

**SEVERN RIVER COMMISSION**  
**Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes**  
**May 5, 2016 – 4:00 P.M.**  
**Severn Room, 2664 Riva Road, 4th Floor**

		<b>Attendance Record</b>
<b>Members Present:</b>	Charlie Kreter, Chair	4/5
	Sara Phillips, Vice Chair	4/5
	Lex Birney	4/5
	Jim Burdick	4/5
	Bill Kardash	5/5
	Kurt Riegel	3/5
	Daniel Roche	5/5
	Dick Spencer	5/5
	Bob Whitcomb	3/5
<b>Guests and Staff:</b>	Dr. Andrew Muller, USNA	
	Diana Muller	
	Gail Kenson, USNA	
	Joe Ports, AACo. DPW/WPRP	
	Meghan Spencer, AACo. DPW/WPRP	
<b>Members Absent:</b>	Scott Hymes, MD DNR (Ex officio)	0/5

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Kreter called the regular monthly meeting of the Severn River Commission (SRC) to order at 4:11 p.m. in the Severn Room, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, 2664 Riva Road, Annapolis, MD. A quorum was present.

**GUEST SPEAKER**

Dr. Andrew Muller of the United States Naval Academy (USNA) presented to the commission on Severn River Mapping, specifically addressing spatial and temporal variability, focusing on the understanding of the bio-physical processes that dominate ecological systems. He also discussed the data gathered from the Severn River by Remote Autonomous Environmental Unit S (REMUS 100), focusing on hypoxia in various areas of the Severn River and the correlation between salinity and tidal currents.

Dr. Muller 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**

- (1) Joe Ports (DPW/WPRP) talked about the State Highway Administration (SHA) grant program, asking for a letter of support. Ports will email a draft letter to the SRC members after the meeting.
- (2) David Barker of the Back Creek Conservancy (BCC) would like to participate in the No Discharge Zone (NDZ) process.

**MINUTES**

The Minutes for the April 7, 2016, regular monthly meeting were presented for approval.

MOTION: A MOTION TO APPROVE THE APRIL 7, 2016 MINUTES, WAS MADE BY KARDASH. THE MOTION WAS PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE AND THE MINUTES WERE APPROVED AS WRITTEN.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS / CORRESPONDENCE**

- (1) Arlene Berlin contacted the SRC regarding training in public meeting administration. Meghan Spencer, Anne Arundel County representative to the SRC, will attend the training per Chair Kreter's request.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Bay Management Strategies**

There was nothing new to report.

**Permit Notifications**

Burdick found one permit notification for Fort Meade.

**Water Access**

Kreter and Spencer met with the Chesapeake Bay Foundation (CBF) about Hackett's Point. CBF owns a portion of Hackett's Point and shares the access road with seven (7) other property owners. Because of this, CBF said it would be impossible to offer the property for public water access use at this time.

CBF is continuously offered land, and were recently offered land that would have good public water access for kayaks, as well as adequate public parking. CBF will work on providing public

water access on the property in question, and will keep the SRC updated on opportunities for public water access on the Severn River. CBF said the land donated for public water access would be put into a public trust or conservancy.

Whitcomb noted that Anne Arundel County will provide trailer boat launching in the future, as well as his appointment to the Public Water Access Commission.

### **Future Presentations**

June – Phillips will invite Dr. David Kriebel

July -- Kardash will invite Leo Wilson on behalf of AYC

Phillips would like a presentation addressing sea level rise on the Severn River in the future.

### **Crystal Spring**

Riegel said that approximately 150 people attended to protest Crystal Spring at a City of Annapolis Council meeting. There is a city council vote on potential forest conservation on Monday May 9, 2016.

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

Burdick met with Alderman Paone earlier in the week. Phillips mentioned signage. David Barker (BCC) suggested an appeal from the SRC to the Severn River Association (SRA), Severn River Federation (SRF) and the BCC to match funds provided by the City of Annapolis. Kreter will attempt to speak with the City Council. Riegel said that relevant City Council committees are the Finance and Environmental Matters committees.

Kreter spoke with County Executive Schuh and Mayor Pantelides regarding the Capital Gazette article on the NDZ, noting a positive response from County Executive Schuh. Riegel sees a potential issue with NDZ signage. Kreter said that a representative of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) requested that no NDZ application be submitted, but they will provide NDZ signs. Riegel feels that the SRC's goal should be compliance and better behavior rather than code enforcement.

### **Naval Academy / Greenbury Point**

On hold until June 2016. Phillips will meet with Kreter & Spencer regarding Greenbury Point.

**Annapolis Yacht Club Green Site**

Kardash said the Annapolis Yacht Club (AYC) board was 100% behind demolishing the existing building, but recently announced that they would renovate the existing building, as there was a time issue with permitting for the renovation project. Phillips said that city height limitations would force a shorter building on any new construction. Kardash isn't aware of a club member vote, but the board members voted on the decision.

**Website**

Burdick said that updates were sent to Christine Hagan & Sandra Heisch, and he expects them to be uploaded shortly.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Spencer received a letter of thanks from St. Luke's after their grant approval.

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:07 p.m. The next SRC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 2, 2016 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