

Carroll County Water Resource Coordination Council

Hampstead * Manchester * Mt. Airy * New Windsor
Carroll County Health Department



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WRCC Meeting Summary March 25, 2015

Attendees:

Frank Schaeffer	Monika Weierbach	Brenda Dinne	Ed Singer
Rose Mann	Jim Wieprecht	Steve Miller	Dick Swanson
Janet O'Meara	Gale Engles	Sean Hartman	Perry Jones
Marge Wolf	Tammi Ledley	Glenn Edwards	Jeff Glass

The meeting was called to order by Frank Schaeffer at 2:30.

February 25, 2015 minutes were approved as written.

Legislative Update

Brenda gave out an update on proposed environmental legislation and discussed a few that staff has concerns about.

SB 588 / HB 481, SB 42 / HB 874 & SB 36 – *Stormwater Management Projection and Restoration Program Repeal* These five (5) bills did not pass through the Senate or the House.

SB 863

This bill passed the Senate with amendments. The hearing date for the House has not yet been schedule. If passed, a portion of the law requiring the mandatory collection of a fee would be repealed, but the stormwater fee law as a whole would remain. Whether a jurisdiction collects a fee or not, a Financial Assurance Plan will still have to be submitted to MDE for evaluation and determination if funding is sufficient.

SB 438 / HB 883 Environmental Well Drilling – Notice to Municipalities

This bill received unfavorable report by both committees.

HB 326 – Environment – Monocacy River Watershed – Water Resource Plan

This bill received unfavorable report by committee.

HB 1043 – Environment – On-Site Sewage Disposal System – Nitrogen Removal Technology Exemption

This bill received unfavorable report by committee and was withdrawn.

SB 551 / HB 919 - Land Use- Plans – Development and Adoption

This bill received favorable report with amendments in the Senate. The House will hear the Senate version on March 31.

SB 258/HB 514 – Maryland Commission on Climate Change

This bill received favorable report with amendments in the Senate. The House will hear the Senate version on March 25.

Rothschild MOA Amendment – AquaLaw Review Complete

AquaLaw reviewed an amendment to the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), between the County and municipalities for cost share on stormwater mitigation projects that was proposed by Commissioner Rothschild. In their opinion it had little to no implication on the MOA. In order to change the MOA the municipalities would have to get the approval of their town councils. Frank suggested a brief overview of the amendment be drafted up so everyone would have some talking points. Jim Weiprecht said he didn't want to go to the expense of having their attorney review and take before his council if it had little effect on the MOA. Frank said it was up to each municipality to decide what they wanted to do, but he would work with Tom on drafting the talking points.

Municipal Environmental Fund

Brenda gave out copies of a draft letter from the WRCC to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) requesting a status update on the Municipal Environmental Fund. In FY 2013 -2014 the BCC had created a line item in the operating budget for \$200,000 to be used by the municipalities to help mitigate water and sewer cost. This money was only available in that budget year and any money not spent went back into the general fund. The WRCC would like to request support from the BCC in establishing a revolving loan fund that was described in a memo dated March 28, 2014. The letter will be signed by Frank Schaeffer and forwarded to the BCC.

Field Trip

The Bureau of Resource Management is planning a field tour of Municipal/County stormwater mitigation project on Wednesday May 27, 2015, in place of the May WRCC meeting. Janet O'Meara gave out copies of a tentative agenda and went through the sites to be visited. She said anyone interested in attending can contact Rose by May 13th.

Town Project Status

Gale gave out the monthly status report along with a table that listed the municipal projects and their status of engineering and construction.

Eden Farm (Willow Ponds) – Seven (7) Statements of Qualifications was received from design/build teams. Staff is reviewing proposals and will invite three (3) of the teams to prepare a Technical and Financial package before final selection is made. No major concerns voiced during joint meeting with State and Federal agencies in February.

Merridale Gardens/Senior Center (Mt. Airy)

Staff met with the Town of Mt. Airy to discuss project and ownership of facility. A letter was sent to Merridale Gardens Home Owners Association (HOA) requesting a meeting to discuss the project and ownership of the parcel. A Request for Proposal (RFP) will be sent out by the end of April for engineering.

Shannon Run/Hawks Ridge Estates

A letter will be sent out to surrounding homeowners in April regarding the clearing associated with the project. An RFP will be sent out in April to several term contractors relating to the clearing at Shannon Run and Hawk Ridge Estates facilities. After the clearing occurs, a meeting with the surrounding homeowners will be scheduled and the engineering RFP will be sent out to term contractors by the end of April.

Twin Ridge (Mt. Airy – Frederick County Side)

BRM staff met with Mt. Airy to discuss retrofitting this facility. Staff is suggesting the two (2) existing ponds become one (1) facility to allow for increased storage needs. An engineering RFP is being prepared and will be sent out to our term contractors by the end of April.

Blue Ridge Manor

No major concerns voiced during the joint meeting with State/Federal agencies in February. Chris Heyn with the Bureau of Resource Management (BRM) will be designing the retrofit and will be incorporating Frank's concerns into the design. Department of Public Works survey crew will provide topo for the concept plan that will be completed by Chris in the next several weeks.

Locust Street Project (Union Bridge)

BRM Staff met with Perry Jones on March 17th to discuss this project which would treat a 32 acre drainage area and 11 acres of impervious area. The project would be located on a parcel owned by the town. Chris Heyn will be preparing a preliminary conceptual plan to be completed by the end of April. Plans will be provided to the town for approval prior to proceeding with design.

Whispering Valley (Manchester)

A site meeting was held with SHA to discuss the possibility of directing flow from Route 30 into the new design. A possible SHA funding partnership was discussed and favorable response relating to this opportunity has been received. DPW will survey the site and Chris Heyn will prepare a preliminary concept plan to discuss the project further with SHA. The design should be completed by mid-May. This site was visited by State/Federal agencies in February and no major concerns were voiced at the meeting.

Langdon Property

Hydrologic issues are being worked out with Carroll Land Services Incorporated (CLSI). Copies of preliminary plans will be forwarded to the City of Westminster (sewer relocation), Forest Conservation, Development Review and Stormwater Management when received.

Manchester Skate Park

No major concerns were voiced during the joint meeting with State/Federal agencies in February. CLSI will be submitting a preliminary plan for review by April 1st. This project will be submitted for SHA-TAP funding.

Municipal Tree Plantings

The City of Westminster has provided BRM with two (2) possible sites (approximately 20 acres) for tree plantings and the Town of New Windsor has one (1) site (2+ acres). These sites could be planted in the fall of 2015 to utilize remaining funds from DNR.

Gale said the project list looks aggressive but she wants to have a project for each town ready to submit as a package for a grant through the Chesapeake Atlantic Coastal Bay Trust Fund. This grant has a minimum of \$500,000.00 and no maximum amount for a project. This was discussed with them and they were excited about the idea of "Municipalities Pick-Up the Pace with Stormwater". All the engineering on the projects need to be completed so they will be ready for construction by next summer.

Other

Brenda said the MS4 Workshop being put on by the Environmental Advisory Council for the business community will be held on October 6th at Carroll Community College in Room 157.

Glenn said the Water Resource Booth will be at Charlottes Quest on May 3 and Westminster's Flower & Jazz Festival on May 9.

Gale said survey crews are out surveying municipal facilities and putting stakes in the ponds to mark clean out elevations. She asked that these stakes not be removed.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:15.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 22, in Room 105 at 2:30.