

SEVERN RIVER COMMISSION
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes
December 3, 2015 – 4:00 P.M.
Severn Room, 2664 Riva Road, 4th Floor

		Attendance Record
Members Present:	Charlie Kreter, Chair	8/8
	Jim Burdick	7/10
	Sara Phillips	8/8
	Kurt Riegel	8/10
	Dick Spencer	10/10
	Bob Whitcomb	9/10
Guests and Staff:	Erica Jackson, AACo, DPW/WPRP	
	Lisa Grieco, City of Annapolis	
	Gail Kenson	
Members Absent:	Lex Birney	1/2
	Bill Kardash	4/5
	Scott Hymes, MD DNR (Ex officio)	4/10
	Daniel Roche	5/8

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kreter called the regular monthly meeting of the Severn River Commission (SRC) to order at 4:05 p.m. in the Severn Room, 4th Floor, 2664 Riva Road, Annapolis, MD. A quorum was present.

GUEST SPEAKER

Lisa Grieco of the City of Annapolis presented to the commission on the Annapolis City Dock Bulkhead Replacement Project.

Grieco then answered questions from the SRC and meeting attendees in response to her presentation. The presentation is available at the SRC Office.

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

MINUTES

The Minutes for the November 5, 2015, regular monthly meeting were presented for approval.

MOTION: A MOTION TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 5, 2015 MINUTES, WAS MADE BY SPENCER AND SECONDED BY PHILLIPS. THE MOTION WAS PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE AND THE MINUTES WERE APPROVED AS WRITTEN.

ANNOUNCEMENTS / CORRESPONDENCE

- (1) The SRC received an email from former SRC Chair Lina Vlavianos.
- (2) The Annapolis Capital contacted Kreter and Riegel about the No Discharge Zone (NDZ) policies. The SRC will review Riegel's letter.
- (3) There was no new correspondence.

OLD BUSINESS

Annapolis Yacht Club Green Site

Kreter plans to contact Amy Clements (Spa Creek Conservancy), Leo Wilson (Hammond Wilson Architects), Commodore Rod Jabin (Annapolis Yacht Club), and Vice Commodore Debbie Gosselin (Annapolis Yacht Club).

Naval Academy / Greenbury Point

Spencer met with Gail Kenson and Matt Klimoski. Spencer is preparing an assessment report for review by the Naval Academy and will submit it for review as a position for the SRC. Topics covered in Spencer's report include safety issues with the trails, as well as language on various signs. Phillips wanted to know how this was an issue for the SRC. Spencer said that the report covered public water access on the Severn River as well as other related environmental issues.

Jabez / SHA

Kreter requested that this item be removed from the agenda.

Annapolis / Annapolis Marine Water Quality (NDZ)

Kreter believes this to be the most important issue and requested comments from other SRC members. Kreter wants the final letter to be published in the Annapolis Capital Gazette and sent to the Annapolis City Council. Kreter also plans to submit the letter to Boat US and other publications. Kreter hopes to have the letter published after the holiday season. Riegel suggested that the letter be submitted sooner because of funding requests and the current City of Annapolis Budget discussions. Kreter may speak on it at the upcoming City of Annapolis Budget Meeting.

Crystal Spring

There was nothing new to report.

Future Presentations

January 2016 – Ranger Steve McCoy, Maryland Park Service
Vice Admiral and/or David Kriebel from the Naval Academy are still pending.
Spencer suggested Captain Nick Merry of Naval Support Activity Annapolis (NSAA).

Water Access

Kreter wrote an op-ed piece, and will distribute a support letter for review.

Permit Notifications

Eight permits have been submitted for the Severn Watershed.

Vice-Chair Election

The Vice-Chair Election is currently on hold until the January SRC Meeting.

Website

Burdick sent a draft of website changes for review, and would like comments by the end of the year.

NEW BUSINESS

Spencer discussed the Waste to Watts program at Greenbury Point. Blue Plains is generating energy from anaerobic sewage. Spencer would like to be updated on the Naval Academy's program. Spencer would like to make a suggestion to the Annapolis Waste Water Treatment Plant regarding a similar project.

Whitcomb requested an update on the pipeline of Methane gas from the Anne Arundel County Landfill to Fort Meade.

Phillips discussed the Naval Academy Alumni Building, stating that the community is requesting that no demolition of existing buildings be done. The inability to remove the structure would hinder stormwater management improvements.

PUBLIC INPUT/NEW ITEMS

Gail Kenson said that the Public Water Access Committee is holding a meeting on December 9, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. Kenson noted that she would send a notification to SRC members.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m. The next SRC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 7, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. in the Severn Room (4th Floor), 2664 Riva Road, Annapolis, MD.

Respectfully submitted,

Meghan Spencer
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Watershed Protection & Restoration Program