

**SEVERN RIVER COMMISSION**  
**Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes**  
**October 1, 2015 – 4:00 P.M.**  
**Severn Room, 2664 Riva Road, 4th Floor**

		<b>Attendance Record</b>
<b>Members Present:</b>	Charlie Kreter, Chair	6/6
	Bill Kardash	3/3
	Sara Phillips	6/6
	Dick Spencer	8/8
	Bob Whitcomb	8/8
<b>Guests and Staff:</b>	Meghan Spencer, AACo. DPW/WPRP	
	Erica Jackson, AACo, DPW/WPRP	
<b>Members Absent:</b>	Jim Burdick	5/8
	Scott Hymes, MD DNR (Ex officio)	4/8
	Kurt Riegel	6/8
	Daniel Roche	5/6

**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.

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

**MINUTES**

The Minutes for the August 6, 2015, regular monthly meeting were presented for approval.

**MOTION:** A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AUGUST 6, 2015 MINUTES, WAS MADE BY SPENCER AND SECONDED BY KARDASH. THE MOTION WAS PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE AND THE MINUTES WERE APPROVED AS WRITTEN.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS / CORRESPONDENCE**

- (1) Burdick and Roche will not be at the meeting.
- (2) In response to an email from Mike Lofton, Kreter will draft a letter in support of open water access.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Annapolis Yacht Club Green Site**

Kreter requested to put discussion on hold until after the presentation at the November 2015 SRC meeting. Kardash has no new information, but will work with Amy Clements from the Spa Creek Conservancy (SCC) to meet with the Annapolis Yacht Club (AYC).

**Naval Academy / Greenbury Point**

Phillips hosted a meeting at the Naval Academy with Water Access Committee members and the Annapolis Community Boating group. The invited committees asked for access to waterways around the Naval Academy and Greenbury Point.

Spencer compiled briefing points on overall water access. Spencer said that the Environmental Assessment is not the right document for addressing the issue. Phillips said the Environmental Assessment is in the pre-publishing stage and the SRC can request a copy when it's released. Spencer said he already requested an electronic copy of the final Environmental Assessment report.

Spencer thinks the overall water access issue needs to be addressed and raised questions about what the SRC wants to support. Phillips wants to distinguish the SRC's position from the Water Access Committee's position and noted that the SRC should make an independent request. Whitcomb thinks the SRC should wait to take a formal position until the water access points are identified.

Kreter said that a clearer understanding of public water access is important. Kreter wants to put effort into working with Anne Arundel County Parks & Recreation and Department of Public Works to identify public land with water access.

Phillips said that Anne Arundel County instructed David Taylor to identify potential public water access points on the property. Spencer said that the SRC needs to define water access and the importance in public water access. Spencer feels that water access to shoreline through small boat access is important, but wants to exclude large boat access. Whitcomb noted that specific groups can't be excluded from public water access.

Phillips says there needs to be a congressional or presidential order to direct public water access. Spencer named Carr Creek for kayak and small boat access with the same operating hours as Anne Arundel County parks. Kreter feels that the David Taylor property is the best option for public water access with available parking of 50-100 spots, and is also looking at public water access sites in Londontowne. Kardash noted water access opportunities at Jones Creek, and Spencer mentioned Hackett Point.

**Jabez / SHA**

Spencer gave a summary of State Highway Association (SHA) projects on the Jabez 3 based on a presentation at the recent Jabez Stakeholders Meeting on September 29, 2015. The presentation covered what Stantec felt should be done in terms of Jabez 3 restoration. Electronic versions of the presentation and final report from Stantec will be available in the future. Spencer noted that Stantec identified 96 potential projects in 8 project areas where Stormwater Management BMPs could be installed. Spencer said that Anne Arundel County will begin wetland restoration in 2016. Spencer mentioned that the SRC could make a recommendation to the SHA, Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and Anne Arundel County regarding purchasing additional property and adding it to the Severn Run facility. Spencer said that DNR requested a recommendation from an outside organization to purchase the property to initiate the process.

Kreter asked about the best way to involve Hymes in the process. Whitcomb suggested that Hymes make a video of the Jabez 3. Spencer said the key to the Jabez 3 restoration is to address the volume of polluted water.

**Annapolis / Annapolis Marine Water Quality (NDZ)**

Whitcomb said that the Annapolis Environmental Commission (AEC) took a stance on the no discharge zone (NDZ) along with waiving the pump out fee. According to Whitcomb, the Annapolis Harbormaster isn't addressing the project so the AEC feels that they need to urge the City of Annapolis to move forward. Riegel will draft a resolution with the rest of the AEC and ask for support from area organizations with interest in the NDZ.

Kardash referenced emails suggesting involvement with home owners and civic associations, noting that if something is put in writing, it's possible to get it passed. Kreter mentioned the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) criteria of what wildlife is being saved by initiating an NDZ. Spencer says that if the groups agree to proceed, a document needs to be prepared, signed, etc.

Kreter requested to put the discussion on hold until Riegel is present.

**Crystal Spring**

There was nothing new to report.

**Oyster Restoration Activities**

Kreter requested to remove this item from the agenda.

**Future Presentations**

November 2015 – Annapolis Yacht Club

January 2016 – Ranger Steve McCoy, Maryland Park Service

**Water Access**

Kreter noted that water access was previously discussed during the meeting.

**Permit Notifications**

Spencer wants to confirm that the SRC is on mailing lists. Kreter said Burdick will follow up.

**Prescription Drug Take Back**

There was nothing new to report.

**Website**

Kreter said that new material can be added as of September 16, 2015.

**NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:07 p.m. The next SRC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 5, 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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Watershed Protection & Restoration Program