

CENTER FOR THE INLAND BAYS
CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Draft Meeting Minutes

January 19, 2017

CAC MEMBERS PRESENT

Steve Britz, Vice Chair, Ptery Iris, Gary Taylor, Pete Keenan, Ian Kaufman, John Austin, Cheryl Rehrig,

ABSENT

Susie Ball, Dennis Bartow, Gary Cannon, Jocelyn Wardrup

CIB STAFF

Chris Bason, Steve Maternick,

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Ab Ream, George Junkin, Mike Dunmeyer

CALL TO ORDER

Steve Britz called the meeting to order at 5:00pm

Pledge of Allegiance

PRESENTATION

Speaker: Rich Phifer- *Land Acquisition Planner –State of Delaware, Division of Fish and Wildlife*

BREAK

BUSINESS MEETING

Introductions

Approval of minutes

Motion to accept: Pete Keenan, Seconded Cheryl Rehrig. Minutes approved unanimously.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Chris Bason

1. Two reforestation projects were completed in December. One was at Bull's Eye Ferry Landing and the other at Angola neck. 350 lbs of nitrogen will be absorbed by the trees at Bull's Eye as well as carbon. The trees will also provide a habitat for migratory birds.
2. State of the Bays report – some improvements in quality confirmed and some not. It all comes back to funding from the state and their investment in clean water.
3. Living shorelines study. Top 6 of the applicants were awarded for demonstration projects. Funding now being sought for these projects.
4. Annual appeal Chris thanked CAC for contributing. Private support increased this year.
5. Improvements to James farm including signage.

6. Change management of Wolfe Neck waste water treatment plan to partner with CIB. Reforest the area. County has approved the large budget it will take. Planting will occur in 2018. Wastewater will still be disposed. No agriculture in future, Trail system will be buffered from spray irrigation.
7. Updates to CAC initiatives:
 - Burton's Island update awaiting from DNREC.
 - No funding for fertilizer legislation at this time. Will keep pushing.
 - Bacteria source tracking is progressing
 - Sussex County Comp Plan-
 - County open to talking about buffers. Position on storm water utility less optimistic.
 - Open space – wide interest in developing transfer of development rights
 - CAC involvement in Sussex Plan

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Outreach – Sally Boswell left the CIB as of yesterday. The CIB is recruiting to fill her position.

Residential Turf Fertilization

Not currently active. Need buy in from different groups. Need to wait for new administration in Dover. There will be new DNREC secretary and new AG secretary.

CAC Diversity

No report

Bacterial Contamination

Marianne will update us at the next meeting

Open Space

Committee discussed Sussex Land Trust. Not clear what they are able to do at this time. We hope that we could partnership with them in some projects. What can we contribute with large landowners? A discussion ensued as to whether the CAC could suggest certain tracts of land for acquisition but that is not role of the CAC. CAC could educate and outreach to discuss need for land preservation. CAC has already made recommendations through the board to the county regarding open space.

Suggestion was made that CAC needs to focus on what the open space should look like and make specific recommendations to the county plan.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:15

Minutes respectfully submitted by Susie Ball, CAC Chair from taped transcript.