

**COMMISSIONERS OF RIDGELY**  
**MAY 13, 2026**  
**COMMISSIONERS WORKSHOP**



The Commissioners of Ridgely met on the above date at 6:00 pm in the Ridgely Town Hall for a Commissioners Workshop. The following were in attendance: President John Hurley, Commissioner Chad Leister, Commissioner Sears, Director of Operations David Crist, Clerk-Treasurer Stephanie Berkey, Zoning Administrator Melissa Leonard, Financial Assistant Gerald Sutton.

President Hurley opened the meeting at 6:00 pm.

**TOWN CODE UPDATE CHAPTERS 173-178 VEHICLES AND PARKING**

Commissioner Leister discussed the problems with the current code and the updates that need to be made.

- Untagged vehicle policy needs an enforcement policy.
- Outside of private property, law enforcement can get involved.
- Review of Chestertown's policy
- Town has no place to store towed vehicles, would need to be contracted.
- Changes would affect both the town code and the zoning ordinance.
- Snow emergency planning should also be included.

**WATER & SEWER RATE STUDY**

Commissioner Sears reviewed the water and sewer rates and the possible new rate structure.

- 28% increase will close the gap in the Enterprise Fund deficit
- 35% increase will allow for a small contingency in the Enterprise Fund
- 38% increase will allow for capital improvement savings in the Enterprise Fund
- Rates will be reviewed by MDE because of the sewer line replacement grant and may change by them.
- Depreciation was reviewed
- Commissioner Sears will host an open Town Hall on May 21, 2026, at 6:00 pm to meet with residents about the rate changes.
- June meeting will introduce the draft resolution; July meeting will have a public hearing prior to the vote on the resolution.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:04 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Stephanie L. Berkey, CMC  
Clerk-Treasurer