

COMMISSION ON THE ENVIRONMENT MINUTES
Potomac Building
Minutes of June 2, 2010

COE Members present were Barne Wheeler, Chairman; Marta Kelsey, Caroline Miller King, Larry Hartwick, Mike Guy, Mike Thompson, and Sandy Neville. Members absent were Susan Blake, Bill Shreve, Troy Hansen, Xavier Prines & Daryl Calvano Others present were Paul Waxman.

I) **Call to Order:** Mr. Wheeler called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

II) **Discussion & Approval of Meeting Minutes:** A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of May 5, 2010 as amended.

III) **Continuing Business:**

- a. **Green Building Update:** Ms. Neville stated the presentation this morning was on home energy audits and a breakdown of tax credits for environmental features. Ms. Neville stated the turnout was a little smaller than usual however she believes it's due to Memorial Day weekend.
- b. **SWAC Update:** Mr. Wheeler stated he is waiting for additional information from Mr. Prines to post on the website in regards to SWAC.
- c. **WPTF Update:** Mr. Wheeler stated we are seeking three additional members for the WPTF. Mr. Wheeler stated the WPTF is embarking on a Water Conservation Study that was mandated by the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Wheeler explained the handouts regarding the different aquifers within the County. Mr. Wheeler stated the WPTF is also investigating water usage inside and outside the home as well as in commercial buildings.

d. **Environmental Concern Survey Initiatives Prioritization:**

1. **Review of Draft Letter to Commissioners & Enclosures**

Mr. Wheeler stated he has provided the letter and enclosures for review by the members. The members reviewed the information and made recommendations where necessary. Ms. King recommended adding a sentence or two stating we realize some of the items listed may already have mechanisms in place. It was the consensus of the Commission to include this.

2. **Draft Commissioners Briefing Discussion**

Mr. Wheeler stated he can prepare a briefing for the Commissioners and have it ready for the July meeting. Mr. Wheeler stated he would call Mr. Savich to see if a briefing is necessary. It was the consensus of the Commission to have Mr. Wheeler prepare the briefing

e. **Annual COE/Plumbing & Fuel Gas Board Expo Update**

Mr. Wheeler said that he had provided potential COE organizational attendees to Ms. Stuckert. This included lists provided by Susan Blake and Sandy Neville.

f. **Board of Appeals (BOA) & Recent Rulings & Court Actions**

Mr. Wheeler indicated that Ms. Stuckert had reported that since the Court Rulings, the BOA had not made any rulings counter to the recommendations of the Critical Area Commission and/or Land Use & Growth Management.

g. **Election of Vice-Chair**

Ms. King agreed to serve as the Vice Chair of the COE and she was unanimously elected by the group.

IV) **New Business:**

a. **Contest – Low Impact & Energy Consumption Footprint**

Mr. Thompson briefed the group on his idea for some form of contest that would award some form of prize to the homeowner with the most accomplishments. The group agreed to discuss this and other ideas at the next meeting.

b. **Possible Study Areas**

Postponed to the July meeting.

V) **Announcements:** None

VI) **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.