

**ELMS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
POTOMAC BUILDING \* LEONARDTOWN, MD  
10:00 A.M. MAY 11, 2011  
Minutes**

Members present were Derick Berlage, David Gailey, Tracy Lumpkins on behalf of Brad Clements, Gayle Moreland on behalf of Pete Dunbar, Steve Riley, Phil Rollins, and David Heilmier.

Members excused were Dr. Robert Paul and Charles Cameron.

Others present were George Sparling, County Attorney; Angela Blondino, Paralegal; Kelly Palmer, Environmental Planner; and Jada Stuckert, Recording Secretary.

Mr. Berlage called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and asked for additions or amendments to the agenda.

**I. Approval of Minutes – January 14, 2011**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of 01/14/11 as presented. The motion passed without opposition.

**II. New Business - None**

**III. Unfinished Business**

**a. Update on By-Laws**

Ms. Stuckert stated after discussions with the County Attorney regarding the by-laws, the question was raised as to whether or not they are actually necessary for this Committee therefore she has invited the County Attorney to join this discussion. Mr. Sparling stated after his review of COMAR it seems this is actually a State mandated Committee and the County has no authority except for the appointment of members. Mr. Sparling stated taking this into consideration, it is not necessary for the Committee to have by-laws. Mr. Sparling stated if the Committee chooses to adopt by-laws his office would be willing to assist in the process.

Mr. Heilmier stated if the Committee chooses to adopt by-laws, he would like to see the State assist in the appointment of the citizen members. Mr. Heilmier stated he was disappointed that the County Commissioners did not approve the Committee's previous recommendation and appointed someone of their own choosing. Mr. Sparling explained if the rest of the Committee agrees with this statement we would need to send a request to the County Commissioners via resolution. Mr. Rollins stated he sees this as a potential conflict as the State and County have not worked jointly in the past. Mr. Rollins stated he feels comfortable with the Committee operating without by-laws considering we only meet twice a year and there is not much business to attend to. Mr. Riley made a motion to table the by-laws indefinitely and Mr. Heilmier seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**b. Update on Proposed Solar Photovoltaic Electric Generating Facility**

Ms. Moreland stated the project is moving along as the request has gone out for any vendor interested in the project. Ms. Moreland stated she is unsure of the closing date. Ms. Moreland stated she would keep the Committee updated on the project as it moves along.

**c. Update from Power Plant Research Division**

Ms. Moreland stated the demolition of the abandoned houses has been put on hold due to funding constraints. Ms. Moreland stated if we can not receive funding there will be stipulations placed in the Photovoltaic Electric Generating Facility contract to have the developer demolish the houses.

**d. Update from Wildlife & Heritage Division**

Mr. Heilmier stated the new parking area has been created and seems to be working really well. Mr. Heilmier thanked Mr. Rollins for his help and support in this project.

**e. Update from Forestry**

Mr. Gailey stated the Elms property has been de-certified and will not be participating as a tree farm any longer as it does not meet the requirements for a tree farm. Mr. Gailey stated this should not affect the property at all.

**f. Update from Land Use and Growth Management**

None

**g. Update from Schools**

None

**h. Update from Recreation and Parks**

Mr. Rollins stated the County Commissioners approved fees being charged at Myrtle Point Park and Elms Beach. Mr. Rollins provided members with the fee schedule. Mr. Riley asked if there would be an exception for members of the military. Mr. Rollins stated military members would receive the County Resident rate with a valid military ID.

Mr. Rollins stated he has added a project in the Capital Improvement Plan 2017-2018 for park improvements i.e. parking, picnic areas, etc. Mr. Rollins also reported that his office is gearing up for the hunting season.

**i. Update from Educational Center**

None

**IV. Additional Business**

**a. Annual Report**

Ms. Stuckert stated the May meeting is supposed to be considered the Annual meeting in which we discuss and finalize the Annual Report. Ms. Stuckert stated the County Administrator's Office has recently requested that Annual Reports be completed on a calendar year basis rather than a fiscal year basis. Ms. Stuckert stated taking this into consideration she recommends that the next meeting be held in November. Ms. Stuckert stated she would draft the Annual Report in October and email it to each member for recommendations and amendments, and then the November meeting could be used for final touch ups and approval of the Annual Report. The Committee agreed.

**V. Next Steps**

Annual Report meeting in November

**VI. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:48 a.m. with the next meeting estimated for November 2011.