

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

		Attendance Record
Members Present:	Lina Vlavianos, Chair	10/10
	Sally Hornor, Vice Chair	8/10
	Jim Burdick	8/10
	Dick Spencer	9/10
	Kevin Curran	8/10
	Kurt Riegel	6/10
Guests and Staff:	Sheri Lott, AACo. DPW/WPRP	
	Meghan Spencer, AACo. DPW/WPRP	
Members Absent:	Michael Robinson	4/10
	Jeff Schomig (conference call)	8/10
	Bob Whitcomb	9/10
	Scott Hymes, MD DNR (Ex officio)	4/10

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

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

MINUTES

The Minutes for the September 4, 2014, regular monthly meeting were presented for approval and were accepted as written.

MOTION: A MOTION TO APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER 4, 2014 MINUTES AS WRITTEN, WAS MADE BY BURDICK AND SECONDED BY SPENCER. THE MOTION WAS PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE AND THE MINUTES WERE APPROVED AS WRITTEN.

ANNOUNCEMENTS / CORRESPONDENCE

- (1) Spencer forwarded Watershed Steward Academy email on 10/2.
- (2) Sheri Lott was introduced as the Engineer Manager for the Anne Arundel County Watershed Protection & Restoration Program (WPRP). Lott's replacement is Steve Heiss.
- (3) Spencer nominated Lott to SRC as an ex-officio member. Chair Vlavianos noted that the resolution establishing the commission states who is to serve on the commission. A change enacted by the County Council in the wording of the resolution would be required to add additional members. The idea was dismissed.
- (4) Lott mentioned that a Project Manager (PM) has been assigned to the Millersville Post Office erosion site. He is a stream expert.
- (5) Spencer noted that the State Water Quality Advisory Committee (SWQAC) is having a retreat the week of October 6, 2014.

OLD BUSINESS

Jabez / SHA

The next State Highway Association (SHA) meeting is scheduled in November 2014. The previous meeting was scheduled in May 2014. Curran requested an interim update in August 2014. Curran estimates that Stantec will miss the January completion date for the current study and will request another status update from Stantec. Lott noted that there was an issue with the schedule due to lack of homeowner response.

Spencer's concern is the SHA map showing SHA impervious area vs. Anne Arundel County impervious area in the culvert south of Route 97. Spencer noted that SHA is responsible for 30% of impervious area and Anne Arundel County is responsible for 60% of the impervious area in the culvert. Spencer suggested another walkthrough of the culvert. Lott suggested looking at the stream sections and verifying what has been targeted by Anne Arundel County for restoration. Lott will be part of the Jabez 3 restoration process going forward, and plans to attend the November 2014 SHA meeting.

Annapolis / Annapolis Marine Water Quality

Riegel expects final submission of the Crystal Spring Forest Conservation Plan by the developers. Riegel met with the developers on the morning of October 4, and the developers are scaling things down.

The No Discharge Zone (NDZ) was discussed during the Environmental Commission Meeting on October 3, 2014. Annapolis City staff is in support of the NDZ, but some members of the Annapolis Environmental Commission are opposed to the NDZ.

Stormwater Management on Severn Run

There continues to be no response from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

Oyster Restoration Activities

Spencer says that the Severn Heights Community Association has taken possession of 60 bags of oysters provided by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) from the Severn River Association (SRA). The Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS) posted an article about a study done on the relationship between hooked mussels and oysters. Spencer will hang the oysters in cages beneath the Severn Heights Community pier and plans to begin seeding oysters with hooked mussels in the summer of 2015. Spencer has proposed setting cages with only oysters on a separate pier as a control group. Lott suggested leaving a pier empty as part of the control group for comparison purposes.

Spencer would like to work with Hornor in conjunction with Operation Clearwater on the project, as well as looking for grant options. Hornor expressed concern with finding available hooked mussels for the experiment. Vlavianos mentioned that there may be a conflict. Spencer confirmed that the oysters are on loan from DNR and are normally returned to DNR to be placed on a DNR-approved reef. Spencer will discuss the experiment and the return of the oysters with DNR over the next nine months.

Maynadier Waterski Course / Permit Application Notification

Spencer continues to receive no response from the Army Corps of Engineers regarding his request for a hearing on the waterskiing course. There is no other new activity. Spencer suggests removal from the agenda. Burdick suggests discussing as new business should new activity occur. Chair Vlavianos agreed to remove the item from the agenda at this time.

Website – There was nothing new to report.

NEW BUSINESS

Spencer has heard nothing after the article posted in the Annapolis Capital about the Navy Facility, and sees nothing problematic after review. Spencer will visit Greenbury to verify that there are no issues. The SRC wants to make a positive comment encouraging the continuation

of their plans, and include a comment on the storm water management system around the Navy Exchange. Burdick noted that the US Navy (USN) is exempt from storm water fees.

A motion was made:

MOTION: SPENCER WILL DRAFT A LETTER OF SUPPORT AND RECOGNITION ON EFFORTS BY THE USN IN ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE MANAGEMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES ON THE NAVAL SUPPORT ACTIVITY (NSA) ANNAPOLIS PROPERTY EXCLUSIVELY ON BEHALF OF THE SRC.

Burdick motioned, Curran seconded, and all SRC members approved the motion to draft a letter. Tara Meadows and the NSA Annapolis Commander will be cc:ed on the letter.

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m. The next SRC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 6, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. in the Severn Room (4th Floor), 2664 Riva Road, Annapolis, MD.

Respectfully submitted,

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