

MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 4, 2017
TO: Mason Dixon Task Force
FROM: Robert Thaeler, Vice-Chairperson
SUBJECT: Minutes of February 9, 2017 Meeting

Attendees at the Mason-Dixon Task Force Meeting were:

Jason Boothe	Cecil County
Moe Davenport	Harford County
Matt Kropp	Harford County
Bryan Lightner	Harford County
Tony McClune	Harford County
Robert Thaeler	Adams County
Erin Wisnieski	Baltimore County

I. Administrative:

- **Minutes of the November 17, 2016 Meeting.**

The minutes of the November 17, 2016 meeting were mailed to the members. Mr. Boothe motioned to approve the minutes. Ms. Wisnieski seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

- **Treasurer's Report.**

No report was available.

- **Correspondence.**

No written correspondence was received.

- **Nominating Committee.**

The members reviewed the recommendation of the Nominating Committee provided at the November 17, 2016 meeting. Ms. Wisnieski motioned to approve the recommendation of the Nominating Committee. Mr. Boothe seconded the motion. The Nominating Committee's recommended slate of officers was approved. Officers for the 2017 calendar year are as follows:

Tony McClune – Chair
Robert Thaeler – Vice-Chair
Carrie Conwell – Treasurer

- **Auditing Committee**

Mr. Boothe presented the findings of the Auditing Committee regarding calendar year 2016 finances. The Auditing Committee did not find any issues with the financial reports. Mr. Thaeler motioned to accept the findings of the Auditing Committee. Ms. Wisnieski seconded the motion. The Auditing Committee's report was approved.

- **Membership Update**

Mr. McClune confirmed that Martin Wollaston has officially retire. He indicated that Mr. Wollaston intends to attend future Task Force meetings as an emeritus member. BJ Decoursey and Martha Corrozi Navaez will represent the Institute for Public Administration's Water Resources Agency on the Task Force.

II. Discussion of County Host Program

The members continued discussion from the November 17, 2017 meeting regarding potential County Host Programs for the 2017 calendar year. The potential programs discussed included the following.

Adams County: Mr. Thaeler presented a short write-up of a potential program in Adams County focused on the Adams County Fruitbelt, a copy of which is attached to the minutes. Members expressed interest in the Knouse Foods Cooperative facilities tour component, especially if an environmental element could be incorporated.

Cecil County: Mr. Boothe indicated that he is continuing to try to contact Excelon for a facility tour. He also indicated that he could contact representatives at the new gas fired power plan in the County for a facilities tour.

<< Is Wildcat Point the name of the facility. I missed the facility name in my notes. R>>

Delaware Program: Mr. McClune indicated that he would continue to work with Mr. Wollaston on the potential Fort Delaware program.

Baltimore County: Ms. Wisnieski indicated that she had spoken with Steve Stewart regarding potential programs. She indicated that the Sparrows Point facilities tour remains to be their preferred program idea.

The members agreed that the host program discussion will continue at the next Task Force meeting on April 13, 2017. The goal will be to decide on a program, and confirm the program date and budget. Included in the budget discussion will be a decision as to whether the Task Force will assist with registration cost.

III. Topics for Next Meeting

Mr. McClune indicated that he would contact Mr. Decoursey and Ms. Corrozi Navaez regarding potential topics for the April 13, 2017 meeting at the University of Delaware.

IV. Upcoming Meetings

The members confirmed the Task Force meeting schedule for the remainder of the calendar year. The schedule is as follows:

August 17, 2017 – Adams County (changed date from August 10, 2017)

November 9, 2017 – Baltimore County (changed location from Harford County)

February 8, 2018 – York County

V. Harford County Presentation

Mr. Lightner provided a presentation regarding the green infrastructure planning in Harford County. In 2016, Harford County completed a report titled “A Green Infrastructure Vision for Harford County, MD.” The report was developed in conjunction with the Community Assistance Planning Team program of the American Planning Association, and was completed in September, 2016.

The effort focused on performing a community visioning process to obtain resident feedback on implementing a green infrastructure plan. Development of such a plan is an important recommendation of HarfordNEXT, the county’s comprehensive / master plan. The visioning process identified four primary benefits of green infrastructure planning – clean water, wildlife habitat, forest connectivity, and natural areas.

The process identified a range of recommendations focused on trying to achieve the green infrastructure benefits identified during the visioning process. A broad landscape approach involving a broad coalition of stakeholders is recommended to unify green infrastructure efforts across the community. Significant discussion regarding the need to identify and involve a broad range of stakeholders and to develop appropriate public education is provided in the report.

Finally, the report discusses next steps that should be taken to advance the green infrastructure vision. These steps include a grant program focused on providing riparian forest buffers, a Watersheds Stewards Academy program, and the development of a formal green infrastructure plan.

VI. Adjournment:

With no further business, Ms. Wisnieski motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Boothe seconded the motion. The Task Force meeting was adjourned at 12:10 PM.