

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

	Attendance Record
Members Present:	
Lina Vlavianos, Chair	10/11
Sally Hornor, Vice Chair	11/11
Tom Lindsay	2/3
Kurt Riegel	9/11
Michael Robinson	10/11
Bob Whitcomb	10/11
Scott Hymes, MD DNR (Ex officio)	3/11
Guests and Staff:	
Jim Stein, Anne Arundel Soil Conservation District	
Brenda Weeks, AACo. DPW/WERS	
Members Absent:	
Amy Clements	6/9
Joe Rubino	5/11
Jeff Schomig	8/11
Sheila Finlayson, City Council (Ex officio)	0/8
John Grasso, County Council (Ex officio)	3/11

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Vlavianos called the regular monthly meeting of the Severn River Commission (SRC) to order at 4:05 p.m. in the Severn Room, 2664 Riva Road, Annapolis, MD. A quorum was declared present. Clements, Rubino, Schomig, Finlayson and Grasso were not present at the meeting.

GUEST SPEAKER

Mr. Jim Stein, District Manager of Anne Arundel Soil Conservation District (AASCD), was welcomed and introduced to Commission members. He was present to address Ferry Farms Road and Severncroft Road properties and buffer areas. He began by reviewing the history of AASCD and its purpose—to review and approve plans for erosion and sediment control.

Mr. Stein described in detail the situations at both Severncroft Road and Ferry Farms Road. During a lengthy discussion, he addressed numerous questions regarding both

projects, buffer areas and the permitting process. SRC expressed concerns about the permitting process, the amount of disturbance often allowed in the buffer, and the lack of follow up and required maintenance once projects are completed. Mr. Stein suggested SRC talk with County Planning & Zoning about some of these concerns.

Commission members thanked Mr. Stein for his informational input.

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

MINUTES

The Minutes for the August 16, 2012, special meeting were presented and were approved as written.

MOTION: A MOTION, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR THE AUGUST 16, 2012 SPECIAL MEETING OF THE SRC AS WRITTEN, WAS MADE BY HORNOR AND SECONDED BY ROBINSON. THE MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE AND THE MINUTES WERE APPROVED.

The Minutes for the September 6, 2012, regular monthly meeting were presented for approval and were approved as written.

MOTION: A MOTION, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR THE SEPTEMBER 6, 2012 REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE SRC AS WRITTEN, WAS MADE BY HORNOR AND SECONDED BY ROBINSON. THE MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE AND THE MINUTES WERE APPROVED.

CORRESPONDENCE / ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The Jabez Branch walk is scheduled for November 14, 2010 with SHA, Anne Arundel County and SRC to assess several problem areas for restoration and/or correction.
2. A letter dated September 10, 2010, was sent to John Peacock, AACo. Inspections & Permits (I&P) and Jim Stein, AASCD regarding a Severncroft Road property and buffer problems.
3. A letter of response dated September 14, 2012, was received from John Peacock, AACo. I&P, regarding the Severncroft Road property.

OLD BUSINESS

Bill 69-12 Open Space

The bill was passed by County Council. Since no further action is needed, this item will be removed from SRC's agenda.

No Discharge Zone

This agenda item is to be renamed “Annapolis Marine Water Quality.” Riegel, as a member of the Annapolis Environmental Commission (AEC), reported that a “no discharge zone” is also an item of interest to the AEC. He also noted that although previously not strictly adhered to by the City, the Forest Conservation Act will now be incorporated into the City's review process.

Septics – There was nothing new to report.

Slag

Honor reported she is unable to obtain a second opinion impartial review of the Army Corps of Engineers’ report on results of leaching from slag. However, persons involved with the oyster recovery program will let her know if they hear that slag is to be used as substrate for oyster reefs in the Severn River.

Oyster Restoration Activities

Whitcomb reported he was a guest on “Living Green in Annapolis,” a local radio program that addresses environmental issues, to talk about how successful the oyster restoration program is and its potential.

Annapolis – There was nothing new to report.

Critical Area

Following Jim Stein's presentation about the visible problems in the buffer areas of the Severn River and specifically on a waterfront property on Severncroft Road, Vlavianos remarked she still does not fully understand the permitting process for disturbance in the

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buffer area. The Commission decided to postpone further deliberation on the subject until the November meeting when Schomig will be present to lead the discussion.

Jabez/SHA

As noted in the announcements, the Jabez watershed walk is planned for November 14, 2012.

Baldwin Homes will have a demonstration “green house” open house on October 9, 2012, at The Preserve at Severn Run (Holladay Park) in Gambrills.

Stormwater Utility Bill – There was nothing new to report.

Website – There was nothing new to report.

NEW BUSINESS

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m. The next SRC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 1, 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