

SEVERN RIVER COMMISSION
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes
June 2, 2016 – 4:00 P.M.
Severn Room, 2664 Riva Road, 4th Floor

		Attendance Record
Members Present:	Sara Phillips, Vice Chair	5/6
	Jim Burdick	5/6
	Kurt Riegel	4/6
	Daniel Roche	5/5
	Bob Whitcomb	3/5
Guests and Staff:	Gail Kenson, USNA	
	Meghan Spencer, AACo. DPW/WPRP	
Members Absent:	Charlie Kreter, Chair	4/6
	Lex Birney	4/6
	Scott Hymes, MD DNR (Ex officio)	0/6
	Bill Kardash	5/6
	Dick Spencer	5/6

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Phillips 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

Sara Phillips of the United States Naval Academy (USNA) presented to the commission on the USNA Sea Level Rising Plan, specifically addressing vulnerabilities at the USNA, existing infrastructure, existing and future sea level rise management, and coordination with local and federal government agencies.

Phillips 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 May 5, 2016, regular monthly meeting were presented for approval.

MOTION: A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MAY 5, 2016 MINUTES, WAS MADE BY WHITCOMB AND SECONDED BY RIEGEL. THE MOTION WAS PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE AND THE MINUTES WERE APPROVED AS WRITTEN.

ANNOUNCEMENTS / CORRESPONDENCE

(1) There was no new correspondence.

OLD BUSINESS

Annapolis Yacht Club Green Site

Riegel said that the Annapolis Yacht Club (AYC) will repair rather than rebuild the fire damaged building. Phillips mentioned that she hasn't seen any updated plans. Burdick said there is an AYC meeting on June 2, 2016 and the new plans will be presented. Phillips requested a presentation of the new plans in the future.

Naval Academy / Greenbury Point

Phillips said that the USNA Deputy Commanding Officer requested a meeting with Spencer. Phillips expects future dialogue later in June.

Possum Point has had its riprap repaired and a living shoreline will be built in the Mill Creek area in the future.

Annapolis / Annapolis Marine Water Quality (NDZ)

Kreter and Riegel appeared before the Annapolis Environmental Matters Committee of the Annapolis City Council. Riegel thinks all council members were impressed and positive about the situation, but is unsure if the city will spend the money for the No Discharge Zone (NDZ) application or if the budget amendment has been formally introduced. Riegel is also unsure if any Alderman has taken on the amendment process.

Phillips addressed potential opposition to the NDZ. Riegel said that the Maritime Advisory Board (MAB) includes some members in the marine trade industry who voiced opposition to the NDZ. Riegel said the MAB feels that large ships would not come because of the NDZ, which would cause a loss of business due to the inability to use marine sanitation devices.

Whitcomb says that the St. Michaels area has a new pumpout boat provided privately by the Choptank Riverkeeper through grants. Whitcomb says there is no set fee structure, though donations are appreciated.

Riegel noted that Chestertown has a pending NDZ application.

Crystal Spring

Riegel said there are no updates, but the Forest Conservation Act is currently under consideration by the City of Annapolis.

Future Presentations

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

Water Access

Whitcomb was unavailable to attend the last public water access meeting, therefore has nothing new to report.

Permit Notifications

Burdick said that there are currently no pending permit applications from the Army Corps of Engineers in Anne Arundel County.

Bay Management Strategies

Discussion is on hold until July 2016.

Website

There are no new updates.

NEW BUSINESS

Whitcomb said there is a Severn River Association (SRA) picnic on Saturday June 4, 2016 at Smith's Marina.

Whitcomb also said that oyster planting begins Saturday June 4, 2016 and will continue throughout the month of June 2016.

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:54 p.m. The next SRC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 14, 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