

*Economic Development Commission*  
*The County Commissioners of Kent County*  
*400 High Street*  
*Chestertown, MD 21620*

**April 5, 2017**

Commission Members Present: Cindy Genter, Kate Gray, Jim Luff, Bob Ampula, Bob Jacob, Mary Ford, and Shreyas Suresh

Commission Members Absent: Aaron Bramble and Dan MacLeod

Also in Attendance: William Short, County Commissioner; Shelley Heller, County Administrator

At 3:00 p.m. the meeting convened. Mr. Luff called the meeting to order. Mr. Luff shared that the March minutes would be approved at the May meeting

Meg Perry, Grants Office, Town of Rock Hall, gave an overview and update on the Waterfront Master Plan and Main Street activities. Ms. Perry was employed by the Town of Rock Hall, two years ago, to assist with revitalization. The first step was to become a sustainable community. A plan was developed and approved by the State. Rock Hall was awarded a Main Street designation as an affiliate member to the program. Dave Dahlstrom, Regional Planner, Maryland Department of the Planning, shared that a planning grant was available for working waterfronts in Maryland through the Department of Natural Resources. Ms. Perry shared some of the proposed improvements that were identified and currently being pursued. Ms. Perry shared that zoning will be evaluated as part of the revitalization efforts. A community survey, site visits, tours, and focus groups were part of the process to develop the plans. Amy Moredock, Director, Planning, Housing, and Zoning, shared insight on the process, plan development, and the State's focus on Maritime projects. Ms. Perry shared that support of Rock Hall's efforts is what is required from the Commission going forward.

Ms. Genter shared information about a recent informal discussion regarding the third crossing of the Bay Bridge held at the Chamber of Commerce. Melissa Williams, Acting Director, Maryland Department of Transportation and Project Coordinator for the Bay Bridge Study that was commissioned by Governor Larry Hogan. The study began on August 16, 2016, and is a four year study, costing \$5 million. The study will answer two questions; (1) where will the new crossing be built; and (2) how will it be funded.

Ms. Williams shared that she has been busy with marketing; working on an ad to be published in the Washington Nationals 2017 yearbook, an ad for the Tidewater Trader and ordering a portfolio folder to hold materials when businesses request information about doing business in Kent County.

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There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Ampula, seconded by Mr. Jacob, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 4:07 p.m. The Commission agreed to meet again on Wednesday, May 3, 2017, at 3:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Hearing Room.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jamie L. Williams  
Coordinator