

**SEVERN RIVER COMMISSION**  
**Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes**  
**November 6, 2014 – 4:00 P.M.**  
**Severn Room, 2664 Riva Road, 4th Floor**

		<b>Attendance Record</b>
<b>Members Present:</b>	Lina Vlavianos, Chair	11/11
	Sally Hornor, Vice Chair	9/11
	Jim Burdick	9/11
	Dick Spencer	10/11
	Kevin Curran	9/11
	Michael Robinson	5/11
	Jeff Schomig (conference call)	9/11
<b>Guests and Staff:</b>	Meghan Spencer, AACo. DPW/WPRP	
<b>Members Absent:</b>	Bob Whitcomb	9/11
	Scott Hymes, MD DNR (Ex officio)	4/11
	Kurt Riegel	6/11

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Vlavianos called the regular monthly meeting of the Severn River Commission (SRC) to order at 4:10 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 October 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 CURRAN AND SECONDED BY BURDICK. THE MOTION WAS PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE AND THE MINUTES WERE APPROVED AS WRITTEN.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS / CORRESPONDENCE**

- (1) Whitcomb & Hymes were unable to attend the meeting.
- (2) Margaret McHale is resigning from the Critical Area Commission (CAC) on December 1, 2014. McHale's replacement has not been announced.
- (3) The Jabez Stakeholder Meeting is scheduled for November 20, 2014 at 9 am in the Rosenwald Conference Room, building 2666 in the Heritage Complex.
- (4) Hornor assisted a graduate student at the University of Maryland with a mock Severn River Watershed Plan. Vlavianos requested that the project be shared with the SRC upon completion.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Navy Facility**

No correspondence was sent from the SRC, nor was any received from Naval Support Activity Annapolis (NSAA) or Tara Meadows. Spencer received an email from Meadows that indicated she would maintain the SRC as an interested party in NSAA activities. NSAA is looking into a berm replacement project on Carr Creek holding back dredge spoil, as the berm is eroding. Spencer has drafted a letter to NSAA & previous recipients, to be sent on SRC letterhead in support of the environmental improvement to be made at the David Taylor Facility.

### **Oyster Restoration Activities**

Whitcomb was not present to discuss Oyster Restoration Activities.

### **Annapolis / Annapolis Marine Water Quality**

Crystal Springs has not responded to the city with a revised plan.

**No Discharge Zone** – 10% of boats are affected by the No Discharge Zone (NDZ) in Annapolis waters. The SRC has opted to leave negotiations of the NDZ to Riegel. Riegel also expressed the need of involving a commercial interest in Annapolis and Spa Creek. Spencer recommended Annapolis Yacht Club and Eastport Yacht Club. Hornor recommended that Riegel contact Stuart Chaney regarding commercial interests in the Annapolis area. Schomig noted that nuisance flooding days in Annapolis are increasing, and that nuisance flooding results in loss of parking spaces and road closures.

**Stormwater Management on Severn Run**

There has been no response to the letter sent on June 6, 2014 to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Spencer will get in touch and follow up with Bruce Michael. Schomig suggested that the results of stormwater retrofits in the county to be made available in order to ascertain improvements in water quality.

**Jabez / SHA**

Jabez Stakeholder Meeting is scheduled on November 20, 2014. Vlavianos and Curran have no additional information from Stantec. Curran will request more information from Stantec, as there has been no visibility since the last Jabez Stakeholder Meeting on May 12, 2014. Burdick suggested creating a tracking spreadsheet for issues with the county and state governmental organizations. Burdick also requested a 4' x 6' map of the Severn River for SRC meetings.

**Website**

Burdick has requested updates to the SRC web site introduction, as well as before & after pictures of Stormwater Pond Retrofits. Spencer requested an SRC members only web site. The idea was dismissed after determining that it was not possible.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Severn River Water Quality Monitoring**

Spencer emailed SRA & the Severn Riverkeeper (Fred Kelly) about Severn River monitoring since Pierre Henckart will no longer be doing the monitoring. Fred Kelly replied that he was working with the South Riverkeeper to arrange Severn River monitoring. Hornor said that Fred Kelly was not planning on monitoring the Severn River. Spencer said the SRC should address funding options for regular monitoring of the Severn River and SRC should consider publishing a yearly report card for the Severn River. Hornor is currently analyzing 27 years of data from Operation Clearwater, Operation Clearwater samples from shoreline and some tributaries, only providing a snapshot of some areas and their bacteria levels.

Burdick suggested writing a letter to Fred Kelly requesting that the Severn River be monitored by the Severn Riverkeeper. Spencer will contact Fred Kelly and Diana to confirm Severn River monitoring status. Burdick and Hornor mentioned that DNR monitors the Severn River via one monitoring station at the mouth of the river. Hornor confirmed that the State Highway Administration (SHA) and AA County do not monitor the Severn River. Spencer suggested that the SRC contact Steve Schuh, Erik Michelsen, the Maryland Department of the Environment

(MDE) and DNR with a recommendation for Severn River monitoring. Spencer will discuss Severn River monitoring with attendees of the SQWAC meeting on November 7 and report back to the SRC.

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m. The next SRC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 4, 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