

SEVERN RIVER COMMISSION
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes
May 1, 2014 – 4:00 P.M.
Severn Room, 2664 Riva Road, 2nd Floor

		Attendance Record
Members Present:	Lina Vlavianos, Chair	5/5
	Jim Burdick	4/5
	Kevin Curran	4/5
	Jeff Schomig	4/5
	Dick Spencer	4/5
	Bob Whitcomb	5/5
Guests and Staff:	Brenda Weeks, AACo. DPW/WPRP	
Members Absent:	Sally Hornor, Vice Chair	4/5
	Kurt Riegel	3/5
	Michael Robinson	4/5
	Scott Hymes, MD DNR (Ex officio)	2/5

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, 4th Floor, 2664 Riva Road, Annapolis, MD. A quorum was present.

Hornor and Robinson informed the Chair that because of other commitments they are unable to attend this meeting.

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

MINUTES

The Minutes for the April 3, 2014, regular monthly meeting were presented for approval and were accepted as written.

MOTION: A MOTION TO APPROVE THE APRIL 3, 2014 MINUTES AS WRITTEN, WAS MADE BY CURRAN AND SECONDED BY BURDICK. THE MOTION WAS PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE AND THE MINUTES WERE APPROVED AS WRITTEN.

ANNOUNCEMENTS / CORRESPONDENCE

- (1) A May 12, 2014 meeting has been scheduled for all stakeholders interested in the Jabez 3 restoration in the Marley Room, 2662 Riva Road, 3rd floor.
- (2) Erik Michelson, Anne Arundel County DPW, will brief SRC at the June 5 meeting on implementation of priorities in the Severn River watershed using stormwater funds.
- (3) Received a letter dated April 4, 2014 from David Goshorn, MD Dept. of Natural Resources, in response to SRC's December 12, 2013 letter regarding the condition of Jabez Branch 3 subwatershed of Severn Run.

OLD BUSINESS

Oyster Restoration Activities

Whitcomb reported that the next two meetings of the Severn River Association (SRA) are concentrating efforts on oyster restoration and new ideas will be presented. Many questions were asked about sustainability and natural reproduction in the Severn River. No oyster survival is recorded in the upper Severn past Round Bay.

Annapolis/Annapolis Marine Water Quality

Burdick reported that two feet of tidal water was experienced in the city with recent rains. The Housley Road outfall project is now completed.

A May 2, 2014 meeting is scheduled with the Mayor of Annapolis to address environmental issues impacting the waters around Annapolis. Vlavianos intends to bring up the "No Discharge Zone" as SRC's topic of concern for some four years.

St. Mary's has created stormwater mitigation areas for their school and church areas. Spencer will research whether there is an organized cooperative effort by different religious institutions to address environmental concerns.

Critical Area – There was nothing new to report at this time.

Stormwater Management on Severn Run

Whitcomb suggested the DNR letter of response dated April 4 to the SRC regarding the condition of Jabez Branch 3 subwatershed provides an opportunity for SRC to ask DNR whether

anyone has taken a look at problems in Severn Run which is under DNR's authority and how the Run has degraded over time. Whitcomb feels a similar cooperative effort and attention Jabez 3 is getting is also needed for Severn Run. Vlavianos instructed Whitcomb, as the most familiar with those problems, to draft a letter to DNR for SRC's review.

Jabez / SHA

A scheduled Jabez stakeholder's meeting was noted under "Announcements."

Ethics Commission / Bylaw Change

Councilman Dick Ladd's office has still not responded to Schomig's request for information on behalf of SRC from the AAC Office of Law as to how County Council Bill 70-12 affects the SRC.

Website – There was nothing new to report.

NEW BUSINESS

Project Clean Stream

Whitcomb reported the annual trash cleanup day had 62 volunteers (including 35-40 midshipmen) collecting 21 tons of trash along three sites on Luce Creek and one section of Picture Spring Branch.

Trash

Members expressed concern about the increasing amount of trash left along roadways.

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, June 5, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. in the Severn Room (4th Floor), 2664 Riva Road, Annapolis, MD.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Weeks
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Watershed Protection & Restoration Program