

SEVERN RIVER COMMISSION
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes
January 7, 2016 – 4:00 P.M.
Severn Room, 2664 Riva Road, 4th Floor

		Attendance Record
Members Present:	Charlie Kreter, Chair	1/1
	Lex Birney	1/1
	Jim Burdick	1/1
	Bill Kardash	1/1
	Sara Phillips	1/1
	Daniel Roche	1/1
	Dick Spencer	1/1
	Bob Whitcomb	1/1
Guests and Staff:	Erica Jackson, AACo, DPW/WPRP	
	Gail Kenson	
	Christina Jedra, Capital Gazette	
Members Absent:	Scott Hymes, MD DNR (Ex officio)	0/1
	Kurt Riegel	0/1

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kreter called the regular monthly meeting of the Severn River Commission (SRC) to order at 4:06 p.m. in the Severn Room, 4th Floor, 2664 Riva Road, Annapolis, MD. A quorum was present.

GUEST SPEAKER

Ranger Steve McCoy of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources presented to the commission on the Severn Run Natural Environment Area.

Ranger McCoy then answered questions from the SRC and meeting attendees in response to his presentation. The presentation is available at the SRC Office.

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

MINUTES

The Minutes for the December 3, 2015, regular monthly meeting were presented for approval. Following discussion, members agreed to revise the December 3, 2015 minutes to reflect changes requested by Spencer to the Future Presentations discussion, as well as changes

requested by Whitcomb to the New Business discussion.

MOTION: A MOTION TO APPROVE THE DECEMBER 3, 2015 MINUTES, WAS MADE BY WHITCOMB AND SECONDED BY BURDICK. THE MOTION WAS PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE AND THE MINUTES WILL BE REVISED AS APPROVED.

ANNOUNCEMENTS / CORRESPONDENCE

- (1) Spencer said there is a Maryland State Water Quality Advisory Committee (SWQAC) Meeting on January 15, 2016. He plans to address issues with Severn Run.
- (2) Kreter will not be attending the February SRC Meeting.
- (3) Kreter emailed the End of Year Review Report for review before it will be sent to County Executive Schuh.

OLD BUSINESS

Vice-Chair Election

MOTION: A MOTION TO NOMINATE SARA PHILLIPS AS THE SRC VICE-CHAIR WAS MADE BY SPENCER AND SECONDED BY BURDICK. THE MOTION WAS PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE AND PHILLIPS HAS ACCEPTED THE POSITION AS SRC VICE-CHAIR.

Permit Notifications

The Army Corps of Engineers has 3 permit notifications in Anne Arundel County.

Water Access

Whitcomb attended a December 2015 meeting of the Public Water Access Committee. There was a summary presented of accomplishments in 2015. Lofton is looking forward to improvements from Anne Arundel County Parks & Recreation in 2016, as well as a park in Southern Anne Arundel County. Lofton is continuing to look for public water access on the Severn River. As TeleCommunication Systems (TCS) has been sold, the future development of the David Taylor Property is still possible. Phillips has no other information available at this time.

Future Presentations

February – Brett Anderson, South Annapolis Yacht Center

March – Kreter would like Planning & Zoning to present about Stormwater Management in Severn Run.

Crystal Spring

There was nothing new to report.

Annapolis / Annapolis Marine Water Quality (NDZ)

After the year-end report is submitted to County Executive Schuh, Kreter will draft a letter to Mayor Pantelides and the Annapolis Capital Gazette. Spencer, Kardash & Kreter feel that there is support of No Discharge Zone (NDZ) legislation on the Annapolis City Council. Kreter said that the City of Annapolis will need to contract data collection & compiling. Kreter spoke with Donna Morrow of the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) regarding signage and education. Kreter would like to take the NDZ as far as possible. Phillips said that Morrow wants to know what specifically will be protected by the NDZ.

Naval Academy / Greenbury Point

There was nothing new to report. Spencer is still working on the assessment, and he will distribute it to Gail Kenson and the SRC shortly.

Annapolis Yacht Club Green Site

There was nothing new to report.

Website

Burdick sent out pages to SRC for review. Kreter will make final approval, and Burdick will submit the approved pages for updates.

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 – There was no public input.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:44 p.m. The next SRC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 4, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. in the Severn Room (4th Floor), 2664 Riva Road, Annapolis, MD.

Respectfully submitted,

Meghan Spencer
AACounty DPW, Bureau of Engineering
Watershed Protection & Restoration Program