

SEVERN RIVER COMMISSION
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes
July 12, 2018 – 4:00 P.M.
Severn Room, 2664 Riva Road, 4th Floor

		Attendance Record
Members Present:	Charlie Kreter, Chair	7/7
	Lex Birney	3/7
	Bill Kardash	4/7
	Del. Michael Malone, House of Del. (Ex Officio)	3/7
	Dick Spencer	7/7
	Bob Whitcomb	5/7
Guests and Staff:	Meghan Spencer, AACo. DPW/WPRP	
Members Absent:	Sara Phillips, Vice Chair	4/7
	Jim Burdick	5/7
	Claudia Donegan, MD DNR (Ex Officio)	5/7
	Kurt Riegel	6/7
	Daniel Roche	6/7

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kreter called the regular monthly meeting of the Severn River Commission (SRC) to order at 4:08 p.m. in the Severn Room, 4th Floor, 2664 Riva Road, Annapolis, MD. A quorum was present.

GUEST SPEAKER – George Heiner, AACo DPW/Bureau of Engineering

George Heiner presented to the commission about the Septic Task Force Final Report. He discussed the timeline of the Septic Task Force meetings, the status of the final report, and background information on the 2008 Onsite Sewage Disposal Systems (OSDS) Study, Watershed Implementation Plans (WIP), and septic system loads.

Heiner then discussed OSDS distribution, Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Implementation Stages, WIP Phase II Targets, and Sanitary Sewer Overflow (SSO) & OSDS Nitrogen Load Comparisons. Heiner followed this with a discussion of OSDS in the Severn River Watershed, discussed the Septic Conversion Implementation & Conceptual Plan Development, and Hierarchy Maps. Heiner then gave a brief overview of the Septic Task Force, discussed the task force goals, working groups, and discussed the final task force report and recommendations, as well as upcoming OSDS efforts.

Following the presentation, Heiner 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 June 7, 2018, regular monthly meeting were presented for approval.

MOTION: A MOTION TO APPROVE THE JUNE 7, 2018 MINUTES, WAS MADE BY SPENCER AND SECONDED BY KARDASH. THE MOTION WAS PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE AND THE MINUTES WILL BE REVISED AS APPROVED.

ANNOUNCEMENTS / CORRESPONDENCE

There was no new correspondence.

OLD BUSINESS

No Discharge Zone

On hold until August 2018.

Oyster Restoration Activities

Whitcomb said that orders for Marylanders Grow Oysters are due the weekend following the SRC meeting. The Annapolis Yacht Club (AYC) is acting as a distribution center. Birney asked about Port Annapolis Marina, and Whitcomb said they are working with the Annapolis Maritime Museum. The Eastport Yacht Club (EYC) Environmental Committee has provided contents regarding Back Creek and has scheduled meetings with Whitcomb about the program.

Whitcomb discussed the success of the Severn River Association (SRA) fundraiser, and they've partnered with the Oyster Recovery Partnership (ORP) for campaign materials on Operation Build-A-Reef. An additional 10-12 million oysters will be added, on top of the 40 million oysters from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Whitcomb said that oyster planting will begin the week of July 23, 2018, and Watermark will provide the Lady Sarah for midday oyster reef planting observation.

Spencer asked if the reef ball project had been monitored post installation. Whitcomb said the measuring instrument at Horn Point is downloading the data for interpretation, and it will be returned to the reef at the end of the summer.

Annapolis Yacht Club

Kardash said the three current projects are moving along, and will be completed by Fall 2018. The main clubhouse will be ready for occupancy at the end of August 2018. The Sailing Center will be ready for the regatta by the beginning of September 2018.

Future Presentations

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

Water Access

Whitcomb met with County Executive Schuh to discuss putting priority emphasis on the David Taylor property. There is a new Head of Economic Development who has made the David Taylor property a priority, and is in communication with the developer. An application for demolition is going to the permit office in July 2018. Whitcomb spoke with Senator Van Hollen's office regarding the lack of progress on the property.

Permit Notifications

On hold until August 2018.

Nutrient Runoff Initiative

On hold until August 2018.

Weems Creek

On hold until August 2018.

Bulkhead Replacement

On hold until August 2018.

NEW BUSINESS

NEW ITEMS

Whitcomb asked for an update from Phillips about the overflow of the Naval Academy Wastewater Treatment Plant into Carr's Creek, and when the plant will be nitrogen reduction compliant.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:52 p.m. The next SRC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 2, 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