

KENT COUNTY
PUBLIC LANDINGS & FACILITIES
June 25, 2018
Meeting Minutes

I CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Kent County Board of Public Landings & Facilities was called to order by Chairman White on Monday, June 25, 2018 at 6:00PM. Those in attendance were Chuckie White, Marc Castelli, William Collyer, Clay Larimore, Division Chief Marty Holden and Public Works Director Mike Moulds.

The minutes of March 12, 2018 were approved as submitted.

II OLD BUSINESS

Skidders Neck Public Landing – Boat Ramp Repair – Update

Mr. Holden advised that the permit from the Corps of Engineers was received in late May and the three (3) bids received were all over budget. The Commissioners have agreed to move the funds for the project to FY 2019. The hope is to complete the work after the 2018 boating season and there is a possibility that some of the work could be done in-house.

A Board member suggested moving the boat ramp during this project. Mr. Holden advised that the Department of Natural Resources approved of this project because it is just a replacement project. To move boat ramp would require the County to submit for all new permits.

Turner's Creek

- Bulkhead Replacement/Repairs

Mr. Holden stated that the County Commissioners elected not to complete this project during FY 2019. The project was tabled until FY 2020. DNR grant funding will still be available in FY 2020.

-Breakwater discussion from last meeting

A Board member stated that he disagreed with two (2) county employees having the ability to keep a needed project, such as Turner's Creek breakwater, from happening.

Quaker Neck

-Pier Replacement

Mr. Holden stated that the County Commissioners also elected not to complete this project during FY 2019. The project was tabled until FY 2020. DNR grant funding will still be available in FY 2020.

-Razor Clam Shell Collection

Mr. Holden stated that a sign prohibiting the dumping of razor clam shells was placed at the beginning of the pier.

Fishing Line Collection Containers

Mr. Holden advised that he contacted Radcliff Creek School about the containers and was advised that half of the containers were completed last school year and the other half will be completed this upcoming school year. Mr. Holden advised that once installed County employees will service the containers and the fishing line will be sent to a company in Florida to be recycled.

III NEW BUSINESS

Chestertown Marina – Information only

Mr. Holden provided the Board with an update regarding the progress of the Chestertown Marina and photos of the area. He advised that the bulkhead work in front of the restaurant is in progress and that the ramp is still not open to the public but is accessible by Emergency Services. He also stated that the first floating pier has been installed

Bayside Landing Park – parking issues

Mr. Ronald Roe was present to discuss with the Board issues encountered while recently utilizing the Bayside Landing Park facility.

Mr. Roe stated that people going into the adjacent business are parking their vehicles either blocking a section of the boat ramp or in the trailer parking area making it difficult to utilize the boat ramp. Another concern is that when authorities are called to address the situation, all are advising that they cannot write citations for parking violations at the facility. Mr. Roe continued that some of the employees from the adjacent business have become confrontational when asked to move vehicles and that items are being stolen from boat trailers while parked at the facility.

A Board member stated that he received multiple complaints about vehicles/trailers being parallel parked on the bulkhead taking up most of the useable space.

Mr. Holden stated that unfortunately at most public landings parking is very limited. He also stated that his position is as Division Chief but also the only enforcement officer for the public landings. The Rock Hall police and Natural Resources police are unable to write county civil citations and the Sheriff's Office is only willing to write warnings, leaving only one person responsible for the enforcement of violations at all county landings.

Mr. Holden advised that boat trailer parking areas are not enforced as the signs have been installed just to provide parking areas for boat trailers.

Mr. Holden stated that he spoke with the Rock Hall Town Manager who advised that for the Watermen's Day Event, scheduled for 7/1/18, the Town will have someone at the facility to assist with trailer parking and keep the bulkhead open for the scheduled event. This will be a test to see how this works and may eventually lead to the County hiring seasonal enforcement personnel for not only issues at the Bayside facility during peak fishing periods and scheduled events but also enforcement at all public landings.

After speaking with a Rock Hall Town officer, they have agreed to write warnings for the parking violations and forward the warning to the Environmental Operations Division. Once Mr. Holden receives the warning, a letter will be sent advising that a \$100 citation can be issued for the violation and if found in violation again, a citation will be issued.

A Board member asked if the angle parking lines could be placed on the bulkhead to keep people from parallel parking. Mr. Holden stated that this option has been discussed in the past, however, he is reluctant to place permanent markings on the bulkhead for an issue that only lasts briefly during peak fishing periods. Not to mention, the trailers will be backed up as far as possible and likely parked on private property. Mr. Holden advised that "No Parking" signs will be placed along the water's edge of the bulkhead, allowing for that area to remain open for those that need to load/unload onto the bulkhead. Also "No Parking on Bulkhead" signs will be placed prior to the Watermen's Event scheduled for July 1st. Those signs will be placed along road entering the bulkhead, as well as, on the bulkhead.

It was stated that the adjacent business has allowed parking of vehicles/trailers on their property, that are obviously utilizing the public boat ramp.

When asked about the possibility of installing a fence, Mr. Holden also stated that a fence along the county property was proposed and denied years ago.

GREEN POINT PUBLIC LANDING

Mr. Roe advised that there were no boat anchors/cleats along the pier and the pilings are level with the pier, making it difficult to tie-up while loading/unloading a boat. Mr. Holden advised that some form of anchor/cleat will be installed.

NEW PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

The Board was introduced to the new Public Works Director, Mr. Michael Moulds. The Board asked Mr. Moulds to tell them about himself. Mr. Moulds advised that he was most recently with the Town of Salisbury for about 5 years and prior to that was the County Engineer for Dorchester County for 8 years. He also advised that he was a recreational boater. The Board asked if he has visited the facilities and he advised that he has not made it to all of the facilities yet.

V ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM. The next meeting will be held on Monday, September 17, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Fletcher