

Calvert County Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes – December 16, 2019

Members Present: Ron Klauda, Shelby Cross, Autumn Phillips-Lewis, Chris Roettgen, Jim Levin, Craig Simmons, Patty Long-Bradley, Jane Dodds, Mike O'Donnell

Members Absent: Carys Mitchelmore

Staff: Will Hager; Scarlett Oller

Guests/Liaisons: Andy Rogers

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

II. Guest Speaker Program: There was no guest speaker.

III. Approval of Agenda: Commissioner Klauda moved to add the agenda item “Election of New Vice Chair” to the “New Business” section. Commissioner Phillips-Lewis motioned to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Levin seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

IV. Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Phillips-Lewis moved to add information to November’s minutes in Section VII.c. Commissioner Long-Bradley moved to approve the minutes as amended, Commissioner Simmons seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

V. Old Business:

a. Dominion Tour — No progress to report.

b. Purchasing for 2020 — Scarlett Oller and Will Hager reminded the commission that all purchases must be approved in writing in advance.

VI. Sub-Committee Reports:

a. FAQs — The FAQ subcommittee reviewed their accomplishments in 2019: the Air, Radon, and Sustainability FAQs were posted and the Wastewater FAQs were updated. The Land FAQs are in the review process.

b. Public Education/Outreach — A signup sheet will be circulated for volunteers to staff a table at the February 22 STEM expo. In 2019 the subcommittee attended the STEM expo, the Green Expo, ACLT’s Naturefest, and PRAD. The subcommittee discussed how much outreach to do in 2020. Commissioner Cross has drafted a trifold brochure and a one-page flyer with a summary of the EC’s FAQs to distribute to school and public libraries.

- c. Public Guest Speaker Program — In 2019, this subcommittee hosted 11 guest speakers who gave 10 PowerPoint presentations.
- d. Sustainability — In 2019, the subcommittee proposed a radon ordinance to the BOCC and reviewed the Sustainability FAQs. The carbon footprint project is still in progress.

VII. New Business:

- a. Restoration Advisory Board- Naval Research Laboratory – Will Hager has joined the Restoration Advisory Board at the Naval Research Laboratory, a group that will liaison between the cleanup team for PFAS and PFOA and the surrounding community of Chesapeake Beach.
- b. Reappointment – Commissioner Long-Bradley is up for reappointment. Commissioner Simmons moved to forward Ms. Long-Bradley’s application to the BOCC for reappointment. Commissioner Cross seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- c. Election of New Vice Chair – Due to the resignation of Chair Holly Budd, Vice-Chair Klauda is the new Chair. Commissioner O’Donnell was volunteered to be the new Vice-Chair. Commissioner Levin motioned to appoint Commissioner O’Donnell as the new Vice-Chair. Commissioner Long-Bradley seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- d. New Application for Appointment – Dr. Andrew “Andy” Rogers has applied for membership on the EC. Commissioner Simmons motioned to approve his application and send Dr. Rogers’ application to the BOCC. Commissioner Long-Bradley seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- e. 2019 Report to BOCC – The commission discussed their role in working with the BOCC and agreed to provide the BOCC with a progress report.
- f. EC Goals for 2020 –
 - 1. FAQs -- Two goals for the FAQs subcommittee for 2020 are to finish and post Recycling FAQs and Injured Wildlife FAQs. The subcommittee will review those documents before they are sent to the whole commission.
 - 2. Public Education/Outreach -- The commission discussed the possibility of hosting an environmental summit with guest speakers at a local school such as the one hosted by Anne Arundel County.
 - 3. Public Guest Speaker Program – Commissioner Klauda said that Ben Hance from the Sierra Club would be speaking at the February 24 meeting. Commissioner Phillips-Lewis requested finding a speaker about meadows. Commissioner Klauda suggested finding a speaker about groundwater recharge in Anne Arundel County. Commissioner Levin suggested finding a speaker about management of the freshwater marsh next to Cove Point.

4. Sustainability -- Commissioner Roettgen suggested the EC look into ways to promote carpooling, such as ads and mobile apps.
 5. Misc. Goals—The commission discussed sponsoring a grant for electric car charging stations.
- g. General Announcements — Scarlett Oller agreed to contact the webmaster to get metrics on the webpage’s traffic.
- h. Upcoming Events — The next meeting will be on January 27, 2020. Commissioner Dodds reminded the EC of the upcoming STEM fair on February 22, 2020.

VIII. Public Comment:

- a. There were no public comments.

IX. Adjournment:

- a. Commissioner Dodds motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Simmons seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:26 pm.