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| <p>Carroll County ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES Robyn Gilden, Chair Kim Petry, Vice Chair Tuesday, October 13, 2009, @ 6:00 p.m. Room 003/004, Carroll County Office Building (COB)</p> |  | <p>Cynthia M. Parr, Chief Administrative Services 225 N Center Street, Room 300 Westminster, MD 21157-5194 Telephone: 410-386-2232 Fax: 410-386-2485 cparr@ccg.carr.org</p> |
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Members Present:

Robyn Gilden, Chair
Kim Petry, Vice Chair
Richard Haddad
Dan Andrews
Sandy Zebal
Brian Rhoten
David Pyatt
Chris Spaur

Members Absent:

Karen Merkle

County Government:

Cynthia Parr, County EAC Liaison
James E. Slater, Jr., Office of Environmental Compliance
Neil Ridgely, Sustainability Coordinator

Ann Baugher, Recording Secretary
Terri Jones, Esquire, CAO

Other Attendees:

Ellen Cutsail, Town of Union Bridge
Adam Bednar, Carroll County Times reporter

Lee Broderick, CCHD
Amy Andrews, resident

CALL TO ORDER - Ms. Robyn Gilden, Chair, officially called the October 13, 2009, meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. asking for approval of the September 8, 2009 minutes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MOTION NO. 92 -09: Motion was made by David Pyatt, seconded by Chris Spaur, approving the minutes as presented with the addition of a paragraph on Page Two, above the **OPEN FORUM.** *“Mr. Chris Spaur questioned why anyone would want to take prescription drugs to a drop off point when placing them in the garbage, where they are either landfilled or incinerated, has no effect in further polluting the Chesapeake Bay”.* Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS – Ms. Cynthia Parr reminded the EAC, if not already done so, to advise the County Attorney’s Office of their intent regarding attendance of the October 16, 2009, annual “Board and Commissions Training”.

OLD BUSINESS – “What Other Counties Are Doing or Have Done” regarding a residential green property tax credit was presented by Neil Ridgely. Mr. Ridgely began by stating that Carroll County is still taking the lead on wind turbines. Mr. Ridgely provided a handout of his findings regarding surrounding counties and discussed this information with the EAC. The EAC asked Mr. Ridgely if the surrounding counties he contacted gave him any feedback of numbers, cost and/or just how this program has assisted residents. Mr. Ridgely responded he had not received any information from his contacts on this issue.

The Council offered comment pro and con for putting forth the following motion. Mr. Spaur expressed the Council should focus on issues within the County’s purview. Mr. Haddad inquired whether any of the

jurisdictions offering tax credits have defined their objectives in doing so and have been monitoring the accomplishment of those objectives, and expressed concern about recommending that the County offer a tax credit in a tight economy without knowing what the anticipated benefit of the credit would be.”

After Council discussion, prior to entertaining a motion, Ms. Gilden asked the Council to give thought to encouraging green business in Carroll County, whether to include a sunset period, and if the timing was right to pursue the residential green tax credit in the 2009 legislative package. The EAC asked Mr. Ridgely his opinion regarding a motion now or wait a year, and he advised “there is a better opportunity at hand now than waiting for next year”.

Council decided to vote at the meeting to allow time, if BOC approves, to place it on the County’s state legislative agenda.

MOTION NO. 93-09: RECOMMENDATION FOR RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY TAX CREDIT: Motion made by David Pyatt, seconded by Kim Petry, “Recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners to establish a position, with assistance from EAC members and staff to propose to the 2010 General Assembly, a tax credit for renewable energy and utility-derived wind energy in the form of a property tax credit to Carroll Countians. Motion carried - four (4) yes; three (3) no.

Ms. Kim Petry asked Mr. Ridgely to define an objective and what the County hopes to gain in going forward with Motion No. 93-09, for BOC review.

NEW BUSINESS: - None

COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

Ms. Gilden announced the next regularly scheduled meeting, an **afternoon** meeting, will be held **Tuesday, November 10, 2009, at 3:00 p.m.** in Room 003/004

ADJOURN: MOTION NO. 94-09: Motion made by David Pyatt, seconded by Brian Rhoten, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m. Motion carried.

Please inform the secretary if you are unable to attend