

**Carroll County
ENVIRONMENTAL
ADVISORY COUNCIL**



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**Sandra Zebal, Chair
Kim Petry, Vice Chair
November 8, 2011 6:30 pm**

**Brenda Dinne, Staff Liaison
Department of Land Use,
Planning, and Development**

Members Present:

Sandra Zebal, Chair
Robyn Gilden
Josh Hatkin
Suzanne Hill
Karen Leatherwood
Kim Petry
David Pyatt
Brian Rhoten
Chris Spaur

County Government:

Cindy Myers-Crumbacker, Recording Secretary
Brenda Dinne, Special Projects Coordinator
Commissioner Doug Howard

Members Absent:

None

Other Attendees:

Jon Richardson, CC Health Dept.
Wendi Peters, Town of Mt. Airy
Mary Van Metre, Town of Mt. Airy

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1. **CALL TO ORDER** - Ms. Sandra Zebal, Chair, officially called the November 8, 2011, meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Two new members were at the meeting-Suzanne Hill and Josh Hatkin. Ms. Zebal asked each member to give a short bio about themselves to acquaint everyone.

Josh Hatkin – Retired Air Force, Veterinarian, Pathologist and Micro-Biologist

Suzanne Hill – Teaches writing part-time at Towson

Karen Leatherwood – Owns Carroll County Waste Services, concerned with trash issues

Chris Spaur- from Mt. Airy, Works for the Corps of Engineers

Sandra Zebal – Retired school teacher after 33 years with the Carroll County Public Schools, Reading Specialist

Kim Petry – from Hampstead, works for US Department of Energy

Robyn Gilden – works for University of Maryland Nursing, focus is on Pesticides

Dave Pyatt – Mt. Airy councilman, worked for Department of Energy

Brian Rhoten – from Finksburg, Arborist, interested in tree issues

Ms. Zebal asked for approval of the October 11 minutes. Ms. Dinne asked that 2 small changes be made to wording and then the minutes were approved.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MOTION NO. 143-11: Motion was made by Dave Pyatt, seconded by Brian Rhoten, approving the October 8, 2011 minutes with the changes. Motion carried.

3. **ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR** – Ms. Zebal announced that Maria Myers, the county recycling specialist, is holding an Art Cart Project in coordination with America Recycles Day. Bins have been decorated and are in the lobby of the County Office Building. Votes are being counted for the most popular one.

4. **COMMUNICATIONS** – None

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM LIASION –

a. Ms. Dinne reviewed the list of 2012 Tentative Meeting Dates with the EAC (See attachment). Member Suzanne Hill asked if more evening meetings could be scheduled so that she would not have conflict with her full time job. Kim Petry pointed out that this has been the way the meetings have always been held and this was understood when members accepted their appointment to the Council.

MOTION NO. 144-11: Motion was made by Karen Leatherwood to add one more evening meeting to the schedule and approve the dates. Motion was seconded by Chris Spaur. Motion carried.

b. Ms. Dinne updated the Council with information that the Web Page has been re-vamped. Topics should be easier to find.

6. PRESENTATION - Wendi Peters of the Town of Mt. Airy gave a presentation regarding the recycling program that has been successful in the Town of Mt. Airy. She brought a CD and narrated information with the video. Recycling began in 1990 and became mandatory in 2010. Ms. Peters and Ms. Mary Van Metre can be reached at the Town Hall for more information about their recycling program.

7. OLD BUSINESS –

a. **Environmental Awareness Awards** - The 2012 Nomination Form and Criteria have been updated and the Distribution List reviewed. A News Release will be sent to the Carroll County Times with more sent as the deadline approaches. Judges will be chosen for the Awards.

8. NEW BUSINESS –

a. Commissioner Howard gave a presentation to the Council. He thanked the EAC for comments on the Commissioners’ Environmental Principles. The commissioners are very interested in environmental stewardship. Carroll County Soil Conservation and Ag Preservation are good models. The Commissioners are “looking to the EAC for input.” The Commissioners will be looking at 3 things: 1- Property Rights; 2-Cost Benefit Analysis; 3- Real Stewardship. Mr. Howard encouraged the Council to work on a Work Plan and proposed that short term projects are welcome. These projects may be able to be funded. The Commissioners would like the Council to focus on Celebrating America. They do not want environmental stewardship to be lost. He is glad the web page is being updated. He advised Ms. Dinne to get in touch with Roberta Windham to set up a monthly meeting if desired, possibly on Mondays. They have 3 major issues: 1- Waste to Energy, the commissioners are looking for first hand information. It is hard to decipher 2nd or third hand information. 2-Septic Bill is coming. In the Legislative Session, this will be a major issue in January with MACO. 3- PLAN Maryland-The governor may sign the plan as is. Counties and Senate need more time to discuss. A Forum was held last Monday. The Forum was not a Global Warming Issue. The Forum can be viewed on Channel 24 and the web in 1 hr. increments. Mr. Howard complimented the Land Use, Planning and Development staff for their knowledge and expertise regarding environmental issues.

Robyn Gilden pointed out that there are intangible benefits as well as monetary ones.

Dave Pyatt asked if the EAC would be involved in the Septic Legislation. He stated that 4% of nitrates are in the bay from septic systems and that septic will be a substantive part of the legislation this session.

Chris Spaur feels the commissioners have not been given accurate science information. Carroll's County's environmental stewardship responsibilities extend to Chesapeake Bay, and require consideration of pollutants leaving the county. He feels that costs of various options that could help the county meet its obligations to improve Bay water quality do warrant scrutiny. While not perfect, the Bay Model itself is very objective and scientific, and the contention that the county needs to reduce pollutant outputs via surface water, groundwater, and air is valid.

- b. 2012 Work Plan Topics – Environmental Legislation-Septic Bill (Brenda Dinne will track the legislation), Chesapeake Bay Foundation, and Agriculture. Discussion followed by Brian Rhoten, Karen Leatherwood, Dave Pyatt, and Kim Petry.

9. TREE COMMISSION-

- a. Brian Rhoten informed that hybrid chestnut trees are available. Also, an agreement is being worked on to plant at Hashawha and Carroll Community College.

10. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Solid Waste – Dave Pyatt, Karen Leatherwood and Bryan Rhoten are working on recommendations regarding environmental impacts and financial impacts.

11. TOPICS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

- a. December 13 meeting -Energy Use – Mike Whitson and John Modica will be here
- b. Jan. 10 meeting – Brenda Dinne will speak about the Septic Bill. The first hour of the meeting will be dedicated to speaking with the Commissioners about the Work Plan.

<p><u>12. ADJOURN: MOTION NO. 145-11:</u> Motion made by Robyn Gilden, seconded by Dave Pyatt, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.</p>
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Please inform the secretary if you are unable to attend

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2012 Meeting Dates

The 2012 afternoon meetings will be held on the second Tuesday,
each month in Room 003/004, (unless otherwise noted),
3:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.

The 2012 evening meetings will be held on the second Tuesday,
referenced below, in Room 003/004 (unless otherwise noted),
6:30 P.M. – 8:30 P.M.

Tuesday, January 10, 2012 – afternoon meeting

Tuesday, February 14, 2012 – afternoon meeting

Tuesday, March 13, 2012 – evening meeting

Tuesday, April 10, 2012 – afternoon meeting

Tuesday, May 8, 2012 – evening meeting

Tuesday, June 13, 2012 – afternoon meeting

Tuesday, July 10, 2012 – evening meeting

Tuesday, August 14, 2012 – afternoon meeting

Tuesday, September 11, 2012 – afternoon meeting

Tuesday, October 9, 2012 – evening meeting

Tuesday, November 13, 2012 – afternoon meeting

Tuesday, December 11, 2012 – afternoon meeting

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Adopted Motion No. 144-11 Date 11/8/2011