

SEVERN RIVER COMMISSION
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes
August 11, 2016 – 4:00 P.M.
Severn Room, 2664 Riva Road, 4th Floor

		Attendance Record
Members Present:	Charlie Kreter, Chair	5/8
	Lex Birney	6/8
	Bill Kardash	7/8
	Kurt Riegel	6/8
	Daniel Roche	8/8
	Bob Whitcomb	6/8
Guests and Staff:	Meghan Spencer, AACo. DPW/WPRP	
Members Absent:	Sara Phillips, Vice Chair	7/8
	Jim Burdick	5/8
	Dick Spencer	6/8

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kreter called the regular monthly meeting of the Severn River Commission (SRC) to order at 4:07 p.m. in the Severn Room, 4th Floor, 2664 Riva Road, Annapolis, MD. A quorum was present.

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

MINUTES

The Minutes for the July 14, 2016, regular monthly meeting were presented for approval.

MOTION: A MOTION TO APPROVE THE JULY 14, 2016 MINUTES, WAS MADE BY BIRNEY AND SECONDED BY ROCHE. THE MOTION WAS PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE AND THE MINUTES WERE APPROVED AS WRITTEN.

ANNOUNCEMENTS / CORRESPONDENCE

- (1) Kreter requested the next SRC meeting be moved to September 8, 2016.
- (2) Kreter shared a letter from Anthon Allred of the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) about the approval of the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) report by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on July 19, 2016.

OLD BUSINESS

Annapolis Yacht Club Green Site

Kardash said that the Annapolis Yacht Club (AYC) is keeping the same footprint as the original building, only adding a small amount of square footage and removing part of the deck between the club and the Eastport Bridge at MDE's request. Permits are expected to be finalized by Spring of 2017. Estimated project completion is December 2017. There is no current plan to create more pervious surface.

Roche mentioned new Anne Arundel County requirements for runoff from impervious surfaces. Whitcomb noted that the County requirements differ from the City of Annapolis requirements. Roche believes the requirements are the same for both the City of Annapolis and Anne Arundel County.

Kardash will ask Leo Wilson of Hammond Wilson Architects to present at the September SRC meeting to discuss plans for the AYC. He clarified that anything concrete would need to be confirmed with Rod Jabin & Debbie Gosselin of the AYC.

Naval Academy / Greenbury Point

On hold until September 2016.

Annapolis / Annapolis Marine Water Quality (NDZ)

Roche said that it's unlikely much will happen locally in the short term, and suggested the SRC should support a Chesapeake Bay-wide No Discharge Zone (NDZ). Kardash wants the SRC to prepare to go before the City of Annapolis Maritime Advisory Board (MAB). In response to Spencer's support of a Bay-wide NDZ, Kardash believes that supporting a joint NDZ between Anne Arundel County and the City of Annapolis is more feasible. Kardash also suggested working with the Anne Arundel County Maritime Industry Advisory Board (MIAB).

Birney feels that the SRC should work with the MIAB to issue a statement on their positions regarding the NDZ.

Kardash noted that the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) regulations only cover solid waste discharge, not grey water. According to Kardash, Spa Creek and Weems Creek both fall under the definition of sensitive areas in regards to an NDZ.

Riegel will be speaking about raising the level of education & benefits of an NDZ application process in the City of Annapolis. Riegel also noted that the value of an NDZ application is in the

process of resource surveying, pump-out boats and the justification of an NDZ in Annapolis due to sensitive areas.

Kardash suggested that Rod Jabin and Debbie Gosselin attend the next SRC meeting.

Crystal Spring

Kreter asked for any updates. Whitcomb attended a meeting about adequate facilities at Crystal Spring. Riegel heard about investors expressing displeasure at the current situation and calling for the project to end but hasn't heard anything concrete.

Future Presentations

Kardash will ask Leo Wilson to present at the September meeting, possibly with Alderman Littman in attendance.

Water Access

Kreter asked about public water access at Arlington Echo. Whitcomb said he hasn't heard any new information. Riegel expressed that public water access may have won out over local opposition.

Whitcomb says there's fear of further development in South County with the upcoming lifting of the Mayo Moratorium. He also mentioned that opposition to public access on Beverly Triton beach has decreased. The Public Water Access Committee won't meet again until September 2016.

Permit Notifications

On hold until September 2016.

Bay Management Strategies

There are no new updates.

Website

On hold until September 2016.

NEW BUSINESS

Whitcomb said there has been live-aboard boat enforcement in Weems Creek. Riegel noted that there is a one (1) week limit in the City of Annapolis, but no limit in Anne Arundel County outside of the City of Annapolis. Enforcement is the responsibility of the City of Annapolis Harbormaster, and Anne Arundel County needs to match the City of Annapolis live-aboard boat docking limit.

Whitcomb attended a county meeting about oyster restoration. Whitcomb said that DNR is looking into tributaries that should be next on the list to receive oysters through the Oyster Recovery Partnership. DNR issued a 5 year evaluation report on major restoration progress. Whitcomb stated that no vote on potential tributaries for future oyster restoration was called before the meeting was adjourned.

Whitcomb wrote a letter in support of the Severn River oyster restoration. Kreter requested that copies of the letter be distributed to the SRC members. Whitcomb thinks the SRC should monitor progress and offer support if the opportunity arises.

Kardash will invite Leo Wilson to present at the September SRC meeting.

PUBLIC INPUT/NEW ITEMS

There was no public input.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m. The next SRC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 8, 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