

SEVERN RIVER COMMISSION
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes
June 7, 2018 – 4:00 P.M.
Severn Room, 2664 Riva Road, 4th Floor

		Attendance Record
Members Present:	Charlie Kreter, Chair	6/6
	Sara Phillips, Vice Chair	4/6
	Jim Burdick	5/6
	Claudia Donegan, MD DNR (Ex Officio)	5/6
	Kurt Riegel	6/6
	Daniel Roche	6/6
	Dick Spencer	6/6
Guests and Staff:	Meghan Spencer, AACo. DPW/WPRP	
Members Absent:	Lex Birney	2/6
	Bill Kardash	3/6
	Del. Michael Malone, House of Del. (Ex Officio)	2/6
	Bob Whitcomb	4/6

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kreter called the regular monthly meeting of the Severn River Commission (SRC) to order at 4:01 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 May 3, 2018, regular monthly meeting were presented for approval.

MOTION: A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MAY 3, 2018 MINUTES, WAS MADE BY RIEGEL AND SECONDED BY PHILLIPS. THE MOTION WAS PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE AND THE MINUTES WERE APPROVED AS WRITTEN.

ANNOUNCEMENTS / CORRESPONDENCE

There was no new correspondence.

Kreter mentioned an editorial that ran in the Annapolis Capital Gazette on June 4, 2018 regarding funding for Operation Build a Reef.

OLD BUSINESS

Nutrient Runoff Initiative

Spencer noted that his community installed a bioswale to divert ground water, but has noticed variation in vegetation in the bioswale, and assumes this is a result of fertilizer use based on the nitrogen levels in the ground water. Spencer suggested that the SRC advise the county that septic conversion isn't the only way to reduce nitrogen. Kreter requested a presentation from Sally Hornor regarding the Septic Task Force.

Wroxeter Estate Variance

Kreter hasn't received any updates. Spencer attended the hearing, but hasn't received any updates. The variances were reduced to one needed on the property at the corner of Old County Road and Baltimore & Annapolis Boulevard.

Permit Notifications

Burdick will re-subscribe to the permit notification list, as he was removed when his term with the Admiral Heights Improvement Association ended. There have been no permit updates from the Army Corps of Engineers. Spencer is on the distribution list for the Shipley's Choice dam, and has received notice of a public hearing for dam removal.

Water access

On hold until July 2018.

Future Presentations

- Kreter will request a presentation from the Chesapeake Bay Foundation legal team
- Whitcomb requested a presentation on Weems Creek
- Kreter, Spencer and Whitcomb requested a presentation from the Septic Task Force
- Spencer requested a presentation from Betsy Love on the St. Luke's project

Annapolis Yacht Club

Burdick said the Annapolis Yacht Club (AYC) was fined for sediment erosion control issues, though Commodore Ellis was unaware of two previous violations.

Oyster Restoration Activities

Spencer requested more information about oyster restoration projects in the Severn River, specifically Operation Build a Reef and the Chesapeake Bay Foundation Reef Ball Evaluation. Spencer also mentioned a project in Grasonville, and feels the SRC should be receiving information on all oyster restoration projects to provide assistance.

No Discharge Zone

Riegel noted NDZ resolutions are about to be introduced at both county and city levels. Burdick asked who the sponsors were – Rob Savidge is the sponsor for the City of Annapolis and Chris Trumbauer is the sponsor for Anne Arundel County. Riegel assumed that the resolutions are the same, as the county and city have worked together on the NDZ resolution.

Bylaws Review

Kreter suggests removing the Green Way portion from the bylaws, but still needs to approve the changes with the county law office.

NEW BUSINESS

Kreter noted that the former Kaufmanns Restaurant in Gambrills has been torn down to make way for Blackwall Hitch, and the developers are looking for additional variances. There is a hearing on June 27, 2018. Kreter asked the commission to look into the matter.

Spencer said there is an opening evening party on June 12, 2018 to benefit St. Luke's restoration projects.

Burdick met Scott Hymes at Weems Creek on June 6, 2018 to examine an outfall that needs additional remediation.

Donegan is looking into an issue at the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) about replacing bulkheads and building living shorelines. Kreter will look into it as well.

Kreter asked if the DNR boat sticker survey results have been posted. Riegel asked about the survey rate of return. Donegan will look into it.

NEW ITEMS

There are no new items.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:43 p.m. The next SRC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 12, 2018 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