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**Finksburg Planning and Citizens' Council Inc.**

**Next Meeting: May 23, 2019**



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**Who: All residents of Finksburg and its environs are invited**

**When: 5/23/2019, 7:00-8:30 PM**

**Where: Finksburg Branch, Carroll County Public Library**

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**►5/23/19 General Meeting: Commissioner Weaver to speak at next FPACC meeting**

Carroll County Commissioner Richard Weaver will join the Finksburg Planning and Citizens Council Inc. (FPACC) at its next public meeting on Thursday, May 23, 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Finksburg Public Library, 2265 Old Westminster Pike, Finksburg, Maryland. Commissioner Weaver will talk about the county's budget and other current issues and will answer questions from the audience. All area residents are welcome to attend. Details:<https://www.facebook.com/events/382680685677808/>.

**►4/25/19 Carroll County Planning Director to spoke at April 2019 FPACC meeting, FPACC Election**

Lynda D. Eisenberg, Director of the Carroll County Department of Planning, and Secretary to the Planning & Zoning Commission, joined the Finksburg Planning and Citizens Council (FPACC) at its public meeting on Thursday, April 25, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Eisenberg shared information on the [comprehensive rezoning](#) taking place across Carroll County to update the zoning code for the first time since the mid-1960s. The county's zoning for industrial, commercial and employment campus districts is being updated by eliminating old designations and renaming them. You can learn more about this effort by visiting <http://www.CarrollRezoning.org> and subscribe to Carroll Connect for updates. Eisenberg will also talk about Finksburg's new state designation as a Maryland Sustainable Community and answer questions from the audience.

The list of FPACC Board of Director candidates was confirmed at the March meeting. The uncontested election took place this evening.

► **Membership Dues:**

A reminder that it’s time to pay **2019** membership dues. To join or renew with our group, it only costs \$10 per family and \$25 for businesses. We accept [online payments](#) and checks. Please use the [membership page](#). Business members are welcome to schedule a short presentation about their business at a general membership meeting. Thanks for your help and support.

► **Finksburg awarded Sustainable Community designation by Maryland**

The planning staff of Carroll County government invited Finksburg residents and local area businesses to participate in a work group to apply for Finksburg to be designated as a Maryland Sustainable Community. The work group met for the first time on June 12, 2017.

The final application was submitted to the state in January 2018. *On April 10, 2019 Finksburg was awarded the Sustainable Community designation by the state of Maryland.*

The Sustainable Communities Program is an initiative of the State of Maryland that offers various benefits to designated communities. The program seeks to improve the quality of life in designated communities by offering a toolbox of financing programs and tax credit incentives. There is no downside to the Sustainable Communities designation – it does not limit business or property owners in any way – and it can help provide partial funding for various projects. All incorporated towns in Carroll County already have this designation. Once designated, businesses and residents in a small area of Finksburg (a 600-acre region surrounding the old village of Finksburg) would be able to access a variety of state programs including:

- Support for projects that make the community more attractive to businesses
- Grants for renovation, energy efficiency, and acquisition for public benefit
- Support for businesses, including job creation tax credits
- Homeowner incentives to reduce vacancies
- Green improvements, lighting, streetscapes, and signage
- Strategic demolition of derelict buildings
- Financing to rehabilitate older properties

The work group was asked to assist with elements of the application, including quality of life, economy, transportation, and housing issues, and coming up with ideas for improving the community over the next five years. The group has most recently met on January 22, 2018, the application was be submitted to the state in the next week. More information on the plan and program is here: <http://dhcd.maryland.gov/Communities/Pages/dn/default.aspx>  
<https://www.carrollcountymd.gov/residents/county-news/county-news-releases/finksburg-awarded-sustainable-community-designation/>

► *Further information can be found on our website, <http://www.finksburg.org>.*

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