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*Harford County Towing Appeals Board Public Hearing Minutes
February 27, 2025 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM
Department Inspections, Licenses, and Permits Conference Room*

I. Public Hearing Welcome and Introduction – Laura Keller, Secretary to the Board

Mrs. Keller welcomed all in attendance and asked for a round of introductions. A statement about the resignation of Erin Brown, Board Chairperson and Citizen at Large was announced. See Addendum 1

II. Consideration & Approval of Past Meeting Minutes from September 28, 2023

Wayne Sullivan motioned to accept the Board Meeting minutes from September 28, 2023, seconded by Lt. Blessing. Motion approved unanimously by voice vote.

The following people attended the meeting:

Board Member	DILP Staff	Public Attendee
Jeffrey Clark	Harold Boling	Lee Banks
Lt. C. Craig Blessing	Scott Schott	Tim Bonner
Wayne Sullivan	Laura Keller	
Joseph Neukum		

III. Opening of Public Comments

The public hearing was opened at 10:30 am. It was noted that the hearing was advertised on the Harford County Calendar Website with the agenda since February 2, 2025.

Tim Bonner posed the question of where does the county stand with towing of alternate fueled vehicles? Information was provided to the Department of Inspections, Licenses and Permits at the meeting on September 28, 2023. Harold Boling stated that Harford County code requires DILP to put together rules and regulations for alternative fuel vehicles and present it to Board in a Public Meeting for consideration and approval. It was discussed that a temporary list of towers was established and are capable of properly towing and storing alternative fuel vehicles. See Addendum 2.

Harold Boling said something should be written for new rules and regulations by our next meeting in September 2025. The question was presented as to how many alternative fuel

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vehicles are being towed? The Department of Emergency Services should be giving information such as the make, model and fuel type of vehicle at time of dispatch. Lt. Blessing stated that he will look into if the Department of Emergency Services is giving EV information to the rotation tower and make sure that private towers are not being used in cases where licensed towers in rotation can be called.

IV. New Business from Towing Appeals Board Members

It was noted that Rich Truitt, Director of DILP, will take applications for the Board Member vacancy of Citizen at Large. Applications can be found on the County Website. Current members agreed to keep in mind a person that could fulfill the vacancy. A candidate should have a background in towing, transportation or another related field.

Mr. Neukum raised the question of Public Information for towing rotation history. Mr. Boling gave the answer that that information is provided by the Department of Emergency Services. However, board members should be able to request a copy of towing records and rotations. It was stated that Rich Truitt can add Board Members to a list of emailed recipients to receive a monthly report of rotation calls. Mrs. Keller will provide those emails to Mr. Truitt.

Finally, a vote for a new Board Chairperson was taken. Mr. Wayne Sullivan stated that he would take on the responsibilities of Chairperson. Mr. Neukum seconded the motion, and a vote was taken with 3 in the affirmative and one abstaining. Mr. Neukum was then nominated by the Board and appointed Chairperson.

V. Closing of Public Hearing

There was no public comment received by the Towing Appeals Board Secretary via phone, email or written correspondence. The next meeting was discussed to be held sometime in September of 2025. A formal date will be decided by Mrs. Laura Keller and Mr. Neukum and provided to the Board as the date approaches. The public hearing was closed by Mrs. Laura Keller at 11:30 am.

Transcribed by Laura Keller

March 10, 2025

Signed by:

Approved by

Joseph Neukum

3/11/2025

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Addendum 1

February 19, 2025

To Whom It May Concern

I am writing this letter with a heavy heart that I need to step down from my position on the Towing Appeals Board. I am sorry to leave my position but it was an honor to serve.

Thank You
Erin Brown

Addendum 2

Schott, Gregory

From: Coates, Ross <rrcoates@harfordpublicsafety.org>
Sent: Thursday, February 29, 2024 9:56 AM
To: Schott, Gregory
Subject: RE: alternate vehicle towing

Thank you.

What is the expected implementation date for the temporary process? We will need a week or so to update our policies and systems.

Ross

From: Schott, Gregory <gsschott@harfordcountymd.gov>
Sent: Thursday, February 29, 2024 9:43 AM
To: Coates, Ross <rrcoates@harfordpublicsafety.org>
Cc: Boling, Harold <hwboling@harfordcountymd.gov>; Marsheck, Timothy <tcmarsheck@harfordcountymd.gov>
Subject: alternate vehicle towing

Ross,

Harold Boling and I met with the Sheriff's office and our Attorney Tim Marsheck to discuss towing of alternate fuel vehicles. Items listed below were discussed and will need to be used on a temporary basis until new Rules & Regulations for Alternate fuel Vehicles are in place.

1. During discussion it was determined that dispatch must document the make and model of the involved vehicles or vehicle to be towed. This will assist in determination and record if it is an alternate fuel. This information would be provided by the responding Deputy or first responder.
2. In compliance with the Harford County Charter Chapter 237 paragraph 5 B. states "Nothing in this chapter shall prevent a law enforcement agency from contacting any towing company if special equipment is needed if an emergency exists and no licensed towing company is available to or capable of handling the emergency."
3. It was discussed Chapter 237-5B will allow a law enforcement agency, make the determination based on the condition of the vehicle to request special equipment.
4. Upon the law enforcement agency's special request dispatch will choose from rotation:
 - a. Tim's Towing
 - b. Brookharts's Auto Transport & Towing
 - c. Bank's Towing
 - d. Sullivan's & Sons Inc.

It was determined the above listed towers are capable of properly towing and storing alternate fuel vehicles.

Feel free to contact myself or Harold with any questions of concerns.

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