

Calvert County Environmental Commission

Meeting Minutes – September 28, 2020

Members Present: Andy Rogers, Jim Levin, Autumn Phillips-Lewis, Ron Klauda, Jane Dodds, Carys Mitchelmore, Patty Long-Bradley

Members Absent: Mike O'Donnell

Staff: Will Hager

Guests/Liaisons: Herb Wolf, Amanda Knobloch, Chris Roettgen, Brandon Robers, David Hardy

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm. The group met virtually using Zoom.

II. Guest Speaker: Brandon Robers, a lawyer with the Department of Justice specializing in environmental law, discussed the role of environmental law in litigation.

III. Approval of Agenda: Commissioner Levin motioned to approve the agenda. Commissioner Mitchelmore seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

IV. Approval of Minutes:

- a. Commissioner Klauda requested a small typographical fix to the August open session minutes. Commissioner Long-Bradley motioned to approve the August open session minutes as amended. Commissioner Levin seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- b. Commissioner Levin motioned to approve the August closed session minutes. Commissioner Long-Bradley seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

V. Old Business:

- a. Review of Action Items from 8/28/2020 Meeting — Commissioner Dodds has secured four tickets to the Calvert Marine Museum as prizes for the Pump for the Bay contest and has agreed to procure a gift certificate from Chesapeake's Bounty. Will Hager agreed to arrange Planning & Zoning review of the Recycling FAQs.

VI. Sub-Committee Reports:

- a. FAQs — Commissioner Rogers motioned to appoint Commissioner O'Donnell to the FAQ subcommittee. Commissioner Mitchelmore seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- b. Public Education/Outreach — No progress to report.
- c. Public Guest Speaker Program — Commissioner Klauda reviewed the upcoming schedule of guest speakers.

- d. Sustainability — Will Hager suggested that it would make sense for a decision on the proposal for the county to join ICLEI and conduct a greenhouse gas inventory to be put on hold until the new Planning & Zoning liaison to the Environmental Commission has been selected. Commissioner Rogers motioned to send the matrix of environmental and sustainability programs and issues to Planning & Zoning for review. Commissioner Dodds seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

VII. New Business:

- a. Questions from the League of Women Voters — Commissioner Long-Bradley voted to send the Commission's responses to the League of Women Voters. Commissioner Dodds seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- b. FY22 Budget — The Commission discussed the potential reallocation of funds.
- c. Nuisance Flooding Plan — Will Hager introduced the newly drafted Nuisance Flooding Plan and invited comments individual members of the Environmental Commission have regarding the plan to be submitted to him before October 1, 2020.
- d. General Announcements — The recommendations for appointment of the two applicants, Amanda Knobloch and David Hardy, will be on the October 20th Board of County Commissioners agenda. Commissioner Long-Bradley announced her resignation due to personal reasons effective September 29, 2020.
- e. Upcoming Events — The next Environmental Commission meeting is scheduled for October 26, 2020. There will be a virtual public meeting regarding the Prince Frederick Town Center Master Plan update on Thursday October 15th at 7 pm. There will be a related workshop on land use and public transportation at a date to be determined later.

VIII. Public Comment:

- a. Chris Roettgen, former Environmental Commission member, discussed his ongoing efforts in radon awareness.

IX. Adjournment:

- a. Commissioner Long-Bradley motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Rogers seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.