

**SEVERN RIVER COMMISSION**  
**Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes**  
**January 3, 2013 – 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	1/1
Sally Hornor, Vice Chair	1/1
Amy Clements	1/1
Tom Lindsay	1/1
Michael Robinson	1/1
Jeff Schomig (via conference call)	1/1
Bob Whitcomb	1/1
Scott Hymes, MD DNR (Ex officio)	1/1
<b>Guests and Staff:</b>	
Councilman Dick Ladd	
Diane Jennings, AACo. Council	
Brenda Weeks, AACo. DPW/WERS	
<b>Members Absent:</b>	
Kurt Riegel	0/1
Joe Rubino	0/1
Sheila Finlayson, City Council (Ex officio)	0/1
John Grasso, County Council (Ex officio)	0/1

**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 declared present.

Schomig participated via conference call. Riegel and Rubino notified the Chair that they would not be able to attend. Finlayson and Grasso were not present at the meeting.

Councilman Dick Ladd and his Administrative Assistant, Diane Jennings, were at the meeting and were introduced to SRC members.

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

**MINUTES**

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

**MOTION:** A MOTION, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR THE DECEMBER 6, 2012, REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE SEVERN RIVER COMMISSION, WAS MADE

BY WHITCOMB AND SECONDED BY ROBINSON. THE MOTION WAS PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE AND THE MINUTES WERE APPROVED AS WRITTEN.

### **CORRESPONDENCE / ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. The terms of three Commission members will expire January 31, 2013--Riegel (City), Rubino and Vlavianos (County). Rubino does not wish to be reappointed. Vlavianos agreed to be reappointed if the County Executive so desires. Riegel will continue as an Annapolis representative; however, because of time lapses between resignations and city appointments, Riegel's three-year term starting December 2011 will expire December 2014 according to the County Boards & Commissions. Clements (City), also appointed December 2011, wishes to resign but will stay until a new replacement is appointed.
2. Received a letter from State Highway Administration (SHA) confirming that the former Merbrand properties on the Jabez Branch that the SRC has been interested in preserving for years have been placed in perpetuity as forest conservation areas under the administration and enforcement of the Department of Natural Resources via a Forest Conservation Easement.
3. Sent a letter to the Chesapeake Bay Trust endorsing Ron Bowen's (AACo. DPW) nomination for the Ellen Fraites Wagner Award.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Annapolis Marine Water Quality** – There was nothing new to report.

**Septics** – There was nothing new to report.

**Slag** – There was nothing new to report.

**Oyster Restoration Activities** – There was nothing new to report.

**Annapolis** – There was nothing new to report.

### **Critical Area**

Vlavianos reported she attended the County Council work session on Bill 93-12, and had distributed a summary and comments prior to the meeting to SRC members. During the discussion between Commission members and Councilman Ladd, it was noted that a number of amendments will be introduced. Schomig suggested and members agreed SRC should hold off making public comments until after the first public hearing. One of the key questions not answered clearly in the bill is where in the bill cooperation between county and state agencies are addressed as suggested by Ren Serey and Margaret McHale at the December SRC meeting.

Schomig will contact CAC for clarification on a number of issues. Hornor will invite Councilman Trumbauer to the February SRC meeting to further discuss Bill 93-12.

### **Jabez/SHA**

Received the letter from SHA regarding the long-term Forest Conservation Easement on the former Merbrand properties.

## **Stormwater Utility Bill**

Clements shared her comments on stormwater utility fees established and results obtained in other parts of the country.

## **Website**

Information about the Watershed Stewards Academy (WSA) has been added to the SRC website under Severn River Resources. Robinson noted that photos can be put on the website and he encouraged members to provide appropriate ones for a photo page.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Scenic Rivers**

Hymes reported that the Monocacy Scenic River Board, Frederick County, would like to get some feedback from other scenic river commissions and will be in touch with SRC.

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

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m. The next SRC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 7, 2013, at 4:00 p.m. in the Severn Room (4<sup>th</sup> Floor), 2664 Riva Road, Annapolis, MD.