

**SEVERN RIVER COMMISSION**  
**Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes**  
**September 4, 2014 – 4:00 P.M.**  
**Severn Room, 2664 Riva Road, 4th Floor**

		<b>Attendance Record</b>
<b>Members Present:</b>	Lina Vlavianos, Chair	9/9
	Sally Hornor, Vice Chair	7/9
	Jim Burdick	7/9
	Jeff Schomig (conference call)	8/9
	Dick Spencer	8/9
	Bob Whitcomb	9/9
	Scott Hymes, MD DNR (Ex officio)	4/9
<b>Guests and Staff:</b>	Meghan Spencer, AACo. DPW/WPRP	
	Brenda Weeks, AACo. DPW/WPRP	
<b>Members Absent:</b>	Michael Robinson	4/9
	Kevin Curran	7/9
	Kurt Riegel	5/9

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Vlavianos called the regular monthly meeting of the Severn River Commission (SRC) to order at 4:04 p.m. in the Severn Room, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, 2664 Riva Road, Annapolis, MD. A quorum was present.

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

**MINUTES**

The Minutes for the August 7, 2014, regular monthly meeting were presented for approval and were accepted as written.

**MOTION:** A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AUGUST 7, 2014 MINUTES AS WRITTEN, WAS MADE BY WHITCOMB AND SECONDED BY BURDICK. THE MOTION WAS PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE AND THE MINUTES WERE APPROVED AS WRITTEN.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS / CORRESPONDENCE**

- (1) Staff Assistant Meghan Spencer was introduced as Staff Assistant Brenda Weeks' temporary replacement.
- (2) Whitcomb noted he will not attend the October meeting due to another commitment.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Maynadier Waterski Course / Permit Application Notification**

Spencer has received no response from the Army Corps of Engineers regarding his request for a hearing on the waterskiing course. The Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) has responded to emails sent regarding the waterskiing course. There has been no response from area residents on the issue.

A permit for the waterskiing course has been previously issued in 1990. SRC will continue to wait for a response from the Army Corps of Engineers regarding the hearing on the waterskiing course.

**Oyster Restoration Activities**

There will be 9 oyster distribution locations in the Severn River in the week of September 8, 2014. There is no other new information to report. Whitcomb will follow up on Paynter Labs & University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science (UMCES) dive data for Traces Hollow and potential presentation on monitoring & diving.

**Annapolis/Annapolis Marine Water Quality**

Riegel attended the Annapolis Environmental Commission (AEC) September meeting to discuss the No Discharge Zone (NDZ).

There have been regulations placed on the most recently revised Crystal Springs plans, which was rebutted by the developers. The project is currently in limbo until an agreement is reached.

**Stormwater Management on Severn Run**

There has been no response from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and Hymes will follow up.

**Jabez / SHA**

All fields of the Naval Academy Dairy Farm were recently sprayed with non-organic pesticides. Hymes is currently filming an environmental project that concerns the Naval Academy Dairy Farm and Jabez Branch, and will send copies to SRC upon completion. The Naval Academy Dairy Farm is currently in the process of constructing wetlands and planting trees to contain stormwater run-off.

Because the entirety of Jabez Branch and all tributaries are classed as a reproducing trout stream by MDE, any water cannot be retained for more than 12 hours before it is released into Jabez Branch.

Spencer and Robinson suggested SRC request an update from the State Highway Administration (SHA) on plans for Jabez 3 as well as to have the opportunity to comment on the draft report from SHA and AA County.

Spencer suggested that SHA, DNR, and Fisheries review reproducing trout stream policy to see if exceptions can be granted under certain conditions.

Burdick will contact Deborah Russell about the request for plans.

SRC will request updates from SHA after October community meetings. SRC will also request SHA to attend an SRC meeting.

No specific action was taken by the SRC in regards to any of the above suggestions.

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

Whitcomb reported that clear cutting has taken place off of Old County Road in Severna Park and off of Hopkins Creek.

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:06 p.m. The next SRC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 2, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. in the Severn Room (4<sup>th</sup> Floor), 2664 Riva Road, Annapolis, MD.

Respectfully submitted,

Meghan Spencer  
AACounty DPW, Bureau of Engineering  
Watershed Protection & Restoration Program