

Citizens Advisory Committee

Meeting Notes



DELAWARE CENTER FOR THE
INLAND BAYS
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DATE & TIME: *THUR Jan 17, 2019 at 5-7PM*

LOCATION: *Center for the Inland Bays*

39375 Inlet Road, Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971

Meeting called by: Claire Simmers, Committee Chair

Attendees:

CAC: Gary Cannon, Pete Keenan, Cheryl Rehrig, Claire Simmers, Janet Strickler, Gary Taylor, Richard Watson; CAC Remote: Bob Linett

CAC Absent: Dennis Barstow, Ian Kauffman

CIB and CIB Board: Amy Barra, Chris Bason, Susie Ball

Provisional: Tom Brett

Guest: Sumner Crosby

AGENDA ITEMS

Next meeting Thursday April 11, 2019 5:00pm – 7:00pm

I. Call to order, Welcome and Introductions

II. Meeting agenda review and approval of minutes for: November 08, 2018

Moved by Cheryl and seconded by Pete

Vote: 6-0-2 (Richard and Gary)

III. Presentation DNREC - Indian River Power Plant (NRG Energy) coal ash landfills

Alison Kiliszek, Engineer

Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control

Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Section (SHWMS)

Jason Sunde, SHWMS Administrator

IV. CIB Announcements and Reports – 2018 Top 10 Success presented by Chris Bason

V. CAC Announcements, Claire Simmers, CAC chair – Bob Linett’s CAC membership application approved by CIB Board of Directors, December 14, 2018.

VI. CAC Wraparound – “The issues or concerns about the bays I heard since our last meeting are...”

Susie: Safety in bays and creeks; and eating fish and crabs from the Inland Bays

Pete: vitality of the Bays and point source pollution from sewer and septic; decline in fishing

Sumner: sea level rise; Bethany flooding; degradation of wetlands

Tom: Allen Harim/Vlastic – questions still; Oceana and off-shore drilling; How to spend the \$19 mil EPSCoR grant to address inland bays challenges. (A new five-year, \$19.2 million Research Infrastructure Improvement (RII) grant from the National Science Foundation’s Established Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR) will help Delaware develop solutions to water issues related to human,

economic and ecosystem health. In addition to the federal award, the state of Delaware has committed \$3.8 million in support of this initiative – <http://projectwicced.org>).

Richard: counter negative building practices and continued growth; spray fields – don't work in this area

Janet: administration in DC approving seismic blasting; Governors on record to oppose

Gary Taylor: state of the creeks – phragmites; EPSCoR funding to fit algae; chemical spraying is not the answer

Cheryl: from the vantage of her gardening business she sees non-native species being sold by many other garden centers and uncontrollable spraying as major issues.

Gary Cannon: seemingly uncontrolled growth; need tree planting in Rehoboth-Lewes canal to rebuild after sewer pipeline construction to the ocean;

Claire: quality of the bays so we can enjoy fishing, swimming and wildlife.

Bob: storm water ponds-functionality and aesthetics are questionable; tax ditches need help.

Developments and agriculture need to work to improve the quality of the environment

VII. CAC Committee Reports

A. Standing committees of CAC

1. CAC Membership and Recruiting – Tom Brett has completed his application; Sumner Crosby attending first meeting and considering applying. Claire is meeting with Paulette Rappa on Jan 23 to discuss membership
 - a. Members: CAC vice chair, chair; Claire (CAC chair); Amy Barra (Outreach and Education Coordinator); and one CAC member
 - b. Responsibilities: recruiting, on-boarding, and term tracking
2. CAC Outreach and Education – Amy will be reaching out for speakers on Clean Water
 - a. Members: Members: Amy Barra (Outreach and Education Coordinator), Susan Ball; Pete Keenan; Cheryl Rehrig; Gary Taylor
 - b. Responsibilities: outreach and education to accomplish goals of CCMP
 - c. Opportunities - Amy Barra reported a goal is to have 50 presentations in 5 months
3. CAC Environmental Toxins Issues
 - a. Ash Tracking at Burton Islands – report from DNREC. Discussion followed and it was agreed this was an issue CAC would like to pursue. We would like to invite someone from Burton Island to discuss.
 - b. Creeks – no report
Members: Claire Simmers; Bob Linett; Gary Taylor
4. CAC Issues Committees
 - a. CAC Climate Change – Richard – collecting and organizing information. Possible presentation at June 20, 2019 meeting
Members: Richard Watson, chair; Janet Strickler; Claire Simmers; Dennis Bartow; Ian Kaufman; Sumner Crosby
 - b. CAC Buffers and Density Ordinances – no report
Members: Ian Kauffmann

VIII. CAC Business

- A. 2019 CAC meetings – Jan 17, Apr 11, June 20, Nov 07.

- B. Open Officer CAC positions: - still remain open; we will rotate note taking until secretary filled
 - 1. Vice Chair - The Vice-Chair shall conduct CAC meetings in the Chair's absence and be the chair of the Membership and Recruiting Committee
 - 2. Secretary - The Secretary shall send out meeting notices with the agenda, record minutes of all meetings of the CAC and work with the Executive Director to maintain CAC records and documents.
- C. Discussion and vote on update CAC Operating Rules
 - 1. Changes approved 8-0-0
 - 2. Claire will forward to the CIB Board Executive Committee

IX. Open Forum – no comments

X. Adjourned 7:00pm