

KENT COUNTY PUBLIC LANDINGS & FACILITIES

March 12, 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, March 12, 2018 at 6:00PM. Those in attendance were Chuckie White, Marc Castelli, James Jacquette, Jr. and Marty T. Holden.

The minutes of September 11, 2017 were approved as submitted.

II OLD BUSINESS

Skidders Neck Public Landing – Boat Ramp Repair – Update

Mr. Holden informed the Board that the county is still waiting for the permits.

Turner's Creek Bulkhead Replacement/Repairs

Mr. Holden stated that when the County Engineer began the bidding process for the project it was determined that due to the depth of the water at the bulkhead steel sheathing, not timber, will be necessary for this project. The County hired Gredell Associates to design the bulkhead repair because of their extensive knowledge of the bulkhead from their previous work on the granary. The updated project estimate is \$375,000 with both the County and the State willing to provide the additional matching funds (\$57,500 each).

Fishing Line Collection Containers

Mr. Holden reported that the County Commissioners approved Radcliffe Creek School's proposal to volunteer time and resources to build recycling receptacles for used fishing line to be placed at several public landings.

Rock Hall Entrance Channel

Mr. Holden advised that application for permits has been submitted and that the application for the grant funding will be submitted prior to the deadline. Mr. Holden continued that the estimated cost for the dredging is \$400,000. Mr. Holden advised that the dredging should be completed during the next approved dredge time period.

IV NEW BUSINESS

Waterway Improvement Funding

Mr. Holden stated that two (2) projects had been submitted to the Department of Natural Resources for grant funding for FY 2019. They were as follows:

Quaker Neck pier replacement (50/50 matching) 88,700 from both State and County	\$177,400
Bayside Landing Park bulkhead & pier replacement 626,000 from both State and County	\$1,252,000

Mr. Holden advised that only the Quaker Neck project was approved for FY 2019.

Quaker Neck Razor Clam Shell Collection

Mr. Holden stated that a resident near Quaker Neck public landing reported that last fall their dog was cut while running in the water next to the pier at the public landing. They also stated that other residents have been cut while wading in the water. The resident suspects that razor clam shells are the issue and would like permission to place a collection bin and sign on site. This will give crabbers a place to dump the shells. The resident advised that the bins would be emptied daily. After discussion, the Board's consensus was that the smell from the collection bin would not be pleasant to landing users and adjacent property owners, as well as, attract vultures and other animals. The Board agreed to start with placing signs requesting users to not dump the shells at the public landing.

Chestertown Marina – Information only

Mr. Holden provided the Board with an update on the progress of the Chestertown Marina. Mr. Holden stated that the ramp is now accessible for emergency personnel only. Mr. Holden continued that the marina is a seven-million-dollar project, the dredging has been completed, two sections of the pier have been removed and the last pier will be removed in April – all replaced with floating docks providing 70 slips. There is also a waterfront center that will have a marina store, visitor center, bathroom/showers and retail space. The center building is currently a shell and the Town is currently attempting to find additional funding to finish construction of the building.

Mr. Holden stated that he had no information on the assignment of slips and doesn't believe that the ramp will be available during the upcoming boating season.

A Board member stated that the boat ramp has some form of bar at the end of the ramp (where the ramp stops at the river bottom), possibly to prevent trailers from falling off ramp, but it

seems to him that it will cause an issue with use during lower tides. The Board member asked that Mr. Holden take a picture of the ramp during a low tide.

Turner's Creek

A Board member asked if the abandoned boat had been removed from Turner's Creek. Mr. Holden stated that the boat was anchored and was not considered abandoned by DNR but had been removed.

A Board member asked about the possibility of installing a breakwater (as was previously attempted some years ago). Mr. Holden advised that the County Engineer and the Public Works Director are not in favor of a breakwater in Turner's Creek.

V ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 PM. The next meeting will be held on Monday, June 25, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Fletcher