

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

	Attendance
	Record
Members Present:	
Sara Phillips, Acting Chair	7/10
Bill Kardash, Acting Vice Chair	6/10
Del. Michael Malone, House of Del. (Ex Officio)	4/10
Daniel Roche	8/10
Dick Spencer	10/10
Bob Whitcomb	8/10
Guests and Staff:	
Meghan Spencer, AACo. DPW/WPRP	
Zoe Johnson, Naval Support Activity Annapolis	
Rodney Milley, United States Naval Academy	
Alex Weinrich, Naval Support Activity Annapolis	
Members Absent:	
Charlie Kreter, Chair	8/10
Lex Birney	4/10
Jim Burdick	7/10
Claudia Donegan, MD DNR (Ex Officio)	6/10
Kurt Riegel	8/10

CALL TO ORDER

Acting Chair Phillips called the regular monthly meeting of the Severn River Commission (SRC) to order at 4:03 p.m. in the Severn Room, 4th Floor, 2664 Riva Road, Annapolis, MD. A quorum was present.

GUEST SPEAKER – Rodney Milley, United States Naval Academy
Alex Weinrich, Naval Support Activity Annapolis

Rodney Milley presented to the commission about the NSA Annapolis Wastewater Treatment Plant Operation & Maintenance Update. He discussed the wastewater treatment plant daily operations, as well as the construction history and planned upgrade projects. There was also a brief discussion of sewage overflow events, mainly resulting from equipment failures and power outages. Milley reported that equipment failures have been addressed and all equipment has been repaired.

Following the presentation, Milley 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 September 6, 2018, regular monthly meeting were presented for approval.

MOTION: A MOTION TO APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER 6, 2018 MINUTES, WAS MADE BY KARDASH AND SECONDED BY WHITCOMB. THE MOTION WAS PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE AND THE MINUTES WILL BE REVISED AS APPROVED.

ANNOUNCEMENTS / CORRESPONDENCE

Support letters for the Kyle Road Living Shoreline and the Conowingo Dam Debris Sediment/Washout were sent to Governor Hogan and County Executive Schuh in the week prior to the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Bulkhead Replacement

On hold until November 2018.

Weems Creek

On hold until November 2018.

Nutrient Runoff Initiative

Spencer has been investigating technologies which could be used to manage nutrient runoff, and his community has installed a bioswale which treats nitrogen-rich groundwater. Spencer notes that the bioswale has become overgrown with phragmites and other grasses, which are visually undesirable, but do remove nitrogen. Spencer requested nitrogen testing from the microbiology professor at Anne Arundel Community College (AACC), and has learned that 50% of the nitrogen coming into the bioswale has been removed. He is encouraged to learn that things can be done to remove nitrogen from the groundwater effluent interface with the river. Based on an article on phragmites in the Bay Journal, Spencer will continue to investigate and will present his findings to the SRC in the future.

Permit Notifications

On hold until November 2018.

Water Access

There was nothing new to report.

Future Presentations

- Whitcomb requested a presentation on Weems Creek
- Spencer requested a presentation on the St. Mary's living shoreline, Phillips will reach out
- Spencer requested a presentation from Larry Mathena on the Shipley's Dam Removal
- Roche requested a presentation from Dr. Muller on the status of the Severn River
- January 2019: Jon Mueller, Chesapeake Bay Foundation

Annapolis Yacht Club

Kardash said the main building construction is complete, and there was a soft opening on Friday September 28, 2018. After speaking with the sailing center project manager, Kardash said the building construction will be complete by the end of October 2018. The family center is still on target for completion by the end of 2018.

Phillips asked if the stormwater runoff management is still in place. Kardash will touch base with Leo Wilson.

Oyster Restoration Activities

Whitcomb said the Eastport Yacht Club (EYC) is currently celebrating Oyster Week. The EYC held a seminar on reporting oyster restoration activities in the Chesapeake Bay (particularly in the Severn River). At the seminar, they discussed oyster reef balls, the oyster reef wall, and installing 24 additional cages.

Kardash requested a presentation from Whitcomb to the Annapolis Yacht Club (AYC) on behalf of the Oyster Recovery Partnership (ORP).

No Discharge Zone

Kardash spoke with Rob Savidge, who will be removing the No Discharge Zone (NDZ) item from the Maritime Advisory Board (MAB) meeting agenda, as they want to appear before the City of Annapolis Environmental Matters Committee (EMC). Kardash will contact David Barker. Kardash said that Savidge will hear back from EMC next week, then will go back to the MAB for public comment the following week.

Naval Academy Wastewater Treatment Plant

After the presentation and subsequent discussion, there was nothing new to report.

Kyle Road Living Shoreline

A letter of support was sent out last week, and there are no additional updates. Phillips requested to remove the item from the agenda.

Shiple's Dam Removal

Spencer said that signs are up for the West Benfield Road closure, and the new culvert system will be under construction for approximately 6 months. Work on the actual dam removal will begin in March or April 2019. Spencer requested a presentation from Larry Mathena.

Greenbury Point

Phillips spoke with the USNA Environmental Director about the project, and the Environmental Assessment process has been advertised. Spencer saw an announcement in March or April 2018. Phillips confirmed that the announcement was a bid request, but no contracts have been awarded. Phillips will provide updates throughout the award process.

NEW BUSINESS

NEW ITEMS

City of Annapolis Stormwater Management

Spencer read an article in the Annapolis Capital Gazette regarding stormwater management in the City of Annapolis. Spencer suggests sending a letter to the City Council and the Mayor. Phillips requested a presentation from Rob Savidge.

South Annapolis Yacht Center

Kardash said the South Annapolis Yacht Center is undergoing redevelopment. All current slip holders have been given notice to temporarily move to Jabins Marina. Kardash noted that the current maritime permit is being appealed, and he will track any progress made.

Millersville Tennis Center

Spencer said there was a short article in the Annapolis Capital Gazette about the Millersville Tennis Center, and suggests tracking the project because of Jabez Run. The project is currently in the design phase.

Future Projects

Spencer requested the SRC begin considering future projects to support, as the No Discharge Zone application is complete. Spencer suggested supporting use of the Sea Bin in the City of

Annapolis, and to develop a policy encouraging use of living rip rap in existing rip rap locations. Kardash suggested supporting the Charles Carroll House living shoreline. Phillips will track city dock development.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:36 p.m. The next SRC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 1, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. in the Independence Room (1st Floor), 2664 Riva Road, Annapolis, MD.

Respectfully submitted,

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