

SEVERN RIVER COMMISSION
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes
August 3, 2017 – 4:00 P.M.
Severn Room, 2664 Riva Road, 4th Floor

		Attendance Record
Members Present:	Charlie Kreter, Chair	6/8
	Sara Phillips, Vice Chair	4/8
	Lex Birney	4/8
	Jim Burdick	6/8
	Claudia Donegan, MD DNR (Ex Officio)	7/8
	Bill Kardash	6/8
	Del. Michael Malone, House of Del. (Ex Officio)	4/7
	Kurt Riegel	8/8
	Daniel Roche	4/8
	Dick Spencer	8/8
Guests and Staff:	Kevin Smith, Maryland Department of Natural Resources Meghan Spencer, AACo. DPW/WPRP	
Members Absent:	Bob Whitcomb	5/8

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kreter called the regular monthly meeting of the Severn River Commission (SRC) to order at 4:04 p.m. in the Severn Room, 4th Floor, 2664 Riva Road, Annapolis, MD. A quorum was present.

GUEST SPEAKER – Kevin Smith; Maryland Department of Natural Resources

Kevin Smith of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) presented to the commission about Coastal Erosion and Shoreline Conservation Practices in Maryland. Smith briefly discussed the effects of various types of shoreline restoration, as well as the positive and negative effects of shoreline erosion.

Smith then discussed implementing living shorelines, and how shoreline projects can maximize habitats and maintain natural processes, as well as the difference between structural restoration projects and living shorelines. Smith talked about several projects, including living shorelines at Spaniard Point, Windy Hill Farm, Pines on the Severn and the Annapolis Maritime Museum.

Following the presentation, Smith answered questions from the SRC. The presentation is available at the SRC office.

PUBLIC INPUT / AGENDA ITEMS

There was no public input.

MINUTES

The Minutes for the July 6, 2017, regular monthly meeting were presented for approval.

MOTION: A MOTION TO APPROVE THE JULY 6, 2017 MINUTES, WAS MADE BY RIEGEL AND SECONDED BY BURDICK. THE MOTION WAS PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE AND THE MINUTES WILL BE REVISED AS APPROVED.

ANNOUNCEMENTS / CORRESPONDENCE

- (1) Kreter noted that the Guidelines for Anne Arundel County Boards and Commissions require 50% attendance of all SRC members.

OLD BUSINESS

Oyster Restoration Activities

Kreter said that County Executive Schuh proposed the Severn River for future oyster restoration.

Annapolis Yacht Club

Kardash said that construction has begun on the Compromise Street location with Whiting Turner as the contractor. On the Eastport side, they are responding to comments on the building permit and will begin work in October 2017 after sailing season ends. The former Fawcett Boat Supply site at 110 Compromise Street has begun construction.

Kreter asked if the Spa Creek Conservancy (SCC) has made any contact with the Annapolis Yacht Club (AYC). Kardash said there has not been any contact made, due to the lack of a grading permit needed for the Compromise Street location.

No Discharge Zone

Riegel attended a No Discharge Zone (NDZ) meeting a few weeks prior, and spoke with David Barker of the Back Creek Conservancy (BCC). Barker is moving forward with the NDZ application, including the assignment of roles and responsibilities for each of the Annapolis creeks. Barker will gather data as necessary.

Kreter noted that Whitcomb emailed information regarding a visit to another NDZ which included a map referencing all available pump out stations.

Birney brought minutes from the June 15, 2017 NDZ meeting at the Port Annapolis Marina. Kardash attended the Annapolis Environmental Matters Committee for a presentation, and wondered if the BCC interns were working on the NDZ application. Birney said the progress has been slow due to summer, but they will resume full activities at the end of August 2017. Kreter plans to invite Barker in September or October 2017.

Future Presentations

- Kreter requested a presentation from Erik Michelsen (WPRP) on future capital projects
- Donegan asked Whitcomb to contact Lisa Gutierrez (DNR) to discuss public water access prior to scheduling a future presentation
- Spencer wants to coordinate a presentation from John & Tom Guay (SRA Monitoring Team), Dr. Tammy Domanski (Anne Arundel Community College/Operation Clearwater), Caroline Donovan (University of Maryland), and Lou Etgen (Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay) on monitoring issues; Kreter suggested 1 presenter; Spencer will look into it for the August 2017 meeting
- Spencer requested a presentation from the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center (SERC)

Water Access

Water Access discussion is on hold until September 2017.

Permit Notifications

Burdick sent an email to the SRC for review.

Website

There was nothing new to report. Kreter requested to remove this item from the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

Living Shorelines – Kreter asked if the SRC members wanted to advocate for legislation or take other actions on living shorelines. Donegan plans to work with the Chesapeake Bay Foundation (CBF) to develop either state or county legislation.

Weems Creek – Roche noted storms recently in Weems Creek, as well as silt left behind in the water as a result.

PUBLIC INPUT/NEW ITEMS

There was no public input.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m. The next SRC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 14, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. in the Chesapeake Room (2nd Floor), 2664 Riva Road, Annapolis, MD.

Respectfully submitted,

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