

## MINUTES

### **ENVIRONMENT & NATUARAL ASSETS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Thursday, July 23, 2020, 9: AM, at Swim & Racquet Club Gazebo**

**Present** – Chairman Ken Wolf, Sharon Santocroce, Anne O’Connell, Karen Detter, Paul Fohner ,Marty Clarke, and our two newest members John Maziuk and Pat Benner were present and made a quorum. Tom Janacek, Board liaison was absent. Susan Holt was excused.

Former committee member Jay Spada attended and contributed to meeting.

**Call to Order:** – Ken Wolf called the meeting to order at 9am and each attendee introduced themselves and provided some of their background. Our committee is now fully seated with its maximum of nine (9) members.

**Approval of Agenda:** - By acclamation

**Approval of Minutes:** - The minutes for our Wednesday, January 22, 2020, were approved by acclamation.

**Public Comments:** None

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- Bay day update – cancelled for 2020 due to COVID-19. Committee agreed that the Bay Dayys program must continue in conjunction with MCBP.
- The need for a new “Green Street” article was a fairly high priority. Marty Clarke will follow up with John Viola and Josh Davis on the deadline and space available. Discussions regarding the subject content will be the Swim & Racquet Club’s beach and Marina. Much reported swimming activity and trespass on boats docked in marina.
- How can MCBP and Ocean Pines work together most effectively? It was agreed that Chair would ask GM to allow Colby Phillips, a new board member of MCBP, to attend our next meeting.
- The Operation Mailbox Pavilion was briefly touched on. Although the money was placed in the 2020-2021 budget committee understands there may be some push back due to COVID-19. Wait and see,
- Committee has had some challenges trying to reschedule the presentation and get together with the new Executive Director of MCBP again due to virus concerns. Chair is going to try to arrange a date in the fall at the Assateague Room with CDC guidelines.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Discussed the proposal to spray effluent on our golf course. Need to track down the actual reasons for this undertaking. How will it help the river and our environment? **WHAT IS THE SOURCE OF POLLUTION IN ST. MARTINS RIVER??** John will research the nature of the effluent being deposited in the St. Martins River. And reported on at next meeting.

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- Karen will follow up on the Oyster program and report back on clam and oyster health and numbers, both current and historical.
- Paul brought up the issue reported on the ocean pines forum regarding overflowing holding tanks.  
There was some discussion as to whether or not the resident goose population is causing any pollution.
- MCBP – schedule meeting with new Director, and later discussion of possible partnerships with ACT, and Protectors of St. Martins.
- Discuss MCBP Committee participation, liaisons. Susan will follow up with Tom to obtain information on ACT surveys of the Veterans pond water quality and ask about any identifiable sources of pollution in the coastal bays and St. Martin River.

Adjourn

**NEXT MEETIN WILL BE ON AUGUST 26 AT 9: OÇLOCK AM AT Swim & Racquet Club Gazebo.**

Respectfully submitted by Marty Clarke