

SEVERN RIVER COMMISSION
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes
March 1, 2012 – 4:00 P.M.
Severn Room, 2664 Riva Road, 4th Floor

	Attendance Record
Members Present:	
Lina Vlavianos, Chair	3/3
Sally Hornor, Vice Chair	3/3
Amy Clements	1/1
Kurt Riegel	3/3
Michael Robinson	3/3
Joe Rubino	3/3
Jeff Schomig	3/3
Bob Whitcomb	3/3
Guests and Staff:	
Cornelius Barmer, State Highway Administration	
Ron Bowen, AACounty DPW	
Ginger Ellis, AACounty DPW	
Dana Havlik, State Highway Administration	
Karuna Pujara, State Highway Administration	
Brenda Reiber, County Executive's Office	
Brenda Weeks, AACo. DPW/WERS	
Members Absent:	
John Grasso, County Council (Ex officio)	1/3
Scott Hymes, MD DNR (Ex officio)	0/3

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Vlavianos called the regular monthly meeting of the Severn River Commission (SRC) to order at 4:04 p.m. in the Severn Room, 2664 Riva Road, Annapolis, MD. A quorum was declared present.

Amy Clements was introduced as the newest SRC voting member representing the City of Annapolis.

GUEST SPEAKERS

Ms. Karuna Pujara, Ms. Dana Havlik and Mr. Cornelius Barmer from State Highway Administration (SHA) were present to discuss five areas of concern along I-97, MD 32 and adjacent frontage roads in the Jabez Branch watershed impacted by stormwater runoff, possibilities for correction priorities and cooperative planning with Public Works.

During the presentation, a draft report “Drainage Investigation of Multiple Sites along I-97 and MD 32” was distributed, the five sites were described and discussed in detail, and numerous questions were addressed.

Vlavianos will coordinate a site visit with Public Works, SHA and SRC to the five areas of concern. Thursday afternoons seem to be the most convenient time for SRC members.

PUBLIC INPUT / AGENDA ITEMS – No public input.

MINUTES

The Minutes for the February 2, 2012, regular monthly meeting were presented for approval. The minutes were approved as written.

MOTION: A MOTION, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR THE FEBRUARY 2, 2012 REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE SRC AS WRITTEN, WAS MADE BY HORNOR AND SECONDED BY WHITCOMB. THE MOTION WAS PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE AND THE MINUTES WERE APPROVED.

ANNOUNCEMENTS / CORRESPONDENCE

- (1) Grasso and Hymes were unable to attend the meeting.
- (2) The April SRC meeting will be held on April 12 NOT April 5 because of the Easter holiday.
- (3) Jerry Pesterfield removed his name from possible appointment to the Commission.
- (4) Although no written confirmation has yet been received, Vlavianos was informed Hornor and Schomig have been reappointed to serve another term.
- (5) SRC’s letter in response to George Eberle’s, I&P, November 22, 2011 letter regarding issuance of critical area VMPs was sent.
- (6) Riegel’s letter drafted on behalf of SRC was sent to Mayor Josh Cohen recommending a No Discharge Zone for Annapolis.
- (7) Rubino’s letter drafted on behalf of SRC supporting plan certification by landscape architects and land surveyors in the Severn River watershed was sent to Pamela Edwards, Director of the Dept. of Labor, Licensing and Regulation.

OLD BUSINESS

Stormwater Utility Bill 79-11

It was noted that Councilman Trumbauer pulled his bill to see how the Governor's initiative will play out. Schomig will testify in front of the House as a private citizen.

Licensing - This item will be removed from the agenda.

Jabez/SHA - This item was addressed by the guest speakers earlier in the meeting.

Comprehensive Rezoning - This item will be removed from the agenda.

Critical Area – There was nothing new to report.

Annapolis

The proposal for a parking garage near the City dock is still in its infancy stage.

Rubino informed SRC that low-impact development policy is being implemented on Navy installations within the Chesapeake region.

Oyster Restoration Activities

Whitcomb reported some areas of recent spat planting show up to 30% mortality rate.

Slag

Following a brief discussion, Hornor noted she would contact the Army Corps of Engineers to confirm that a report was written by Ken Painter entitled "Summary Monitoring Effort Report" with the results of dives made in slag areas and to obtain a copy for SRC review.

Septics

Whitcomb reported that Ed Peters, AA County Health Department, gave a presentation and update on the septic systems program at the February Severn River Association (SRA) meeting. Upgrades are only being granted for failing systems—inside and outside of the Critical Area.

No Discharge Zone – There was nothing new to report.

Website

Robinson reported he updated the SRC members list. The website had 800 hits for the month of February with history being the most visited topic.

Robinson will monitor the public input through his own e-mail address.

NEW BUSINESS

Bill 15-12 Open Space

Vlavianos explained the background to Councilman Benoit introducing this bill. She spoke to Larry Tom, Anne Arundel County Planning and Zoning Officer, just prior to this meeting and was advised the administration will not support this bill and feels a thorough review and analysis of the impacts of this bill must be made first. Vlavianos will write an e-mail to all County Council members advising that SRC will not support this bill as written.

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m. The next SRC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 12, 2012, at 4:00 p.m. in the Severn Room (4th Floor), 2664 Riva Road, Annapolis, MD.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Weeks
AACounty DPW, Bureau of Engineering
Watershed, Ecosystem & Restoration Services