



CENTER FOR THE INLAND BAYS CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Draft Meeting Minutes
September 15, 2016

CAC Members Present

Susie Ball, CAC Chair
Ptery Iris, CAC Secretary
John Austin

John Austin
Steve Britz
Jocelyn Wardrup

Absent – Dennis Bartow

Gary Cannon
Pete Keenan
Cheryl Rehrig
Gary Taylor

CIB Staff Present

Chris Bason, Executive Director
Sally Boswell, Education & Outreach Coordinator
Steve Maternick, Development Coordinator
Emily Seldomridge, Watershed Coordinator

Members of the Public

Ian Kaufman
Nancy Steckle

CALL TO ORDER

Susie Ball called the meeting to order at 5:07 P.M., welcoming and introducing newcomers.

PRESENTATION

Chris Bason presented "The Role of Buffer Systems in the Inland Bays Pollution Control Strategy", in which he outlined the history of 35+ years of efforts to protect waterside buffers in Delaware.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Janet Strickler is doing well after surgery but has put CAC membership on hold. Loretta, Administrative Specialist, is retiring after 17 years.

Susie Ball thanked the CAC for lots of effective work this year.

The Sussex County Comprehensive Plan is being rewritten as opposed to updated. Public hearings will be held on 9/26/16 at Lewes Fire Dept. on Janice Road, on 9/27 at Millsboro Town Center, on 9/29 at Seaford Fire Hall, on 10/4 at Georgetown Fire Hall, and on 10/5 at Millville at Millville Fire Hall. See details at sussexplan.com.

The League of Women Voters' public land use forums and Q&A sessions, "What Drives DelDOT", will occur on 9/21/16 and 11/16/16 at the Sussex County Council Chambers.

BREAK

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Steve Maternick introduced himself; he is CIB's new Development Coordinator.

CIB's State of the Bays Report will be presented on 11/15/16 at the STAC meeting at the Hyatt in Dewey Beach, followed by a press conference.

BUSINESS MEETING

Approval of Minutes of June 16, 2016. Steve moved to approve the minutes as amended (Jocelyn's surname Wardrup, not Robinson); Jocelyn seconded. All were in favor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Outreach – Sally will create a page on the CIB website for public comment on the Sussex County comprehensive plan.

Residential Turf Fertilization

CAC's recommendations went to the CIB Board. Chris, Emily, and Susie met with Secretaries Key and Small and Chris Bosch of Agriculture. Emily was commended on her hard work and detailed reporting, and received a grant for her study of reforestation buffers. CIB and Ag worked hard over the summer on recommendations of nutrient amendments.

CAC Diversity

Ian Kaufman, environmental consultant, and Greg Goldman, realtor, are interested in CAC membership. CAC is still seeking educators, farmers, boaters.

Bacterial Contamination

The CIB Board approved the CAC's recommendation and we await a plan.

Open Space

This committee met for the first time this week, and is exploring many aspects. An inventory of existing open spaces would be useful. Emily suggested a map of GIS layers. Should Dennis Forney be a future speaker? Sally recommends talking to Land Trust.

NEW BUSINESS

CAC recommendations for the 2018 Sussex County Comprehensive Plan included revised forest buffers, wastewater management, storm water management, and preservation of open space for public recreation and education. A 5th category, concerning development density, was approved for addition, after comment and approval, to the CAC's list of recommendations to amend Sussex County's plan. This motion was proposed by John Austin, seconded by Jocelyn Wardrup, and all were in favor.

Meeting ADJOURNED 7:50 PM. The next meeting will be held on Nov. 17, 2016. Minutes respectfully submitted by Ptery Iris, Secretary.