

## OCEAN PINES MARINE ACTIVITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

**DECEMBER 21, 2021**

MAAC Members Present: Dave Allen, Donna McElroy, Mike Johnson, John Latham, and Sue Challis.

Guests:

BOD Liaison: Doug Parks

1. The meeting was called to order by Dave Allen at 9:59 a.m.
2. Donna McElroy read the minutes from the November 16, 2021, meeting. These were accepted and approved. Donna will email a copy of these to Michelle Bennett.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

3. SANDI SMITH. All agreed that our visitor from last month provided us with great information. We talked about the different projects we might plan to work on with the Maryland Coastal Bays group. Donna indicated that she sent contact information on our committee members to Sandi Smith so she can forward information to us in the future. John shared an email with the members between him and Patti Stevens, chair of the OP Recreation and Parks Committee. One of the priorities of her committee is to improve and expand access to active water recreation for our residents. This would include kayaks, SUPs, and crabbing. She was reaching out to work with our committee to accomplish mutual goals. The members agreed to look further into the possibility of partnering with this committee. (Between our December and January meetings, Sandi contacted the members of our committee to schedule a time to hold a zoom meeting regarding the Marine Debris Plunder.)
4. Our open letter got into the December 13, 2021, OPA email. Doug suggested that we have the Board run the open letter for a couple of months. All agreed. John has been receiving the public comments and will share these with the committee at the January meeting.
5. At the request of our board liaison, we previously discussed changing the day and time of our monthly meetings to accommodate Doug's schedule. The committee agreed to wait until we know who the new board members will be and then Dave

will contact the Board President, Larry Perrone, and inquire whether Doug will continue as our liaison. In the meantime, the committee will continue to meet the third Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a.m.

6. The members briefly discussed the recent Ocean Pines survey and the number of responses.
7. OYSTER RESTORATION. Sue shared with the committee that she has participated in oyster restoration in the past. Other members shared that they have as well and mentioned other residence that do. It was suggested that the committee contact Joe Jankowski or other private persons who might be interested in speaking to our committee in the future. Another name mentioned was Jim Spicknall. Sue volunteered to reach out to one or both individuals about attending an upcoming meeting.
8. JENKIN'S POINT. Sue stated that a presentation was made to the Board at a recent meeting about Jenkin's Point. The Board committed money to this project so the grant request can go forward. John asked about the timeline of the project, and the number of phases. Doug explained that there is no timeline yet. Apparently, the project is still very preliminary, and more evaluations will be completed.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

9. ANNUAL REPORT. At the Executive Council Meeting, Dave submitted our annual report. There was a discussion about our projects.
10. DREDGING. We had some discussion about dredging; who incurs the cost; do we need to contact the Army Corp of Engineers? It was suggested that this may be part of the funds set aside for the bulk heads. Doug will talk to the Board about dredging, the status, a general report about where we are on this.
11. JOHN IS THE PRESIDENT OF THE MARINE VILLAGE CONDO ASSOCIATION. As such, he has received complaints from the residents regarding the sail boats used by the University, and the condition of area around the Mumford Pool. He contacted Eddie Wells and these things were cleaned up and cleared out. He also talked to our committee about the traffic flow when people are launching or taking out their boats at the Mumford boat ramp. During the season there can be 10 to 15 boats per weekend, from April through October driving through the community parking lot as a short-cut. Doug suggested that John contact the president of the

Ocean Pines Volunteer Fire Department before his community group acted by installing barriers.

12. CRAB PIER. Members of the community are still inquiring about the building of or locate of another crab pier. People want this, but people don't want it in their community. We agreed that this is something this committee can follow up on – our involvement, cost, etc.
13. T DOCKS AT YACHT CLUB MARINA. John asked if these had been approved and when the project would begin. Doug indicated they were approved and agreed to provide the members of the MAAC with a copy of the plans. (These were emailed to committee members.)

#### **CLOSING**

14. The next meeting is scheduled for January 18, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.
15. Dave adjourned the meeting at 10:54 a.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED, Donna B. McElroy.