

**SEVERN RIVER COMMISSION**  
**Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes**  
**August 6, 2015 – 4:00 P.M.**  
**Severn Room, 2664 Riva Road, 4th Floor**

		<b>Attendance Record</b>
<b>Members Present:</b>	Charlie Kreter, Chair	5/5
	Bill Kardash	2/2
	Sara Phillips	5/5
	Kurt Riegel	6/7
	Daniel Roche	5/5
	Dick Spencer	7/7
	Bob Whitcomb	7/7
<b>Guests and Staff:</b>	Meghan Spencer, ACo. DPW/WPRP	
	Tony Allred, Maryland Dept. of the Environment	
	Greg Busch, Maryland Dept. of the Environment	
	Len Schugam, Maryland Dept. of the Environment	
	Mike Lofton, AA County Public Water Access Committee	
<b>Members Absent:</b>	Jim Burdick	5/7
	Scott Hymes, MD DNR (Ex officio)	4/7

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Kreter called the regular monthly meeting of the Severn River Commission (SRC) to order at 4:07 p.m. in the Severn Room, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, 2664 Riva Road, Annapolis, MD. A quorum was present.

**GUEST SPEAKER**

Len Schugam of the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) presented to the commission on the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) of Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs) in the Severn River. Schugam briefly discussed the background of PCBs, then moved on to discuss PCB TMDL Development in Maryland, the TMDL Study Area, Water Quality Characterization, TMDL Endpoint Development, Baseline Source Assessment, TMDL Analysis Framework, TMDL Allocations, and Assurance of Implementation.

Schugam 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.

**GUEST SPEAKER**

Mike Lofton of the Anne Arundel County Public Water Access Committee presented to the commission on Public Water Access in Anne Arundel County. Lofton discussed opportunities for public water access and potential public water access on Anne Arundel County-owned properties.

Lofton 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 July 9, 2015, regular monthly meeting were presented for approval.

MOTION: A MOTION TO APPROVE THE JULY 9, 2015 MINUTES, WAS MADE BY ROCHE AND SECONDED BY WHITCOMB. THE MOTION WAS PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE AND THE MINUTES WERE APPROVED AS WRITTEN.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS / CORRESPONDENCE**

- (1) Steve McHale has resigned from the SRC. Kreter has offered recommendations to County Executive Schuh and has requested nominations from the other SRC members.
- (2) Chair Kreter will not be present at the September SRC Meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Annapolis Yacht Club Green Site**

Kardash spoke with the Commodore of the Annapolis Yacht Club (AYC) to discuss his opinion on making contact with the SRC regarding federal and state funding for the green site. Kardash has received a preliminary copy of the sailing site plans, and is expecting public plans to be available in November 2015, as the AYC has recently met with Planning & Zoning. Spencer suggests that the AYC meet with Mel Wilkins, Amy Clements, and the Spa Creek Conservancy to discuss funding options.

**Jabez / SHA**

There was nothing new to report.

**Annapolis / Annapolis Marine Water Quality**

Kreter and Riegel are in the process of drafting a letter to Anne Arundel County and a potential article for the Annapolis Capital Gazette. The letter and article will be submitted for approval at the September SRC Meeting.

Kardash spoke about a letter from the Maritime Advisory Commission (MAC) opposing the City of Annapolis No Discharge Zone (NDZ), noting that a Chesapeake Bay-wide NDZ would be endorsed. Donna Morrow is in charge of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) NDZ Program. According to Morrow's supervisor, the Chester River has an application with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for an NDZ. Kardash asked when the Chester River NDZ would be available. According to Spencer, there is a 6 to 12 month waiting period for the permit process.

Spencer wants to move the NDZ further up on the SRC priority list. According to Spencer, the EPA NDZ web site states that discharge of raw sewage anywhere in the continental United States within 3 miles of the coast is illegal.

Spencer has also spoken with the Chester Riverkeeper, who would like to work with and brief the SRC.

There is a final application in front of the EPA with letters of support from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE).

Spencer will discuss options with the State Water Quality Advisory Committee (SWQAC), and feels that the state of Maryland should petition for all tributaries of the Chesapeake Bay to be classified as NDZ.

Whitcomb has a copy of a letter from the Annapolis Harbormaster written in January 2012 regarding the NDZ. Spencer will distribute information regarding the NDZ Application process when he hears back from the Chester Riverkeeper. Kreter wants to invite the Annapolis Harbormaster to present to the SRC.

**Future Presentations**

September 2015 – Sara Phillips, USNA, City of Annapolis Stormwater Management

October 2015 – Dr. Andrew Muller, USNA

November 2015 – Dr. David Kriebel, USNA

December 2015 – Ranger Steve McCoy, Maryland Park Service

**Website**

Kreter said that Burdick has submitted all updates for county review and implementation.

**NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:22 p.m. The next SRC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 3, 2015 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