

KENT COUNTY PUBLIC LANDINGS & FACILITIES

September 11, 2017

Meeting Minutes

I CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Kent County Board of Public Landings & Facilities was called to order by Chairman Larrimore on Monday, September 11, 2017 at 6:00PM. Those in attendance were Clay Larrimore, James Jacquette, Jr., Chuckie White and Marty Holden.

The minutes of June 5, 2017 were approved as submitted.

II OLD BUSINESS

Fairlee Creek Channel Dredging – Update

Mr. Holden stated that despite one small issue that caused a shut-down for a few days, the dredging has been completed.

Skinner's Neck Ramp Repair

Mr. Holden advised that permits have been applied for this project and that along with replacing the concrete slab ramp, a new pier will be added along the ramp to provide an area to tip up boats while loading/unloading.

Turner's Creek

Mr. Holden stated that the cleats and the pvc pipe had been removed from Turners' Creek, however, the pvc pipe keeps reappearing.

III NEW BUSINESS

Mooring Renewals

Mr. Holden stated that mooring renewals, both private and commercial, will be mailed out October 1, 2017.

Slip Renewals

Mr. Holden advised that the boat slip renewal process is currently under way.

Open Meetings Act Requirement

Mr. Holden informed the Board that a new Maryland law requires at least one (1) member of each Board must take a training class on the Open Meetings Act prior to October 1, 2017. Mr. Holden continued that the training may be taken on-line. Mr. Holden stated that one board member had already completed the training. Several other board members requested information on the on-line training.

Turner's Creek

Mr. Holden stated that the County Engineer is in the process of completing the permit applications for the bulkhead replacement project.

Mr. Holden informed the Board about a sailboat that is currently anchored near Turner's Creek. The vessel has moved around from an association mooring out to where it is now. Local residents are concerned over the condition of the vessel and it breaking away and causing damage. Mr. Holden stated the County has no jurisdiction over the vessel when it is anchored, however, DNR has been advised of the situation with this vessel.

A Board member stated that the 1st green channel buoy going out of Turner's Creek has moved from where it has always been. Mr. Holden stated that he would advise DNR.

Tolchester

A Board member, based on citizen's request, asked about the possibility of making the landing more accessible. The board discussed possibly installing a boardwalk/walkway over the rip rap to allow people to fish or just enjoy the view. A motion was made, seconded and agreed to have Mr. Holden investigate the options available to make this public landing more accessible.

Bayside Landing Park

Mr. Holden stated that there was a parking issue during the busy time of rockfish season at this landing. He continued that he received complaints about trailers parked blocking access to parking area along "D" pier and over along the bulkhead. The Board discussed that this was only for a brief period during the season and depending on location of fish, it may not happen again. The Board discussed placing "No Trailer Parking" signs and different locations but decided to hold off on sign placement to see if this will be an ongoing issue in the future.

A Board member asked about the home-made camper/trailer and campers that were on the bulkhead for several days over the summer. Mr. Holden advised that they belonged to the carnival personnel at the 4-H fair and that Commissioner Fithian had given them permission to set up along the bulkhead and utilize the electric both this year and last.

IV ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 PM. The next meeting will be held on Monday, December 11, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina G. Coleman