

**Carroll County
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**Sandra Zebal, Chair
Kim Petry, Vice Chair
June 12, 2012 3:00 pm**

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

Members Present

Sandra Zebal, Chair
Robyn Gilden
Josh Hatkin
Karen Leatherwood
Kim Petry
Chris Spaur

Other Attendees

Ellen Cutsail, Town of Union Bridge
Matt Shipley, Carroll County Health Dept.

Members Absent

Dave Pyatt
Brian Rhoten
Suzanne Hill

County Government

Brenda Dinne, Special Projects Coordinator
Cindy Myers-Crumbacker, Recording Secretary
Martin Covington III, Engineer, Land Use,
Planning and Development

CALL TO ORDER - Ms. Sandra Zebal, Chair, officially called the June 12, 2012 meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. A few minor corrections were made to the May minutes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MOTION NO. 158-12: Motion was made by Robyn Gilden; seconded by Josh Hatkin to approve the May minutes with the changes discussed. Motion carried.

CHAIR & COMMITTEE REPORTS –

a. CHAIR-

Sandra Zebal reported that she received an e-mail regarding the closing of the Hoods Mill Landfill. The e-mail was sent by Mr. Ken Pusateri, a resident of Carroll County who lives near Mt. Airy. He is concerned that citizens in this part of the county will not have the opportunity to recycle unless they drive to the Northern Landfill. He would like the EAC to encourage the County Commissioners to hold a hearing before a final decision is made. Discussion followed and it was noted that the Commissioners had met earlier in the day and a final decision had been made to close the Hoods Mill Landfill. Ms. Zebal said she would e-mail Mr. Pusateri with this information and tell him Mr. Tom Rio, Director of Public Works should have information if he has more questions. Ms. Dinne said she believed there was a stormwater issue involved in the decision. Chris Spaur noted that this did not sound like an environmental issue.

b. SOLID WASTE WORK GROUP –

Karen Leatherwood reported that Carrie Knauer of The Carroll County Times newspaper has been covering these meetings very well. She informed the EAC that guest speakers have come to the meetings such as Steve Cashus of Frederick County, and Nelson Labelle speaking about a composting facility in Delaware. Jeff Topper explained the financial process and Neal Seldman of the Self Reliance Institute from Washington D.C. spoke. A field trip to the Northern Landfill was taken. The need for more citizen education is still a top concern. "Pay As You Throw" and food scrap composting are 2 more areas

that education is needed in. “The incinerator is a bad idea” was the consensus of the group. Recommendations will be coming.

TREE COMMISSION-

There is nothing to report because Mr. Rhoten was not at the meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM LIASION –

- a. Brenda Dinne passed a small flyer among the EAC members to show what Maria Myers, Recycling Coordinator for Carroll County, had placed in the Money Market coupons that are mailed to area residents. The flyer showed the names of the Environmental Awareness Award Winners and categories for 2012.
- b. Ms. Dinne also reminded members that they are to complete the Online Training about the Open Meetings Act. The deadline is the end of July to have this completed.
- c. Ms. Dinne also asked if members have topic ideas for future meetings, to please let her know.

OLD BUSINESS –

- a. Energy Use & Cost Savings Project –
There is no update this month. A presentation by John Modica is needed, however he has been away. He has not been able to contact Mr. Whitson to set up a meeting. The information is needed by November to be included in next year’s Yearly Plan.

NEW BUSINESS-

- a. Brenda Dinne presented Robyn Gilden a certificate of appreciation and thanks for her 8 years as a member of the EAC. Dave Pyatt will also receive a certificate. This is their last meeting. There are now 2 open positions on the Council.

PRESENTATION-

Martin Covington Program Engineer for the Bureau of Resource Management in the Planning Department made a presentation to the Council about Stormwater Management in Carroll County.

TOPICS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION-

- a. The next regular business meeting will be held July 10 at 6:30 p.m. in Room 003. If there is not any urgent business to discuss, members will be notified of the meeting cancellation.

<p><u>ADJOURNMENT – MOTION NO. 159-12:</u> Motion made by Robyn Gilden; seconded by Kim Petry to adjourn the June meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:30.</p>
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