

**SEVERN RIVER COMMISSION**  
**Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes**  
**August 1, 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	6/8
Sally Hornor, Vice Chair	8/8
Tom Lindsay	7/8
Michael Robinson	7/8
Dick Spencer	7/8
Bob Whitcomb	7/8
 <b>Guests and Staff:</b> Brenda Weeks, AACo. DPW/WERS	
 <b>Members Absent:</b> Amy Clements	4/8
Kurt Riegel	4/8
Jeff Schomig	7/8
Scott Hymes, MD DNR (Ex officio)	6/8

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Vlavianos called the regular monthly meeting of the Severn River Commission (SRC) to order at 4:08 p.m. in the Severn Room, 2664 Riva Road, Annapolis, MD. A quorum was declared present. Clements, Riegel and Schomig were not present.

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

**MINUTES**

The Minutes for the July 11, 2013, regular monthly meeting were presented for approval and were accepted as written.

**MOTION:** A MOTION, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR THE JULY 11, 2013, REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE SEVERN RIVER COMMISSION, WAS MADE BY HORNOR AND SECONDED BY SPENCER. THE MOTION WAS PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE AND THE MINUTES WERE ACCEPTED AS WRITTEN.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS / CORRESPONDENCE**

1. The following guests have been scheduled to speak at future meetings:
  - a. Margaret McHale, Critical Area Commission, is to address the new Critical Area (CA) legislation in October (initially was to come in September);
  - b. Ginger Ellis, AACo. Department of Public Works, will address the new stormwater program at the November meeting; and
  - c. Christine Romans, AACo. Inspections & Permits, will discuss the effects of the CA legislation on enforcement and implementation in December (initially to come in October).
2. Received Councilman Dick Ladd's July 16, 2013 letter of resignation as an ex-officio member to the SRC.
3. Hornor will contact Councilman Trumbauer to see if he would be willing to serve as County Council representative.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Jabez/SHA**

Commission members had a lengthy discussion regarding sediment/scouring problems created downstream in the headwaters of the Severn River because of uncontrolled stormwater runoff from I-97 and Rt. 32. The blowout near Benfield Road off I-97 is on the Natural Environmental Area controlled by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) who seems to be reluctant to permit access for repairs for reasons that are not clear. The question asked: Does DNR have a stormwater management plan for the Natural Environmental Area and what interaction or relationship is there between the county, DNR and State Highway Administration (SHA) in addressing stormwater runoff? Further discussion overlapped with stormwater management on Severn Run.

**Critical Area** – There was nothing new to report.

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

**Oyster Restoration Activities**

Whitcomb reported spat distribution will take place September 12 and 13. Volunteers are being lined up now.

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

**Stormwater Management on Severn Run**

Whitcomb suggested Severn Run has become a "culvert" for the Severn Run subwatershed which includes DNR's Environmental Area and all roads draining into it. In turn Severn Run has become a source of pollution downstream and is impacting the local jurisdiction. Much more information and discussion is needed on this topic before any action is taken by SRC.

A suggestion was made to have maps of the Severn River watershed and Severn Run watershed available at SRC meetings.

**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 5:40 p.m. The next SRC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 5, 2013, at 4:00 p.m. in the Severn Room (4<sup>th</sup> Floor), 2664 Riva Road.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Weeks  
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Watershed, Ecosystem & Restoration Services