

Environmental Commission
Meeting Minutes – February 23, 2009

Members Present: Ron McClain, Vice-Chair Lora Harris
Mike Collins Jena McNeill
Scott Collinson Scott Sinex

Teleconference: Brendan Sweeney

Guests: John Barberio
Fred Tutman, Patuxent Riverkeeper
Lauren Webster

Staff: Dave Brownlee, Environmental Planner
Pam Anderson, Secretary

Item #1, Call to Order: The meeting began at 6:30pm.

Item #2, Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda as presented: Scott Sinex; Scott Collinson seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Item #3, Water Quality Monitoring Presentation: Guest Fred Tutman and his assistant, Lauren Webster, gave a PowerPoint presentation on this program. Mr. Tutman's desire is that the EC would help him "get the word out" on the monitoring program. The Commission discussed putting information on the website, and putting out a flier.

Item #4, Approval of Minutes: Mike motioned approving the January meeting minutes as presented, Scott Collinson seconded, and the motion carried.

Item #5, Membership: Jena McNeill and Mike Collin have been appointed by the Board of County Commissioners. John Barberio's application is being submitted for the next BOCC meeting. There is still one vacancy on the Commission.

Item #6, Old Business:

A. Status on Action Items from Last Week – Minutes from January 12th meeting are still outstanding.

B. 2009 EC Goals & Projects – (1) Final Review: The final draft was reviewed. (2) Preparation for BOCC Briefing: The Commission wants to present the prize to the PFTB Contest winner at the meeting. Since Jena lives near the prize winner, she will try to contact the winner personally to invite her to the meeting. (3) Task Tracker Implementation: Using a tracking system will enable team leaders to access progress online to aid in reporting and tracking of goals. Lora suggested toodledo.com; Mike will look into that and set it up.

C. PRAD 2008 Presentation to Grand Prize Winner – This will take place at the BOCC meeting on March 10th.

D. PRAD 2009 – No progress has been made yet on this item.

E. Pump for the Bay Contest 2009 – Scott Sinex will be updating the brochure and having it distributed to the septic haulers (Pam). He will also put it on the website. Prizes need to be procured. Lora mentioned that she could take brochures to a talk given at the library by Joel Salatine on March 19th.

F. EC Website Update – Jena will be working on this with the subcommittee. She distributed a copy of a sample website that could be used. Mike discussed setting up a dummy website until everything is finalized.

At this point, Scott Collinson excused himself from the meeting.

Item #7, New Business:

A. Thank You letter to Len Zuza – A letter from Brendan to Len was reviewed. Ron motioned sending the letter as written, Jena seconded, and the motion carried.

B. Tour of Calvert Cliff Nuclear Power Plant – Release forms were completed and given to Pam to submit to Constellation prior to the visit. Pam will obtain forms for the members who were not at tonight's meeting. The site visit will be on March 31st. Brendan will request a late afternoon tour. The Commission agreed to hold its monthly meeting after the field trip.

C. Legislative Updates – Ron noted there have been a large number of bills. He distributed copies of Senate Bill 553 and House Bill 49, along with a summary paper he wrote on HB49. The purpose of this legislation is to prohibit the use, sale, manufacturing or distribution of fertilizers for urban use that contain phosphate levels >0.5%. Lora motioned recommending that the BOCC support SB553 with a preferred implementation of 2010; Jena seconded the motion, and all were in favor. Ron motioned recommending the BOCC support HB297 and SB280; Jena seconded and all were in favor.

D. Solomons Proposed Zoning Ordinance - Articles 4-7 – The subgroup (**NOT SURE WHO SUBGROUP IS**) was given this handout for review. Dave will check on when comments are due.

E. Calvert Memorial Hospital Seeks Guidance to Go "Green" – Brendan mentioned that the Hospital is interested in going green and wants guidance from the EC or the Green Team on what it means and how to do it. He suggested starting with the campus maintenance and housekeeping departments. Also suggested was having DNR send a representative to answer their questions. Dave recommended Shawn McGuire.

F. WRE Handout for Subcommittee – A response from the subcommittee is needed by April. Subcommittee members are to bring marked copies to Lora at the next meeting.

G. Grants Update – Dave advised that he was not awarded the 2010 Trust Fund Grant for Mill Creek Watershed, but did receive the 319 Grant for Hall Creek which will support watershed planning in Hall Creek Watershed including gauging a stream in the watershed to get nutrient and sediment loadings.

Item #8, Date & Agenda for Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for March 31st.

Mike motioned for adjournment, and the meeting adjourned at 9:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Anderson, Secretary

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~Action Items~

All Work on obtaining prizes for PFTB contest

Dave Submit John Barberio's application

January meeting minutes
Set up awarding prize to PFTB Contest winner
Send letter to Len
Check on comment period for Solomons Proposed Zoning Ordinance Articles 4-7

Brendan	January meeting minutes Set up time for visit to BGE
Jena	Contact PFTB contest winner
Lora	Review WRE guidance document with subcommittee
Mike	Set up toodledo.com tracking system Review WRE handout
Pam	Obtain and submit Release forms When available, send out brochures to septic haulers
Peg	Review WRE handout
Ron	Review WRE handout
Scott S.	Update PFTB brochure and send to Pam