

SEVERN RIVER COMMISSION
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes
March 3, 2016 – 4:00 P.M.
Chesapeake Room, 2664 Riva Road, 2nd Floor

		Attendance Record
Members Present:	Charlie Kreter, Chair	2/3
	Jim Burdick	3/3
	Bill Kardash	3/3
	Daniel Roche	3/3
	Kurt Riegel	2/3
	Dick Spencer	3/3
	Bob Whitcomb	2/3
Guests and Staff:	Dave Knorr, ESA Inc.	
	Molly Ratz, ESA Inc.	
	Mary Roman, AECOM	
	Christina Jedra, Capital Gazette	
	Gail Kenson, USNA	
	Erica Jackson, AACo, DPW/WPRP	
	Joe Ports, AACo, DPW/WPRP	
Meghan Spencer, AACo. DPW/WPRP		
Members Absent:	Sara Phillips, Vice Chair	2/3
	Lex Birney	2/3
	Scott Hymes, MD DNR (Ex officio)	0/3

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kreter called the regular monthly meeting of the Severn River Commission (SRC) to order at 4:15 p.m. in the Chesapeake Room, 2nd Floor, 2664 Riva Road, Annapolis, MD. A quorum was present.

GUEST SPEAKER

Dave Knorr of Environmental Systems Analysis Inc. (ESA) and Mary Roman of AECOM presented to the commission on the Millersville Post Office Restoration Project.

Dave Knorr and Mary Roman then answered questions from the SRC and meeting attendees in response to the presentation. The presentation is available at the SRC office.

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

MINUTES

The Minutes for the February 4, 2016, regular monthly meeting were presented for approval.

MOTION: A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 4, 2016 MINUTES, WAS MADE BY BURDICK AND SECONDED BY SPENCER. THE MOTION WAS PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE AND THE MINUTES WERE APPROVED AS WRITTEN.

ANNOUNCEMENTS / CORRESPONDENCE

(1) There was no new correspondence.

OLD BUSINESS

Bay Management Strategies

Spencer said that comments on the Bay Management Strategy are due next Monday. Spencer also has two issues:

- Sen. Bryan Simonaire's legislation to initiate a \$500 tax credit for residents installing floating gardens
- County Executive's legislative increase on maximum allowable tax refund to \$5,000 per restaurant for oyster shell recovery

Permit Notifications

There are no new permit updates. Burdick would like more information on variances and waivers being granted in the watershed, as well as a list instead of searching the database by address or permit number. Spencer said that the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) posts permit notifications in the Capital Gazette.

Water Access

Kreter, Spencer and Whitcomb met with Mike Lofton, and identified a potential public water access location in Londontowne. There will be another meeting to discuss public water access on Thursday, March 17, 2016.

Future Presentations

April – David Braun, Anne Arundel County Planning & Zoning

May – Dr. Andrew Muller, Associate Professor at US Naval Academy

June – Kardash would like to invite Leo Wilson to discuss the Annapolis Yacht Club

July – Erica Jackson, AACo, DPW/WPRP

Kreter would like to invite Dr. David Kriebel from the USNA to present at a future SRC meeting.

Crystal Spring

Riegel said that the Crystal Spring developers submitted a revised conservation management plan and reconfigured the project to include a larger area, some of which will be put into a conservation easement. Burdick said that by adding acreage, the developers are saying that stormwater damage can be remediated but aren't changing anything.

Annapolis / Annapolis Marine Water Quality (NDZ)

Kreter wants Alderman Budge and other City of Annapolis City Council members to sponsor the No Discharge Zone (NDZ) bill. Riegel said that running an article in the Annapolis Capital Gazette newspaper should occur before meeting with the City of Annapolis City Council.

Naval Academy / Greenbury Point

Discussion regarding the Naval Academy and Greenbury Point has been postponed until the April SRC meeting.

Spencer circulated a draft to the SRC members and Gail Kenson for feedback and comments. Spencer wants to address how the report will be published. Spencer also discussed the relationship between the Naval Academy and the general public to maintain the current public use of walking trails at Greenbury Point. Whitcomb encouraged working to find a group that will adopt the trails from a maintenance viewpoint, and suggested working with the Naval Academy professors and midshipmen.

Kreter said that nothing will be released to the County Executive until the SRC members can reach an agreement.

Annapolis Yacht Club Green Site

There was nothing new to report.

Website

Kreter has reviewed Burdick's revisions to the SRC web site.

NEW BUSINESS

Severn Run

Whitcomb requests that Severn Run be re-added to the agenda.

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:48 p.m. The next SRC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 7, 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