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**[Finksburg Planning and Citizens' Council Inc.](#)
Community Meeting – Commissioner Weaver**



Who: All residents of Finksburg and its environs are invited

When: January 25, 2018, 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

Where: Finksburg Branch, Carroll County Public Library

▶ **General Membership Meeting 1/25/18: Carroll County Long Term Advisory Council**

David O'Callaghan, a member of the Long Term Advisory Council will join us to discuss this new county council. <https://www.facebook.com/events/1447633485335396/>

More information on this organization is

here: <http://www.carrollcountytimes.com/news/government/ph-cc-longterm-advisory-mtg-20170324-story.html> and <http://ccgovernment.carr.org/ccg/boards/Minutes.aspx?brd=ltac>

▶ **Membership Dues:**

A reminder that it's time to pay 2018 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 (<http://www.finksburg.org/Dues.htm>). Business members are welcome to schedule a short presentation about their business at a general membership meeting. Thanks for your help and support.

▶ **Carroll County to Apply for Finksburg to be Designated a Sustainable Community**

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, and continues to meet monthly. Mount Zion Church serves as the host for the meeting.

Nokomis Ford, Comprehensive Planner, from Carroll County government, is leading the meetings.

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 has been 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 will be submitted to the state in the next week. More information on the program is here: <http://dhcd.maryland.gov/Communities/Pages/dn/default.aspx>

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

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