

SEVERN RIVER COMMISSION
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes
June 6, 2019 – 4:00 P.M.
Severn Room, 2664 Riva Road, 4th Floor

| | | Attendance Record |
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| Members Present: | Sara Phillips, Acting Chair | 6/6 |
| | Kurt Riegel, Acting Vice Chair | 5/6 |
| | Lex Birney | 4/6 |
| | Jim Burdick | 5/6 |
| | Del. Michael Malone, House of Del. (Ex Officio) | 3/6 |
| | Dick Spencer | 6/6 |
| Guests and Staff: | Matt Johnston, AACo. Executive Branch | |
| | Meghan Spencer, AACo. DPW/WPRP | |
| Members Absent: | Charlie Kreter, Chair | 0/6 |
| | Claudia Donegan, MD DNR (Ex Officio) | 2/6 |
| | Bill Kardash | 3/6 |
| | Ald. Rob Savidge, City Council (Ex Officio) | 4/6 |
| | Bob Whitcomb | 4/6 |

CALL TO ORDER

Acting Chair Phillips called the regular monthly meeting of the Severn River Commission (SRC) to order at 4:06 p.m. in the Severn Room, 4th Floor, 2664 Riva Road, Annapolis, MD. A quorum was present.

GUEST SPEAKER – Matt Johnston

Matt Johnston presented to the commission about the Anne Arundel County Citizens Environmental Commission (CEC). The commission will be made up of 9 members that represent all watersheds in Anne Arundel County. The only requirement is that members reside in the watershed they represent. The CEC will be coordinated by Matt Johnston, and chaired by Kate Fritz. According to Johnston, Fritz is currently reviewing commission applicants for 13 positions. Four of those positions are from environmental nonprofit organizations. Fritz will be responding to the applicants shortly.

Following the presentation, Johnston answered questions from the SRC.

PUBLIC INPUT / AGENDA ITEMS

There was no public input.

MINUTES

The Minutes for the April 4, 2019, regular monthly meeting were presented for approval.

MOTION: A MOTION TO APPROVE THE APRIL 4, 2019 MINUTES, WAS MADE BY SPENCER AND SECONDED BY BURDICK. THE MOTION WAS PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE AND THE MINUTES WERE APPROVED AS WRITTEN.

ANNOUNCEMENTS / CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence

Phillips said the Claussen living shoreline is still tied up in permitting, but the MD Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is working on approval.

NEW BUSINESS

NEW ITEMS

There were no new items to report.

OLD BUSINESS

Future Presentations

July 2019 – Del. Malone, pending environmental legislation

Savidge – Greenvest, Sen. Sarah Elfreth

Spencer – Oyster Recovery Partnership, managing long term oyster restoration in the Severn River

Phillips – Matt Johnston, CEC update in September 2019

SRC Appointments

Spencer and Kardash terms have expired, but will continue with the SRC if asked. Roche's position is currently vacant, and expires in January 2020. Whitcomb's position also expires in January 2020, and he has announced his retirement from the SRC at that time. Phillips will speak with Janice Hayes-Williams regarding the current and future vacancies.

Permit Notifications

Burdick said there was a permit notification for the Jabez Branch. The comment period has already closed.

City of Annapolis Stormwater Management

Phillips said there was nothing new to report, and this is not likely to change. Riegel proposed removing the item from the agenda. Phillips agreed, and the item will be removed from the agenda.

South Annapolis Yacht Center

Phillips requested removal of the item from the agenda, as the project is currently under construction.

Millersville Tennis Center

Spencer said the Millersville Tennis Center has received a grant from the Anne Arundel County Department of Public Works through the open space program. County funding will be used for outdoor tennis courts. External funding will be used for indoor facilities. Spencer feels that the facility is no longer an issue, despite there being better uses for the property. Spencer noted there is less opposition to the facility than the proposed Crownsville Hospital property, largely from local residents in Millersville. Phillips and Spencer requested removal of the item from the agenda.

Stormwater Coalition

Phillips requested removal of the item from the agenda.

Bulkhead Replacement

This item is on hold until July 2019.

Water Access

Riegel stated that capital funds would be used for kayak access, not boat ramps.

State of the Severn

This item is on hold until September 2019.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m. The next SRC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 11, 2019 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