeting

General Fund Report: \$582,259.83

Announcements: Town Hall Closed Friday, June 19, 2026 for Juneteenth

Community Deputy Report

Resident Comments: Written comment regarding Public Input Session for the Comprehensive Plan Update

Old Business: FY2027 Budget; Cable Franchise Agreement; Green Purchasing Policy; Mt. Vernon Church restoration work; Brandenburg Field flagpole and fence; Washington County 250th Anniversary July 4, 2026 Event Table

New Business: Mt. Vernon Church Slate Roof Replacement Invitation to Bid; Website Accessibility Requirements; Southern Corrosion Testimonial; E-bikes and e-scooters; Weed control and fertilizer at Taylor Park; Brandenburg Field sign

Resident Comments

Council Comments

Adjournment



I was at the Keedysville Public Input Session last week, for the Keedysville Comprehensive Plan.

As a member of this community, I was very embarrassed for our town.

What should have been a conversation about how to make our town better, and create dialogue; became a conversation about keeping people out.

One of our neighbors commandeered the whole conversation. Not only was this discussion un-helpful, it was embarrassing.

This neighbor continued to ask questions about why 'outsiders' were allowed to have input in our town's comprehensive plan. As this person's questions were answered, they continued to take over the conversation. Even saying at one point that 'renters come and go', suggesting that renters should also not have a say.

This conversation started because we had 2 candidates for local and state government in attendance who asked if they should have input. As a small town, we should be thrilled to have them in attendance. This was our chance to let them know what we are all about, and what is important to our small part of Washington County.

I would like to publicly state that this is unacceptable behavior and we should not tolerate this in our town.

Thank You

I would appreciate it if this could be added to the next council meeting as a public comment.