

**SEVERN RIVER COMMISSION**  
**Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes**  
**June 2, 2011 – 4:00 P.M.**  
**Severn Room, 2664 Riva Road, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor**

	<b>Attendance Record</b>
<b>Members Present:</b> Lina Vlavianos, Chair	5/6
Kurt Riegel	5/6
Mike Robinson	4/4
Bob Whitcomb	6/6
Veronica Jagoe for Councilman Benoit (Ex officio)	3/6
Scott Hymes, MD DNR (Ex officio)	2/6
 <b>Guests and Staff:</b> Bart Porter, Citizen/Browns Pond	
Brenda Weeks, AACo. DPW/WERS	
 <b>Members Absent:</b> Sally Hornor, Vice Chair	5/6
Joel Dunn	2/6
Joe Rubino	4/6
Jeff Schomig	5/6
Fred Paone, City Council (Ex officio)	0/6

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Vlavianos called the regular monthly meeting of the Severn River Commission (SRC) to order at 4:10 p.m. in the Severn Room, 2664 Riva Road, Annapolis, MD. A quorum was not present; therefore, no actions will be taken.

**PUBLIC INPUT / AGENDA ITEMS** – There was no public input

**MINUTES**

Due to the lack of a quorum, the Minutes for the May 5, 2011, regular monthly SRC meeting will be presented for approval at the July meeting.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS / CORRESPONDENCE**

- (1) Schomig, Hornor and Rubino informed the Chair they will not be present at the meeting. Dunn was absent.

- (2) Robert Hubbard, Director, and Bob Winchester, Code Compliance Administrator, from Anne Arundel County Inspections & Permits (I&P) will attend the July 7, 2011 SRC meeting to discuss several issues of concern to SRC in the Severn River watershed.
- (3) A letter dated May 20, 2011, was sent to Mr. Hubbard, the new Director of I&P, inviting him to a SRC meeting to be introduced to Commission members and to address Critical Area issues in the Severn River watershed.
- (4) Arlene Berlin, Boards & Commissions with the County Executive's Office, contacted the City of Annapolis Mayor's Office about a replacement for the vacancy on the SRC left by Judd Legum and is still waiting for a response.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Priest Point**

Riegel reported that the County Office of Planning & Zoning is supporting rezoning of the entire property to RA rather than keeping the split zoning of 15 acres in Open Space and 2 acres in R2. He expressed disappointment at the likely loss to development of the last large tract of treed land on the lower Severn and the conveyance of new development rights free of charge to a landowner who knew of its Open Space zoning prior to buying the property. During a lengthy discussion, it was noted that Whitcomb walked the Priest Point property with the current owner. The owner is agreeable to set aside 15 acres for permanent conservation but it is not clear how and by whom it will be executed. No public access is proposed. Development will disturb ½ acre with impervious surface. The Severn River Association (SRA) has a committee working with the owner.

### **Oyster Restoration Activities in the Severn River**

Whitcomb reported that the second planting of the oyster sanctuary in the Severn is scheduled for this Saturday, June 4, 2011 with over 300 volunteers expected. Dr. Valerie Culotta, microbiologist with Johns Hopkins, has volunteered to lead the monitoring effort for water quality, growth and aquatic conditions. The Department of Natural Resources has issued a permit for scientific sampling with the requirement to provide an annual report. Navy divers may participate to gather samples.

### **Slag**

Vlavianos reported she will follow up with Hornor on the letter she was to draft to the Army Corps of Engineers (ACE) addressing the dumping of slag in the Severn River and the Chesapeake Bay.

**Septics** - Whitcomb noted there was nothing new to report at this time.

**Critical Area Legislation (CA)** – There was no new discussion.

**Comprehensive Rezoning** – There was no new discussion.

**Annapolis** – There was no new discussion

### **Website**

Robinson suggested some minor changes and additions to the SRC website. Following a brief discussion, Vlavianos instructed him to proceed with the changes.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Stormwater Management**

Robinson feels the State Highway Administration (SHA) and the County are major offenders for dumping stormwater directly into the Severn River. He wishes to have the Master Plan reviewed for priorities and timelines from the policy perspective. Robinson was instructed to contact DPW to familiarize himself with the details of the Plan.

For the July meeting, Robinson will provide photos of three problem areas SHA has created with direct dumping and will draft a letter with specifics. SRC may wish to invite SHA to address the specifics. He is also concerned with direct discharge into the white cedar area on Evergreen Road in Arden. Whitcomb pointed out that DPW has attempted to correct the problems but it is recognized they may not be fixable.

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

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m. The next SRC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 7, 2011, at 4:00 p.m. in the Severn Room (4<sup>th</sup> Floor), 2664 Riva Road, Annapolis, MD.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Weeks  
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