

**SEVERN RIVER COMMISSION**  
**Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes**  
**June 4, 2015 – 4:00 P.M.**  
**Severn Room, 2664 Riva Road, 4th Floor**

		<b>Attendance Record</b>
<b>Members Present:</b>	Charlie Kreter, Chair	3/3
	Jim Burdick	4/5
	Stephen McHale	2/3
	Sara Phillips	3/3
	Kurt Riegel	5/5
	Daniel Roche	3/3
	Dick Spencer	5/5
	Bob Whitcomb	5/5
 <b>Guests and Staff:</b>	Erica Jackson, AACo. DPW/WPRP	
	Sheri Lott, AACo. DPW/WPRP	
	Meghan Spencer, AACo. DPW/WPRP	
 <b>Members Absent:</b>	Scott Hymes, MD DNR (Ex officio)	3/5

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Kreter 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.

**GUEST SPEAKER**

Sara Phillips of the United States Naval Academy (USNA) and the SRC presented to the commission on the David Taylor Redevelopment Project at the USNA. Phillips discussed the nature of the project as primarily an office park with a technology center, hotel, parking structures, and minimal retail presence. According to Phillips, there is no water access at the hotel site. There are two other water access points on the project site. The development project involves planting and aims to reduce impervious surface area by 30%.

Phillips then answered questions from the SRC and meeting attendees in response to his presentation. The digital file of the presentation is available at the SRC Office.

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

**MINUTES**

The Minutes for the May 7, 2015, regular monthly meeting were presented for approval. Following discussion, members agreed to revise the May 7, 2015 minutes to reflect the addition of Jeff Schomig to the Guests and Staff attendee list, as well as changes requested by Spencer to the Naval Academy / Greenbury Point discussion.

MOTION: A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MAY 7, 2015 MINUTES, WAS MADE BY WHITCOMB AND SECONDED BY RIEGEL. THE MOTION WAS PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE AND THE MINUTES WILL BE REVISED AS APPROVED.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS / CORRESPONDENCE**

- (1) Dr. David Kriebel is unable to attend the SRC meeting. Sara Phillips will give a presentation on the David Taylor Redevelopment Project in his absence.
- (2) Kreter will be absent from the September 2015 meeting. Whitcomb will act as chair in his absence.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Naval Academy / Greenbury Point**

Phillips said the project is in the environmental assessment phase and there will be a public hearing in the future.

**Variance Hearing – Hopkins Creek Case**

Kreter requested that this item be removed from the agenda.

**Jabez / SHA**

Spencer has received no updates from Charlotte Lubbert. Spencer stated the draft of the final report should have been released late May 2015.

**Stormwater Management on Severn Run**

Whitcomb will wait until October 2015 for a response from Matt Fleming. Spencer mentioned a newspaper article about the State Highway Association (SHA) stream restoration that will take

place over the summer. Spencer believes the restoration will begin after perch spawning season ends.

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

There was nothing new to report.

### **Crystal Spring**

Riegel says the Forest Conservation Act has been debated in city council meetings and throughout the City of Annapolis. There are now three versions of the Forest Conservation Act. One is the original version, one is an amended version, and a third version written by the developers.

### **Oyster Restoration Activities**

Whitcomb says that oyster planting will take place on Saturday, June 6, 2015, and mentioned that the Annapolis Capital will be in attendance. Whitcomb also stated that there is a plethora of volunteers with boats for oyster relocation, and he is coordinating the oyster growers and boat owning volunteers. Whitcomb will be on site at the reef from 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

### **Future Presentations**

Dr. David Kriebel of the USNA will present in September. Spencer suggested that MDE staff of non-tidal projects present on the permitting process, and will offer recommendations to Kreter.

### **Water Access**

Discussion regarding water access has been postponed.

### **Stormwater Fees**

There was nothing new to report.

### **Website**

Burdick has contacted the AA County web site staff regarding updates. According to Burdick, there is a moratorium on edits to all county web sites between August 15, 2015 and the end of September 2015. The AA County web site staff has requested photos from the SRC to post on the county web site. Whitcomb and Burdick will convene to discuss photo options for publication.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Permit Notifications**

Spencer has requested more information from the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) regarding permit notifications on the Severn River. Spencer requested more information on how involved the SRC wants to be in shoreline and non-tidal projects. Spencer also stated that there is a hearing on June 16, 2015 at the Annapolis Library for three (3) upcoming projects on the Severn River.

Kreter asked Spencer to attend the hearing and report back to the SRC. Spencer will follow up with MDE on the projects. Kreter suggests that the SRC not be involved until more information is available, and would like to discuss options after the June 16, 2015 hearing.

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m. The next SRC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 9, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. in the Severn Room (4<sup>th</sup> Floor), 2664 Riva Road, Annapolis, MD.

Respectfully submitted,

Meghan Spencer  
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