

MINUTES OF THE  
ST. MARY'S COUNTY COMMISSION ON THE ENVIRONMENT

February 6, 2013

Convened at 7pm, Potomac Building, Leonardtown, MD

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mike Thompson, Steve Tripp, Regan Hanson, Heather Moritz, Joshua Brewster

MEMBERS ABSENT: Lawrence Langley, Justin Barlow, Laura Friess, Mindy Rich, Paul DiBenedetto

OTHERS PRESENT: Paul Waxman, Jeffrey Jackman (Dept. of LUGM)

Chairman, Lawrence Langley, not being in attendance, and no Vice Chairperson or Secretary having been named, the five members present (having a quorum to conduct business) nominated and unanimously named Joshua Brewster as Interim Secretary and Mike Thompson as Interim Vice Chairman until annual election of officers in July—as per COE by-laws.

Introductions of those present were made, including newest members Joshua Brewster (attorney recently moved from Indiana) and Regan Hanson (Navy pilot from Charlotte Hall). It is understood among those present that Barry is no longer a member of the COE.

Discussion was had about COE's involvement in Leonardtown's annual Earth Day festival on Sunday, April 21. It is agreed that COE will participate in lieu of Green Expo, although COE may organize a Green Expo in the fall, if funding remains available. COE apparently has a budget of approximately \$1200 for this purpose. The consensus for Earth Day is to have some sort of planting for kids to participate in (seedlings, trees, etc.). Heather Moritz provided a price list of possible give-aways with COE name inscribed. It was also suggested to contact local nurseries about donating potting soil and/or plants for this purpose. Another idea was to have some sort of recycling "game" for kids to educate about and encourage home recycling. Joshua and Regan will research tree prices/availability. Joshua will contact Leonardtown about reserving a couple spaces for COE at Earth Day 2013.

A bit of discussion was had about the county's Watershed Implementation Plan. Sue Vieth had emailed several WIP documents earlier in the day, but some members had not received these. Members will review these documents and Sue will plan to attend the March meeting to explain and take questions. Joshua suggested to Jeffrey Jackman that a representative of LUGM plan to attend COE meetings monthly or bi-monthly to give a brief update or presentation on current issues effecting county development and environmental impacts. Many of the members do not have an environmental background and such information could be most informative and help guide the COE's priorities.

Steve Tripp explained status of COE website. He has developed the template but needs to begin building content and asked for member input on such content. He is considering a Google webpage, as that could allow immediate upload of minutes and other document and data sharing. Regan offered his assistance, as he too has some experience with web development.

Meeting was adjourned at 8pm.