

St Mary's County Commission on the Environment

Commission meeting called to order in Room 14 at 7 pm on Nov 6, 2013

Attendees:

Justin Barlow

Heather Moritz

Mindy Johnson

Steve Tripp

Mike Thompson

Sue Veith

Paul Waxman

With the commission without a chairman after the resignation of Larry Langley due to a career change, there was a motion and a second to elect Justin Barlow as chairman. Justin was elected by a vote of 5 for, 0 against.

Much of the meeting discussion was of a general nature of the direction of our commission with the major item being recycling, and the need to encourage recycling. It was noted that one strong force in this effort is the young students. If given information, many of these students will encourage a family effort to increase the recycling effect.

Justin will pursue efforts with the school system to promote the Trex Company plastic bag recycling initiative.

Mindy will look into the options to reemphasize the recycling signage at the County convenience centers.

It was also discussed that several members take on particular subject matters. This would encourage individual members to report on particular environmental topics. For instance, Mike Thompson will work on developing information on renewable energy initiatives and the overall health of our County forests.

Submitted by

Mike Thompson