



Town of Upper Marlboro

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MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Town Commissioners
From: John Hoatson Town Clerk
Date: Tuesday, November 8^h, 2022
Re: Town of Upper Marlboro Financial Assistance Program

The ad-hoc awards determination board for the Financial Assistance program was able to provide the first bit of relief to a resident of the Town of Upper Marlboro. The board consisted of:

One Resident
One Church representative
One representative from each department:
 General Government
 Department of Public Safety
 Department of Public Works

This ad-hoc board reviewed the application and compared it to the criteria for awarding the financial assistance funds. This was a quick and straightforward process.

The Board of Commissioners should discuss whether this is the system that should be used moving forward for awarding financial assistance or if the composition should be modified. The current compilation of the board insulates the decision from political process by keeping it as a purely administrative function.

In addition to determining the compilation of the board, we have received another public comment from a business requesting we reconsider financial assistance for businesses. With COVID-19, many of our businesses have experienced financial hardship due to the global pandemic as well as supply chain breakdown. The financial assistance to businesses would allow many of them to continue operating in the Town of Upper Marlboro.