

June 11, 1968

Present: F. Elliott Burch
J. Wilmer Bowles
George R. Aud

Meeting convened at 10:00 a.m.

Waterfront Sites Study

Mr. E. Curley, Capt. J. Henderson, Mr. Laidag. Presented study made of sites in St. Mary's County, to determine what is actually in the county, where sites are, where they might be, etc. Mr. Curley said there are some areas that should be used by the watermen, some for recreation, and some areas that should be public and others that should be developed to serve just a specific community. An example of the latter would be St. Clements Shores, as heavy traffic going and coming from the landing would be detrimental to the community.

Mr. Curley said they have tried to select six areas of the county and arrive at a priority system to best serve the citizens of the county. If we could develop one site per year over a period of five to ten years, we could provide good public access to the waterfront in the county. A commitment will have to be made to develop the sites. Then we can get help from CBA for the development of facilities at the sites, as they will grant up to \$5,000 for such development of facilities. In some cases, more than one grant can be gotten for the same site, for a ramp, dredging or parking, and there is a possibility of a third grant for additional work at the site.

The biggest problem will be the land costs, and we must acquire enough land to handle the boat trailers, parking and turn around areas, and ramp areas, and this would require approximately 1½ acres. These areas would need to have a buffer zone where people could have picnics, etc., so actually we are talking about an area of 3 - 5 acres. Therefore, this would be an expensive piece of land, but it will serve a great many people, and we must preserve the access to our rivers and the bay. We can get federal and state help, up to 75% of the cost of the land after July 1st. Mr. Curley stated that the 40-50' right-of-way that have heretofore been called public landings, will no longer be suitable.

Mr. John Mills came into the meeting. Mr. Laidig pointed out that we have some points of public access that are not very expandable and need to be examined in detail to determine what potential they have for the people in the immediate neighborhood. We must also find out where the plats of public ownership are and if these are not available, the court will have to decide. There might also be some areas in the planning study that are not in the report they are presenting today, that might be just as important and should be considered.

Capt. Henderson said they are very anxious to do something with this study and not just set it aside, and are asking that consideration be given to doing one site, in Leonardtown. They will get together and set up priorities and will probably ask Mr. Laidig for professional advice in this respect. Foxwell Point might be considered for development as a park and public landing, and it might be well to try to acquire the entire 25 acres in this particular parcel.

Trailer - H. A. Smith, Jr.

Mr. H. A. Smith, Jr., owns a piece of land, 3/10th's of an acre, beside his brother-in-law, Ford Hayden, and he is requesting a building permit to place a trailer here. He has had a percolation test made and is going to install an artesian well. The regulations call for 20,000 sq. ft. of land, and Mr. Smith said his parcel contains approximately 13,000, but his inlaw will give him 9,000 sq. ft. in 4 years. The bank has agreed to let him have the land, and so has Mr. Hayden, but the second mortgage holder will not sign the release. Mr. Smith said he has the money to go ahead with the well and sewage system, and when his brother-in-law gives him the additional property, his lot will be 100 by 110. He has had the land surveyed, also.

Mr. Burch informed Mr. Smith that the 20,000 sq. ft. requirement is set by the Health Department, and the latter stated that he was told the matter was up to the Commissioners as they created the regulations, but he did know the 20,000 sq. ft. was a Health Department regulation. After further discussion, the Commissioners agreed that Mr. Smith should draft a lease with his brother-in-law for the 9,000 sq. ft. needed, for the use of the water and sewage facilities, and state in the lease that he will have the right of purchase at the end of the five year period. A copy of the lease should be attached to the percolation test when Mr. Smith applies for the building permit. Mr. Smith agreed to this method of handling the matter.

County Attorney

Mr. David Williams discussed this position with the Commissioners, as Mr. Guyther wants to resign and has suggested that the Commissioners consider the former to replace him. Mr. Williams said he was interested, and that he would have no problem being with the Commissioners on Tuesday's. On Monday, court is usually over by one or two o'clock, and he could be with the Commissioners at their afternoon executive session on that day.

General discussion of what would be expected of Mr. Williams, and he stated he has a full-time secretary in his office. He was informed that any secretarial work concerning the Commissioners Office would be done by the Commissioners secretary. Mr. Williams left the meeting to allow the Commissioners time to discuss salary and when he returned was told that the Commissioners had agreed to pay him the \$4800 appropriated for this position. Mr. Williams stated that Mr. Guyther told him he will work with him for the last weeks of June, to help him get acquainted with the position. Then Mr. Guyther will resign as of July 1st. It was agreed that this

matter should be kept confidential until such time as Mr. Guyther submits his resignation, and that Mr. Williams would begin work July 1.

Mr. Guyther came into the meeting, and stated he will sit with the Commissioners and Mr. Williams without pay until July 1st, terminating his pay period as of June 15th. Mr. Guyther said he will issue a statement to the papers regarding his resignation.

Sanitary Fills

Mr. Pantaleo reviewed the matter of need for advertising for maintenance of the fills, as Mr. Wise's contract for this work expires June 30th, and there is no clause that allows us to renew this by negotiation.

Discussion concerning Health Department requirement concerning land fills, and Mr. Pantaleo said we can write a letter stating that we are trying to acquire sites and will comply with the law, and would like to have technical advice to effect the required provisions, and we will be given a grace period on the burning until such time as we can put the land fill operation into effect. We have to at least go on record as trying to do what is required. The Commissioners agreed that the letter should be sent as outlined by Mr. Pantaleo.

Mr. Burch mentioned that signs will have to be posted on the Willows Road fill to inform the public that this facility will be closed, and the Commissioners agreed that this should be done. Mr. Pantaleo will take care of this.

County Engineer's Secretary

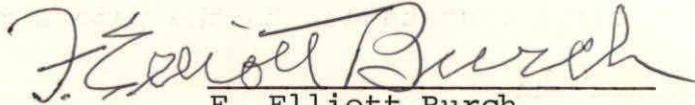
Mr. Pantaleo asked that consideration be given to hiring a temporary secretary to replace Mrs. Connelly, who will be leaving on Monday, June 17th, and suggested that Mrs. Barbara (Wise) Tippet be hired, and placed on probation for 6 months. After some discussion, the Commissioners agreed that Mrs. Tippet would be employed on a temporary basis, and that this position would have to be advertised for competitive examination, and Mrs. Tippet would have to participate and earn a satisfactory grade to be considered. At the present time, there are no candidates on our eligible list.

Tudor Hall Restoration

The Commissioners approved the application to be submitted to the federal government for funds for restoration of the library facility, in the amount of \$95,350, and resolved that the Board of Library Trustees should proceed to file the application, and also that the county will provide the balance of the costs from funds available to it. Total cost of the project is \$190,700.00.

Meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Approved,



F. Elliott Burch
President