

KENT COUNTY PUBLIC LANDINGS & FACILITIES

December 12, 2016

Meeting Minutes

I CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Kent County Board of Public Landings & Facilities was called to order by Chairman Collyer on Monday, September 19, 2016 at 6:00 PM. Those in attendance were William Collyer, Marc Castelli, Clay Larrimore, James Jacquette, Jr. and Marty Holden.

The minutes of September 19, 2016 were approved as submitted.

II BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. Holden introduced new Board member Mr. Marc Castelli. Mr. Castelli will be finishing out the term of resigning board member, William Gale.

III ELECTION OF OFFICIERS

The election of officers was held with Clay Larrimore moving into the Chairman position and Chuckie White taking over the Vice-Chairman position for 2017.

IV OLD BUSINESS

Betterton finger pier replacement

Mr. Holden advised that the finger pier was installed utilizing DNR maintenance grant funds. The total cost of the project was \$1,875.00.

Friends of Mill Creek Dredging - Update

Mr. Holden stated that additional surveying was conducted and it was determined that more spoils than originally expected will need to be removed. The original cost of the project was \$280,000 with a DNR grant of \$140,000 and the Friends of Mill Creek paying the matching amount of \$140,000 . However, there may be a potential increase in the cost and the dredging permit will need to be revised.

Fairlee Creek Pier Replacement

Mr. Holden stated that a mandatory pre-bid meeting was held on November 30, 2016 and five interested marine contractors attended the meeting. Three of those attending the meeting were local. Bids are due Wednesday, December 14, 2016 at 10:00 am. Hopefully the project will be completed prior to the next boating season.

Fairlee Creek Channel Dredging – Update

Mr. Holden advised that additional surveying was required and shallower areas of the channel were found. This will postpone the dredging from this winter until mid- June 2017, at the earliest.

FY 2018 DNR Grant Requests

Mr. Holden informed the Board that two DNR grant request have been submitted for the following projects: Turner’s Creek bulkhead extension/replacement estimated at \$260,000 (\$130,000 matching county funds); and Quaker Neck pier replacement estimated at \$177,400 (\$88,700 matching county funds).

V NEW BUSINESS

Skinner’s Neck Ramp Repair

Mr. Holden advised that quite a few of the concrete slab sections in the ramp are deteriorating and need to be replaced. Mr. Holden stated that he is getting prices to replace the concrete slab sections, as well as, installing a catwalk along one side (similar to the catwalks at Green Point & Betterton). He also stated that it is past the deadline to submit a DNR grant request for this repair so it is possible that it may be submitted to the Commissioners during the budget process.

Rock Hall Waterfront Master Plan

Mr. Holden stated that he and the County Engineer met with a representative that is working on the Rock Hall Waterfront Master Plan. Mr. Holden advised that the study is funded by a DNR grant to determine an overall approach for balancing the needs of working watermen and opportunities for attracting more visitors to Rock Hall. Some of the proposed recommendations in the plan would affect the Bayside

Landing Park facility including a proposed waterfront walk, which initially was a proposed boardwalk along the bulkhead. Mr. Holden stated that during the meeting he and the County Engineer advised that the boardwalk along the bulkhead was not feasible due to the bulkhead structure. Other proposed items were placing benches around the facility, including next to ramp. Another area that was included in the plan was Sharp Street pier. Some of the suggestions included placing benches along the pier, banning leaving materials on the pier and not allowing vehicles onto the pier. Mr. Holden stated that the representative was advised that both the Bayside bulkhead and Sharp Street pier would need to remain workable by the watermen. Mr. Holden also stated that there was mention of a dingy dock. Mr. Holden reminded the Board members that this was just a study in the initial stages.

FY 2016 Annual Report

After review, motion was made, seconded and agreed to approve the FY 2016 Annual Report as submitted.

Queen Anne's County Ramp Permits

Mr. Holden informed the Board that Queen Anne's County has proposed raising their Non-resident ramp permits to an annual fee of \$70.00 for 2017. The Board members agreed that they were not in favor of increasing Kent County's trailer permit fees at this time.

VI ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 PM. The next meeting will be held on Monday, March 13, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina G. Coleman