

SEVERN RIVER COMMISSION
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes
May 2, 2013 – 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
	Jeff Schomig	5/5
	Dick Spencer	4/5
	Bob Whitcomb	4/5
	Scott Hymes, MD DNR (Ex officio)	4/5

Guests and Staff: Andy Aughenbaugh, Carroll County
George Grillon, Carroll County
Tim Goodfellow, Frederick County Staff Liaison
Bill Hensley, Frederick County
Chris Heyn, Carroll County
Jack Lynch, Frederick County
Scott Scarfone, Carroll County
Jim Burdick, City of Annapolis
Amy Leahy, County Executive's Office
Brenda Weeks, AACo. DPW/WERS

Members Absent:	Amy Clements	4/5
	Tom Lindsay	4/5
	Michael Robinson	4/5
	Kurt Riegel	3/5
	Diane Jennings for Councilman Ladd (Ex officio)	4/5

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. Clements, Riegel and Robinson notified the Chair that they will not be able to attend the meeting.

GUESTS

Six members of the Monocacy River Board (MRB) from Frederick and Carroll Counties and the Frederick County staff liaison were welcomed and introduced to Commission members. They were present to share and discuss information on river-related management and stewardship issues that both the Monocacy and the Severn Rivers address.

Mr. Bill Hensley, Chair of the MRB, opened the discussion with an informational presentation reviewing the natural history of the river, its origins around Gettysburg to the Potomac River into the Chesapeake Bay, the main concerns of urban and industrial development threatening the river and its watershed, the creation and organization of the advisory board and its membership, and numerous major accomplishments and activities.

Many mutual concerns and possible resources for both rivers were shared during the discussion. Stream buffer protection, water quality, impervious surfaces, stormwater management, bank erosion, sedimentation and deforestation are only a few concerns addressed. It was advised that a political advocacy group is an effective resource. Similar to the SRC, the MRB provides advice and recommendations to government on land use, land development proposals, and resource management issues that impact the river serving as an advocate for the river and its varied resources.

One of the River Board's current activities is the update to the 1990 Monocacy River Management Plan, written by the River Board and DNR. This plan identified river resources and made recommendations for their protection and conservation. A copy of a similar plan for the Severn, "Living with the River" will be made available to the MRB.

Commission members thanked the River Board for coming to the meeting and invited them to keep in touch if SRC can help. MRB expressed their appreciation for the Commission's time, the shared information, all the suggestions offered and indicated SRC would be hearing from them.

PUBLIC INPUT / AGENDA ITEMS

The lack of public access to the water in the county was discussed.

MINUTES

The Minutes for the April 4, 2013, regular monthly meeting were presented for approval. The minutes were approved as written.

MOTION: A MOTION, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR THE APRIL 4, 2013, REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE SEVERN RIVER COMMISSION, WAS MADE BY SCHOMIG AND SECONDED BY SPENCER. THE MOTION WAS PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE AND THE MINUTES WERE ACCEPTED AS WRITTEN.

CORRESPONDENCE / ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Vlavianos announced that Ron Bowen (DPW), Larry Tom (P&Z) and county staff will attend the July 11, 2013 SRC meeting to educate the members about the county's environmental review process.

2. “Stormwater Management on Severn Run” will be added to the agenda. SRC is concerned about the volume of stormwater in the entire area and the failure to contain it.

OLD BUSINESS

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

Septics – This item will be removed from the agenda.

Oyster Restoration Activities

Whitcomb announced that oyster spat will be planted this year on June 1, 2013. Both volunteers and boats are needed for the activities.

Annapolis – There was nothing new to report.

Critical Area – There was nothing new to report.

Jabez/SHA – There was nothing new to report.

Stormwater Utility Bill

Bill 2-13 Stormwater Management was passed with the understanding that some adjustments will be proposed to the bill.

Website – There was nothing new to report.

NEW BUSINESS – There was no 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, June 6, 2013, at 4:00 p.m. in the Severn Room (4th Floor), 2664 Riva Road.