

# Calvert County Environmental Commission

## Meeting Minutes – March 25, 2019

**Members Present:** Patty Long-Bradley, Shelby Cross, Carys Mitchelmore, Ron Klauda, Peter Vogt, Autumn Phillips-Lewis, Chris Roettgen

**Staff:** Will Hager; Scarlett Dorothea Oller

**Guests/Liaisons:** Frank Allen, Christina Allen, David Bury

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.
- II. **Guest Speaker Program:** Frank Allen, President of the Patuxent Tidewater Land Trust, spoke on current transportation issues in Southern Maryland and discussed the pros and cons of some solutions.
- III. **Approval of Agenda:** The agenda was approved unanimously.
- IV. **Approval of Minutes:** Ron Klauda said the Wastewater FAQs had been forwarded to the FAQ subcommittee, not to the Sustainability subcommittee. Patty Long-Bradley motioned to approve the minutes with this correction. Commissioner Mitchelmore seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- V. **Old Business:**
  - a. Update on Holly Budd — Will Hager reported no updates on Commissioner Holly Budd's condition. The Commission expressed their sympathy and wishes Holly a speedy recovery.
  - b. EC Shirt Follow Up — Scarlett Oller advised the shirt purchase process was ongoing.
  - c. Year-End Report for 2018 — Will Hager reported information from Planning and Zoning Director Mark Willis that the BOCC decided against a work session with the EC. Will Hager reported he had submitted the report and presentation to the BOCC.
  - d. Radon Testing- Commissioner Roettgen reported he was preparing a report to Director Willis on the importance of requiring radon testing during every home sale.

### VI. Sub-Committee Reports:

- a. FAQs — Commissioner Phillips-Lewis motioned to send the completed Sustainability FAQs to Will Hager and the rest of the Planning & Zoning staff for approval. Commissioner Long-Bradley seconded. Commissioner Vogt abstained from the vote

due to unfamiliarity with the material. All other Commissioners voted unanimously to submit the Sustainability FAQs for approval.

Scarlett Oller reported information from the Webmaster: each FAQ document on the website had received under 50 downloads from January 1, 2019 to March 21, 2019, which may include views from internal traffic. During that same time, the EC website had received 455 pageviews, which does not include views from internal traffic. Commissioner Klauda requested quarterly website traffic updates

Commissioner Klauda suggested writing some FAQs on recycling and Commissioner Mitchelmore agreed. Commissioner Klauda asked Commissioners Mitchelmore and Long-Bradley to write some FAQs on recycling. Commissioner Mitchelmore suggested compiling the FAQs into one page that could be distributed at outreach events.

b. Public Education/Outreach

- Revamp and Relaunch of the “Pump for the Bay” Contest – Scarlett Oller reported sending Pump for the Bay materials to Commissioner Mitchelmore for her updates.

c. Public Guest Speaker Program — Commissioner Vogt reported all guest speakers for the year had been confirmed. The Commission discussed strategies for keeping speakers confined to a time limit.

d. Sustainability — Commissioner Roettgen reported work on a carbon footprint document was ongoing. Commissioner Roettgen reported the Subcommittee would explore the possibility of sponsoring a prize in the school STEM expo. Commissioner Klauda suggested work on a greenhouse gas document might require more deliberate communication.

## **VII. New Business:**

a. Re-Appointment of Autumn Phillips-Lewis and Carys Mitchelmore — Commissioner Long-Bradley motioned to recommend Autumn Phillips-Lewis to the BOCC for reappointment. Commissioner Mitchelmore seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Long-Bradley motioned to recommend Carys Mitchelmore to the BOCC for reappointment. Commissioner Vogt seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

b. General Announcements — Commissioner Roettgen promised to send the Commission information on “Earth Hour,” a March 30 environmental awareness event.

Commissioner Phillips-Lewis submitted her financial disclosure form to Will Hager, who agreed to verify with Planning & Zoning staff it had been completed correctly.

c. Upcoming Events: Next Meeting — April 29, 2019

**VIII. Public Comment:** David Bury, a Chesapeake Beach resident, reported the Planning Commission had sent the December draft of the Comp. Plan to the BOCC for review. He said most comments by citizens and agencies had not been addressed and urged the Commission to resubmit their comments for renewed consideration. He said he had participated in a preliminary meeting for the Transportation Plan update and was optimistic in the study and its methodology.

**IX. Adjournment**

- Commissioner Vogt moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Mitchelmore seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.