

SEVERN RIVER COMMISSION
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes
May 5, 2011 – 4:00 P.M.
Severn Room, 2664 Riva Road, 4th Floor

	Attendance Record
Members Present:	
Lina Vlavianos, Chair	4/5
Sally Hornor, Vice Chair	5/5
Joel Dunn	2/5
Kurt Riegel	4/5
Mike Robinson	3/3
Joe Rubino	4/5
Jeff Schomig (via conference call)	5/5
Bob Whitcomb	5/5
Guests and Staff:	
Albert Johnston, Greater Severna Park Council	
Brenda Weeks, AACo. DPW/WERS	
Members Absent:	
Veronica Jagoe for Councilman Benoit (Ex officio)	2/5
Scott Hymes, MD DNR (Ex officio)	1/5
Fred Paone, City Council (Ex officio)	0/5

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Vlavianos called the regular monthly meeting of the Severn River Commission (SRC) to order at 4:08 p.m. in the Severn Room, 2664 Riva Road, Annapolis, MD. A quorum was declared present at 4:15 p.m.

PUBLIC INPUT / AGENDA ITEMS – There was no public input

MINUTES

The Minutes for the April 7, 2011, regular monthly SRC meeting were presented for approval. The minutes were approved as written.

MOTION: A MOTION, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR THE APRIL 7, 2011, REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE SRC AS WRITTEN, WAS MADE BY WHITCOMB AND SECONDED BY RUBINO. THE MOTION WAS PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE AND THE MINUTES WERE APPROVED.

ANNOUNCEMENTS / CORRESPONDENCE

There were no announcements or correspondence.

OLD BUSINESS

Comprehensive Rezoning

Following some discussion, it was pointed out that Bill 12-11 will die May 28 if it is not enacted; and none of the amendments introduced can be acted upon after May 16. SRC has decided to take a back seat on the individual rezoning requests; the Severn River Association (SRA) will take the lead. If SRA needs help, SRC will assist.

Vlavianos will inquire about the status of properties off Route 3/South Route 175 that will impact the Left Fork of Jabez. After having met with Jay Baldwin, Vlavianos advised SRA to support the Mixed Use zoning request because development would be less intensive.

Councilmanic Districts 6/7 are next in line for public hearings. Zoning proposals are already on the county website.

Critical Area Legislation (CA)

Schomig is drafting a letter to the new Director of Inspections & Permits (I&P), Robert Hubbard, inviting him to an SRC meeting for the purpose of an introduction and to discuss a number of SRC's concerns regarding the Critical Area.

Annapolis

Dunn noted there was nothing new to report.

Vlavianos stated she has not heard from the City regarding an appointment to fill Legum's vacancy.

Priest Point

Riegel reported that County Planning & Zoning is endorsing zoning changes for part of the property from OS to RA. Two plots will remain R-2. Although interested, the

County does not have the money to purchase the property. The Chesapeake Bay Trust is/was interested but questions are being raised about utilization of the property. Dunn suggested that Navy Regional Environmental Preparedness Initiative Funds (REPIF) might be available. Rubino will research this possibility.

Oyster Restoration Activities in the Severn River

Whitcomb reported that the second planting of the oyster sanctuary in the Severn is scheduled for June 4 and approximately 300 people are expected to participate. Divers are being trained by the Navy to gather oysters for testing.

Slag

Hornor reported she is working on a draft letter to the Army Corps of Engineers (ACE) addressing SRC's concerns regarding the dumping of slag in the Severn River and the Chesapeake Bay.

Septics

Whitcomb noted that a quarterly statistical report he received from the County Health Department indicated that county-wide 45 Bay Restoration Fund grant applications were received in the last three months. Out of the 45 applications, thirteen were in the Severn River Watershed and seven of those were approved and installed.

Website

Robinson would like to include current information on SRC's website to give the public an opportunity to learn about current issues. Robinson will present a proposal/ideas at the June meeting. Commission members agreed this is a good idea if it can be implemented.

NEW BUSINESS

Vlavianos reported she received an e-mail from Councilman Benoit requesting a discussion with SRC on the Yale Gordon Trust Property on the Jabez. Koch Homes is interested in developing the property into 10 homes but Benoit is interested in seeing it

converted to a recreation facility. Vlavianos will notify Benoit that the June SRC meeting is open at this time and to let her know as soon as possible in order to put him on the agenda.

PUBLIC INPUT/NEW ITEMS – There was no public input.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:58 p.m. The next SRC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 2, 2011, at 4:00 p.m. in the Severn Room (4th Floor), 2664 Riva Road, Annapolis, MD.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Weeks
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Watershed, Ecosystem & Restoration Services