

CENTER FOR THE INLAND BAYS
CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Draft Meeting Minutes
March 16, 2017

CAC Members in Attendance

Susie Ball CAC Chair, Steve Britz, CAC Vice Chair, Ptery Iris, Ab Ream, Pete Keenan, Cheryl Rehrig, Gary Taylor, John Austin

CIB Staff

Bob Collins, Emily Seldomridge,

Members of the Public

Charlie Garlow, Buzz Henifin

Speaker: *Danielle Swallow -Project Manager for the Resilient Community*

Partnership

DNREC Delaware Coastal Programs

"Sea level rise and flooding in the Inland Bays and coastal areas"

CALL TO ORDER

Susie Ball called the meeting to order at 5:45pm

Pledge of Allegiance

BUSINESS MEETING

Approval of minutes

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Emerging contaminants conference was very interesting and well-received
- New DNREC secretary – Shawn Garvin
- State Budget shortfall
- Ab Ream's application to join the CAC was approved at the last Board Meeting
- Jocelyn Wardrup resigned from the CAC to hike the Appalachian Trail

Executive Director report –Emily Seldomridge

- Update for the CCMP is underway.
- Review of the resolutions the CAC has sent to board to illustrate the work of the CAC in the recent past
- Recap of lawn fertilizer law proposal.
- All proposals to the Board must reflect issues in the CCMP

May CAC meeting time will be devoted to lead a discussion on the CCMP update

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Residential Turf Fertilization – On hold pending new secretary and budget constraints. To implement legislation would necessitate 2 employees to enforce the law. Therefore there is a need for a fiscal note tied to the legislation

CAC Diversity

Pete Keenan has been working hard. Continue to look for CAC members in underrepresented groups: Teachers, town council, real estate etc.

Bacterial Contamination

Studies are underway on Love Creek by DNREC.

Steve Britz voiced concern regarding the lack of feedback from DNREC about their studies and not permitting our committee to know of updates.

Gary Taylor brought up the concerns of residents of Dirickson Creek regarding bacterial contaminants and sediment.

Open Space

Final recommendations pending from Jocelyn Wardrup.

Steve Britz summarized progress to date:

- Encourage preservation of non-tidal wetlands. Kent County has 25 foot buffer. None in Sussex
- Recreation -preserving open space around tributaries for access by the local populace.
- Placement of information on the access points to the bay.
- Establishment of Public Parks department in Sussex County.
- Ab reported Nanticoke tribe owns waterfront property, which needs an infusion of money due to its dilapidation.
- There are only two county in Sussex -James Farm and a woodland park.
- Open Space is an item on the Sussex County Comprehensive Plan.

Outreach

- We are reenergizing committee. Outreach is a critical part of CIB mission.
- Volunteers for an Outreach committee - Ptery, Steve, Ab, Susie, Cheryl, Gary Taylor,
- Date set for first meeting March 28,2017.
- Talking points come from CCMP

Role of CAC in Sussex County Comprehensive Plan for 2018

We reviewed dates of meetings of Planning and Zoning discussing Comprehensive Plan. CAC Members encouraged to attend.

Meet with council members is another approach for CAC to participate.

Public Comments

Buzz Henifin – a past CAC chair. Town of Fenwick Island has an active environmental committee, which is promoting a project cleaning up the streets, on earth day. They have lobbied to stop cigarette smoking on the beach. Working with Steve Maternick to have a table on Earth day. Buzz invited CAC members to join in their clean up. .

Charlie Garlow, Citizens Climate lobby. Interested in outreach also. Chris Bason was a cosponsor for a film showing on sea level rise. He is also scheduled to speak to at a forum for the group.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:30pm.

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