

SEVERN RIVER COMMISSION
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes
June 6, 2013 – 4:00 P.M.
Severn Room, 2664 Riva Road, 4th Floor

Members Present:	Sally Hornor, Vice Chair	6/6
	Tom Lindsay	5/6
	Michael Robinson	5/6
	Jeff Schomig (via conference call)	6/6
	Dick Spencer	5/6
	Bob Whitcomb	5/6
	Scott Hymes, MD DNR (Ex officio)	5/6

Guests and Staff: Brenda Weeks, AACo. DPW/WERS

Members Absent:	Lina Vlavianos, Chair	4/6
	Amy Clements	4/6
	Kurt Riegel	3/6
	Diane Jennings for Councilman Ladd (Ex officio)	4/6

CALL TO ORDER

In the absence of the Chair, Vice Chair Hornor 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, Riegel and Vlavianos will not be at the meeting.

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

MINUTES

The Minutes for the May 2, 2013, regular monthly meeting were presented for approval and were accepted as written.

MOTION: A MOTION, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR THE MAY 2, 2013, REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE SEVERN RIVER COMMISSION, WAS MADE BY SPENCER AND SECONDED BY WHITCOMB. THE MOTION WAS PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE AND THE MINUTES WERE ACCEPTED AS WRITTEN.

CORRESPONDENCE / ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. No correspondence was sent or received.

2. Hornor reminded SRC members that Larry Tom (P&Z), Ron Bowen (DPW) and county staff will attend the July 11, 2013 SRC meeting to discuss the county's environmental review process.

OLD BUSINESS

Stormwater Utility Bill

The Stormwater Utility Bill has finally passed but will be amended to reduce fees for some and will be presented at the June 17 County Council meeting for a final vote. This item will be removed from the SRC agenda.

Jabez/SHA – There was nothing new to report.

Critical Area

Commission members had a lengthy discussion about critical area and the role of Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) in protecting this area from development. Schomig noted that earlier examples that SRC has discussed of MDE-permitted alteration of steep slopes were steps that property owners could take to protect their houses. In the case of the parcel near Brewer Creek (Brookside Common) that has been brought to the Commission's attention by Spencer, there is no structure yet. Additionally there is a request for a very long pier to be constructed, one which would probably interfere with navigation. The broader question now for MDE is "what is the policy for altering natural shorelines with or without structures?"

The commission will investigate ways in which SRC can get a better handle on what is being proposed, or actually being done, in the watershed and explore how it can better be notified about activities for which permits are being addressed at the state level. There was also discussion of the fact that, although Jennifer Ottenberg of MDE agreed to let the commission know about projects within the critical area of the Severn River watershed, SRC has not been so informed. Schomig agreed to contact MDE to discuss this issue and request again that SRC be informed. He will report back to commission members.

Annapolis – There was nothing new to report.

Oyster Restoration Activities

Whitcomb reported that the oyster growth was terrific this past year. This year some one hundred forty cages (800-900 spat per cage) of oyster spat were planted June 1; the rest will be added over the next few weeks. He noted a September distribution is planned.

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

Stormwater Management on Severn Run

This is a new agenda item. SRC iterated their concern about the volume of stormwater in the entire area and the failure to contain it. Commission members questioned project priorities for spending new funds and again expressed concern about the lack of information provided on new projects.

Website – There was nothing new to report.

NEW BUSINESS

Surplus Property

SRC members briefly discussed Bill 49-13, Conveyance of Surplus Property.

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m. The next SRC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 11, 2013, at 4:00 p.m. in the Severn Room (4th Floor), 2664 Riva Road.