

**Carroll County
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**Sandra Zebal, Chair
Kim Petry, Vice Chair
October 9, 2012 3:00 pm**

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

Members Present

Sandra Zebal, Chair
Josh Hatkin
Karen Leatherwood
Chris Spaur

Other Attendees

Tim Osbourne, Ecology Services, Inc.
Ellen Cutsail, Union Bridge Town Council

Members Absent

Suzanne Hill
Brian Rhoten
Kim Petry (had Statistics Class)

County Government

Cindy Myers-Crumbacker, Recording Secretary
Brenda Dinne, Special Projects Coordinator, Land Use, Planning & Development
Tom Devilbiss, Deputy Director, Land Use, Planning & Development
Gale Engles, Bureau Chief, Bureau of Resource Management
Jason Stick, Floodplain Specialist, Bureau of Resource Management
Barbara Kearney, Comprehensive Planner, Bureau of Comprehensive Planning

CALL TO ORDER - Ms. Sandra Zebal, Chair, officially called the October 9, 2012, meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Recording Secretary, Cindy Myers-Crumbacker, asked for a motion for adjournment of the August meeting to record in the minutes.

Motion 160-12 - Motion made by Karen Leatherwood and seconded by Josh Hatkin to adjourn the August meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:30.

Motion 161-12 - Motion was made by Karen Leatherwood and seconded by Chris Spaur to approve the June minutes. Motion carried.

Motion 162-12 - Motion was made by Josh Hatkin and seconded by Karen Leatherwood to approve the August minutes with changes. Motion carried.

CHAIR & COMMITTEE REPORTS –

a. CHAIR- Sandra reminded members to complete the Open Meeting on-line training as soon as possible.

b. SOLID WASTE WORK GROUP –

Karen Leatherwood handed out copies of the draft report. She said it was sent to County Staff for comments. It also was sent to haulers. A meeting is to be held with Commissioner Howard on Thursday, October 25, at 7:00 in Room 003. Comments received may be added for another revision to the report. The group used the prior comments from the EAC as a starting point for recommendations in the report.

Chris Spaur suggested adding the recommendation for a Recycling Task Force.

The Work Group felt the incinerator in Frederick County is not a good choice. Frederick County is looking at a smaller-scale incinerator. Carroll County is still liable for our part with the incinerator unless another county replaces Carroll.

The Work Group recommends looking at the current landfill location to identify ways to extend the life of the landfill by reducing the waste stream and possibly expanding its capabilities. The value of the land is very important. Maintenance cost associated with the landfill is also a factor to consider.

- c. TREE COMMISSION – Nothing to report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM LIASION –

- a. Brenda Dinne suggested the EAC may need to find another meeting room to hold evening meetings, since the Commissioners have now scheduled Room 003 for the second Tuesday evening of each month, or choose a different day for evening meetings if the EAC chooses to continue to hold evening meetings.
- b. The proposed 2013 meeting dates will be discussed at the November 2012 meeting.
- c. Potential projects to include in the EAC’s proposed 2013 Work Plan will be on the November 13 agenda.
- d. Brenda would like topic suggestions for future meetings.
- e. The recent EPA report regarding Resource Conservation and Recovery was e-mailed to Council members by Brenda for information purposes.

OLD BUSINESS –

- a. Energy Use & Cost Savings Project – John Modica has moved to New Mexico. Brenda will continue to attempt to contact him.

NEW BUSINESS-

- a. FEMA FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAPS UPDATE – JASON STICK

The most recent topography maps are 35 years old. The 100-year plan was last printed in 1978. Letters were mailed to approximately 3,000 property owners in July. Mr. Stick has received about 350 phone calls with only about 5-6 actually in a floodplain. NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Weather Service) defines a flood as a period of eight inches of rain in a one-hour time frame. Land use, condition of the land, and base flood elevation are used to determine if land is in a floodplain.

A meeting was held on August 23 at Carroll Community College to look up properties and answer questions property owners had. The County is in charge of enforcing regulations with Maryland Department of the Environment and FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Administration). A 90-day appeal period ends on October 15. There are 180 houses in the 100-year floodplain.

Carroll County adopted the Floodplain code in 2004. A building permit application must be reviewed for floodplain issues before approval of the permit is given.

- b. MONOCACY STREAM NAMING CONTEST – BARBARA KEARNEY

Three streams in Frederick County and three in Carroll County are in the naming contest. The three in Carroll County are 1) between MD Route 140 and Frederick County; 2) west of Westminster, south of Springdale Road at Hyde’s Quarry; and 3) between Union Bridge and New Windsor at Hoff Road.

The contest is open to all with the deadline being December 31, 2012. The website is www.themonocacystartshere.org. Another stream that was named by a similar contest is Longwell Run, which was named by a group of middle school students.

OTHER - None

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

MOTION NO. 163-12: Motion made by Karen Leatherwood and seconded by Josh Hatkin to adjourn the October meeting. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30. Next month's meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 13, 2012 at 3:00 pm in Room 003 of the County Office Building.

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