

MINUTES

ENVIRONMENT & NATUARAL ASSETS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, August 26, 2020, 9: AM, at Swim & Racquet Club Gazebo

Present – Chairman Ken Wolf, Sharon Santocroce, Anne O’Connell, Karen Detter, Paul Fohner ,Marty Clarke, John Maziuk and Susan Holt were present and made a quorum. Tom Janacek attended as Board liaison. Pat Benner was excused. Colby Phillips attended as an invited guest representing OPA; she is also on the board of the MCBP.

Call to Order: – Ken Wolf called the meeting to order at 9am.

Presentation – Colby brought our committee up to speed on what is in the works at MCBP. Kevin Smith who is the new director wants to build up a relationship with Ocean Pines. He will be attending a meeting of our committee in the near future with his number two guy Steve Farr.

Colby handed out material and discussed the joint Ocean Pines MCBP drainage project which is in the works and has already been awarded a sizable grant which will cover the lion share of the costs to complete the first phase.

Colby also assured the committee how much the MCBP wants and looks forward to working with our committee in the future. We talked about engaging OPA marketing capabilities to create Green Street articles based on relevant environmental leads from the MCBP, with guidance from the committee.

Bay Days 2021 is on.

Approval of Agenda: - By acclamation

Approval of Minutes: - The minutes for our last meeting on Wednesday, July 23rd, were approved by acclamation.

Public Comments: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- John reported on his findings with regard to the waste water treatment plant and will follow up with a chart that would depict the nature of the effluent discharge.
- Tom will continue to follow up with Public Works on phragmites eradication at the S&R Club

NEW BUSINESS:

- We talked with Colby about our interest in making the OP Board more aware of , and active in the community’s stewardship role in promoting water quality in our surrounding waters
- We discussed the nature of the sewage outfall going into The St. Martin’s. A report is being prepared by John on the composition of the OP Sewage Treatment plant effluent. His work will be forwarded to Tom to be directed to ACT for feedback
- Tom will investigate lining up ACT to do ongoing water quality testing at the Veterans Memorial pond as well as the ponds at the north gate
- Ken will invite Joe Jankowski of the Protectors of The St. Martin’s to our next meeting. We want to learn more of their interests and determine what common ground might exist between our groups

Adjourn

NEXT MEETIN WILL BE ON September 30 AT 2: OĀLOCK P M at the White Horse Park Gazebo.

Respectfully submitted by Marty Clarke