

Town of Cheverly News and Announcements

Mayor and Council Special Worksession

6:30 pm, Monday, March 2, 2020

Large Conference Room

Cheverly Town Hall

6401 Forest Rd

The Worksession Agenda is as follows:

1. Call to order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Cheverly Planning Board, Margaret MacDonnell
4. Cheverly Green Infrastructure Committee, Sheila Salo
5. A Master Tree Plan for Cheverly, Nathan McElroy
6. Adjourn

Note: This is an open meeting and community is invited and encouraged to attend.

The agenda will support time for questions following the presentations.

Green Infrastructure Committee

The Cheverly Green Infrastructure Committee was established by the Town Council in 2011 to oversee implementation of the Cheverly Green Plan. Green infrastructure provides a set of principles, a way of looking at our world, that helps us take action to preserve, restore and sustain the natural environment of Cheverly and surrounding areas as intact and healthy ecosystems. The same principles help guide development, redevelopment, and investment policy decisions in a proactive and sustainable manner.

A comprehensive plan was developed to help Cheverly's elected officials and staff to make directed policy decisions based on green infrastructure principles. The plan is comprehensive so that decisions are not made piecemeal, but consider the town's needs as a whole.

Cheverly Green Infrastructure activities fall into three categories: education and outreach, advice to the Mayor and Town Council on town projects and issues, and hands-on projects initiated by and implemented by the committee.

Planning Board

The Planning Board (The Board) is a volunteer board of citizens of Cheverly who are approved and appointed by The Town Council (The Council). The Board serves in an advisory role to The Council on various projects related to planning and development and other planning related matters affecting the Town of Cheverly that come before The Council. The Board also actively makes recommendations to The Council for planning and development matters that positively impact the citizens of Cheverly. Neither The Council nor The Board has control over zoning matters. Zoning issues are a county-level activity.

The Planning Board in its advisory role to the Mayor and Town Council, should assist the Council in its decision-making and public comments by providing technical input regarding the future impact of proposed development and construction around the Town, and comment to the Mayor and Town Council on the development objectives, goals and principles for future development of the Town of Cheverly prior to enactment. The Board will advise whether a proposal or plan is in the best interests of the public health, safety, morals or welfare of the residents of the Town.