

KENT COUNTY
PUBLIC LANDINGS & FACILITIES
December 10, 2018
Meeting Minutes

I CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Kent County Board of Public Landings & Facilities was called to order by Chairman White on Monday, December 10, 2018 at 6:05PM. Those in attendance were Chuckie White, William Collyer, Clay Larimore, James Jacquette, Jr., and Division Chief Marty Holden.

The minutes of September 17, 2018 were approved as submitted.

II ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The election of officers was held with James Jacquette, Jr. moving into the Chairman position and Marc Castelli taking over the Vice-Chairman position for 2019.

III OLD BUSINESS

Skidders Neck Public Landing – Boat Ramp Repair – Update

Mr. Holden stated the department is still working on a plan to complete the work in-house between the Roads Division and Environmental Operations prior to start of the next boating season.

Fishing Line Recycling Program

Mr. Holden advised that several fishing line recycling containers have been completed by Radcliffe Creek School and installed at Shipyard, Rileys Mill and Morgnec public landings. Students from Radcliffe assisted with the installation of the containers. Mr. Holden continued that the fishing line will be sent to Berkley company to be recycled and used as under water plastic fish habitat structures. The students will continue to make several more receptacles that will be placed at Eastern Neck Island, Turners Creek and various other public landings.

Rock Hall Harbor Entrance Channel Dredging

Mr. Holden advised the project pre-bid meeting will be held on December 18, 2018 and the bids will be opened on January 9, 2019. The County Engineer is planning to have the dredging completed during the spring dredging period (March 15-April 15). Should that not be possible the dredging will potentially be completed during the fall period (October 15 – December 15)

IV NEW BUSINESS

FY 2018 Annual Report

Mr. Holden presented to the Board members the FY2018 Public Landings & Facilities Annual Report for their review. After review/discussion, motion was made, seconded and agreed to approve the Annual Report as submitted. Mr. Holden advised the Annual Report will be presented to the County Commissioners during the first meeting in January.

Sharp Street – power washing & storing equipment

Mr. Holden stated that contact was made with individuals that were power washing on the pier. A requirement was stipulated that some type of barrier (plywood or metal) be put down while power washing to stop the damage to the pier. The requirement was not adhered to, damages to the pier is noticeably visible and action must be taken as soon as possible.

Mr. Holden also stated that there are concerns with equipment being stored on the pier due to the large amount of foot traffic and the potential for liability issues. Equipment has been permitted in the past to be left on the pier. Mr. Holden

recommended signage be posted prohibiting power washing, and equipment being left on the pier.

Motion was made, seconded and agreed to post signs prohibiting power washing and leaving equipment for any length of time on the Sharp Street pier.

Bayside Landing Park – boat docking along bulkhead

A Board member stated that now with so many events being held on the bulkhead and the amount of boats docking along the bulkhead, there is at times little to no area left for loading and unloading by watermen. The suggestion was made to prohibit docking from the watermen statue to the county property line (next to Rock Hall Marine Railway). Another board member asked if that would interfere with crab pots being stored on the bulkhead. After some discussion, motion was made, seconded and agreed to create two (2) load and unload only areas, just wide enough for vehicles, along both sides of the watermen statue. There will be no parking signs posted on the parking lot side of the bulkhead to keep those two areas open for loading and unloading only. Furthermore, the motion indicated that no docking signs shall be placed on the water side of the bulkhead, from the no parking space next to the watermen statue over to the property line next to Rock Hall Marine Railway. This will provide access for the boats to load/unload on the bulkhead.

Equipment tagging on landings

Mr. Holden advised the Board that an issue had arisen regarding a boat on a trailer that was on Spring Cove public landing. An adjacent property renter complained that they had trouble accessing their lane with the boat/trailer on the landing. Mr. Holden stated there was conflicting timelines on how long the boat/trailer had been on the landing. Mr. Holden continued that due to the complaint it is necessary for the Public Landings staff to be more vigilant in tagging equipment on the public landings in the future.

V ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM. The next meeting will be held on Monday, March 10, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Fletcher