

**COMMISSION ON THE ENVIROMENT MINUTES**  
**Commissioners Conference Room**  
**Minutes of April 2, 2008**

COE Members present were Barne Wheeler, Marta Kelsey, Sandy Neville, Bill Shreve, Caroline Miller, Daryl Calvano and Frank Allen. Members absent were Troy Hansen and Susan Blake. Others present were Sue Veith and Christina Allen.

I) **Call to Order:** Mr. Wheeler called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

It was decided to take item III.f. out of order. **Critical Area Study Power Point Presentation:** Ms. Veith reviewed the a power point presentation with the Committee. Power point presentation is available on file at the Department of Land Use & Growth Management.

II) **Discussion & Approval of November Meeting Minutes:** A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of March 5, 2008 as presented.

III) **Continuing Business:**

- a. **Update on COE Letter on the Adequate Public Facilities Proposal:** Mr. Wheeler stated the Planning Commission public hearing was held in regards to the APF Proposal. Mr. Wheeler stated the current wording calls for the three current school zones to be combined into one zone covering the entire county. Mr. Wheeler stated he noticed the 70% of development in development districts language is not in the current document. Mr. Wheeler stated both changes are different than originally discussed by the COE. Mr. Wheeler asked if the Commission would support revising and resending the original letter. Ms. Veith stated the 70% rule is located in the annual growth policy, which should be separately adopted. Mr. Wheeler stated he would contact Jeff Jackman regarding these issues and update the Commission at the next meeting.
- b. **Update on Water Supply Concerns:** Mr. Calvano stated there has been no change in Charles County Health Department appropriations& permits process. Mr. Shreeve stated the management level is going down and Charles County is looking to optimize the drawdown by staggering pumps and other measures. Mr. Wheeler asked if there was a need for a meeting with all three counties. Ms. Veith stated House Bill 11 will have all counties deal with their own water issues. Ms. Veith stated each county must come up with their own strategy. Mr. Wheeler stated time will be devoted to this topic at the next WPTF meeting and he will report back to this Commission in June.
- c. **Update on COE Gray Water Letter:** Mr. Calvano stated this item would be discussed at the April 9, 2008 Plumbing and ?? Board meeting.
- d. **Go Green! Save Gr\$\$n Forum:** Next Meeting
  1. **Thank You Letters Discussion & Approval:** It was decided that Mr. Wheeler would sign the letters. Mr. Hartwick stated he would forward the master list with all the contact information to Mr. Wheeler.
  2. **Forum Improvements:** This will be 1<sup>st</sup> on the May agenda for discussion.
- e. **Solid Waste Issue:** Mr. Wheeler asked if there was anything else that needed to be discussed regarding this issue? Ms. Miller stated we were supposed to place the list of recycling items on the website for Mr. James. Mr. Wheeler stated he would follow up with Mr. James and clarify curbside pick up.
- f. **Critical Area Study:**

1. **Handout of Critical Area Power Point Presentation:** See above
2. **Critical Area Review by LUGM:** Next Meeting
3. **Discussion on Content and Approach for COE Study:** Next Meeting

**3.a. The Critical Area Commission:** Ms. Veith stated membership is determined by State Senate.

**3.b. Existing Zoning Rules:** Ms. Veith stated these regulations are being revised and the update should be finished by July.

**3.c. New Rules Needed:** Next Meeting

**3.d. Obtaining Rule Variances:** Next Meeting

**3.e. Inspection Process:** Next Meeting

**3.f. Enforcement Process:** Next Meeting

**3.g. Violation Penalties:** Next Meeting

4. **How to Accomplish:** Next Meeting

g. **Land Subsidence Update:** Next Meeting

h. **Name Tags:** Ms. Stuckert stated she would look into this and update the Commission via email.

**IV) New Business:**

a. **Earth Day:** It was discussed and Mr. Hartwick, Ms. Kelsey, Mr. Wheeler, Mr. Allen, and Ms. Miller volunteered to help out for earth day. It was decided to discuss who could help with what via email.

b. **Green Building Task Force ala WPTF:** Next Meeting

c. **Oyster vs. Menhaden Restoration Initiative:** Next Meeting

**V) Announcements:** None

**VI) Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m