



GREATER SEVERNA PARK COUNCIL
Meeting
Severna Park Library
June 12 2012
Minutes



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Meeting was called to order at 7:29 pm by Vice President Albert Johnston acting on behalf of President Jerry Pesterfield scheduled to arrive later in the meeting. Mr. Johnston welcomed new attendees from following communities: Round Bay, Chartridge, Severna Enclave, Lothian, Shipley's Choice, and Linstead-Lakewood.

Adoption of Secretary's Report: Mr. Johnston motioned for approval of the May 8, 2012 Minutes distributed to the full membership by email. No comments or corrections were received. Motion to approve the Secretary's Report was unanimously approved as submitted and filed for the record.

Adoption of Treasurer's Report: Steve Poland, Treasurer, presented the following Treasurer's Report dated June 12, 2012.

Account balances (as of 05/31/2012)

BB&T checking	= \$ 7,030.93
SmithBarney money market	= \$ 829.23
SmithBarney CDs (5)	= \$25,000.00

Beautification Trust Fund
(closed 10/2011)

Account activity in May

BB&T

Dues Deposited	= \$ 245.00
Checks cleared	
--2191	= \$ (11.22)
Service charge	= \$ (2.00)

SmithBarney

Money Market	= \$ 0.00
Interest	= \$ 0.00
CDs	
--matured	= \$ 0.00
--purchased	= \$ 0.00

BankAnnapolis (Beautification Fund)
(closed 10/2011)

Membership Update

- 48 Communities are in "Good Standing" – paid 2012 dues
- 10 Communities no longer eligible to vote in 2012 since dues are unpaid to date: Chartwood, Evergreen, Fair Oaks, Jennings Road, Linstead, North Severna Park, Oakleigh Forest, Sheffield Park, Tam Glade, Williams Woods
- Former member Communities: Arundel Plaza, Berrywood Ridge, East Earleigh Heights, Jones CA, McKinsey Park, McKinsey Woods, Severn Heights

Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted was unanimously approved and filed for the record for audit purposes.

- **GUEST SPEAKERS – BG&E-New Smart Meters are Coming to Your Neighborhood:** Mr. Johnston introduced BG&E guest speakers Ronald Hokemeyer, Change Management Lead-Smart Grid, Don Dasher and Rachael Lighty, Corporate Communications. The following overview and explanation of the features of “smart grids” and “smart meters” was provided:

Project Overview: BGE has begun the three-year project to change the electric meters and upgrade the gas meters for all BGE residential and commercial customers. The Maryland Public Service Commission has permitted this initiative and BGE was selected by the U.S. Department of Energy to receive a \$200 million federal grant to help cover the costs of this gas and electric modernization effort. The features of the meters will be rolled out over time. Early benefits will relate to lower operational costs. Later, BGE expects this modernization to result in more opportunities for customers to better manage energy use and save money. Throughout the effort, BGE will continue to provide customers with the necessary information and education about BGE’s smart meter initiative and what can be expected along the way. Later in 2012, customers with new meters will be able to see their detailed energy usage on a new website that will also provide tools for conserving energy.

Can customers ask utilities not to install devices? Maryland’s Public Service Commission currently allows customers to “defer” Smart Meters Installations pending a final decision by the Commission. Utilities shall refrain from installing a smart meter in the home or business of any customer who notifies the utility in writing that they do not wish to have a smart meter installed. Also, customers who already have smart meters installed, but do not wish to have one may inform their utility in writing, and the utility cannot activate those customer’s smart meter transmitters until the Commission issues its final decision on these issues. The Commission has not reached any decision as to whether to permit the customers of the utilities in these cases to “opt-out” of receiving a smart meter permanently or what the terms of any possible future opt-out might include.

More information can be accessed by searching the case number 9207 and 9208 on the Commission website, www.psc.state.md.us.

What is a “smart grid?”

An electric grid is the system of meters, poles and wires that delivers electricity. “Smart grid” is the term used to describe a modernization of these systems by adding two-way communications to manage this system more efficiently.

What is a “smart meter?”

A smart meter is a digital meter that allows for two-way communication between customers’ homes and BGE via a wireless network.

What are the features of smart meters?

Shortly after the installation of the first smart meters, features such as energy usage tracking and personalized energy-efficiency tips will be available to you. More smart meter features will be available beginning in 2013. **What is the difference between my existing meter and the smart meter?**

Initially, your new smart meter will perform in exactly the same way your existing meter performs. In the future, new features will be available to you for use with BGE energy management tools, such as ongoing usage tracking and bill forecasting.

When/how do I receive my smart meter?

Installations of smart meters will begin in spring 2012 and will continue through 2014. BGE will notify you before installations are expected to occur in your area. The Severna Park and Pasadena areas are the first installation areas in Anne Arundel County, and are currently being installed. You can view the meter installation schedule on BGE.COM/SMARTGRID. **Note:** If you are a customer with an Electronic Radio Transmitter (ERT) meter that is read remotely by a van driving in close range, or a customer on time of use rates, you may not get a smart meter at the same time as your neighbors. Your meter will be changed a little later in the installation schedule.

- BGE is partnering with a company called Grid One Solutions, Inc. to install the smart electric meters and upgrade existing gas meters. In a few cases, older gas meters will also be replaced with new meters. Meter installations will be scheduled community by community through 2014 and will be performed by uniformed Grid One technicians. The technicians will be wearing dark blue pants and light blue shirts with a Grid One logo. They will be required to display proper identification badges that will read “BGE Contractor.” The technicians will knock on your door prior to beginning work.
- There will be several notices and events in your community leading up to installation.

Will my service be interrupted while you install the new meter?

Yes, there will be a brief interruption (a couple of minutes in most cases) of service while the new electric meter is installed.

For gas meters, there will be no interruption of service if installers are upgrading your existing meter (most cases).

For older gas meters that need to be replaced, there will be an approximately 30-minute service interruption, and installers will relight your pilots after installation.

If you are one of those customers, we will need access to your home in order to restore service and relight any affected pilots.

- BGE customers whose meters are indoors will be contacted by Grid One to schedule an appointment for installation. Customers whose meters are outdoors, but inaccessible because of a locked fence or a dog, will also need to schedule an installation appointment.

- Customers with outdoor meters that installers are able to access will not need to be present for the installation.

Grid One will leave notification and meter information after the installation is complete.

- Customers with a medical condition or other special needs, who are currently registered in BGE's Special Needs Program, will receive additional notification prior to a service interruption. To enroll in the Special Needs Program, please contact BGE's Customer Relations Call Center at **410.685.0123** or **800.685.0123**.

Will I have to do anything in order to operate the new meter?

You will not be required to do anything in order for your meter to operate. When we begin to offer new features facilitated by the meter, (such as personalized energy tips) we will provide detailed instructions.

Will BGE have any more control over how and when I use my energy?

No. The smart meter only reads your energy usage; it does not control *how* energy is used.

What is the difference between smart meters and PeakRewards?

Smart meters are part of a separate initiative designed to modernize the power grid, while PeakRewards is a voluntary peak demand reduction program. Many BGE customers have chosen to participate in PeakRewards by allowing BGE to install a special thermostat; air conditioner and/or water heater switch in their homes in order to help reduce energy demand during times of peak energy usage. The smart meter reads energy usage, it does not control appliances.

Are smart meters the same as PeakRewards thermostats?

No. Smart meters are not the same as the PeakRewards program devices. The smart meter's primary function is to read energy usage. PeakRewards thermostats, air conditioning and water heater switches are part of a separate, voluntary energy demand reduction program.

Will smart meters be used to remotely turn off service?

In 2013, smart meters will enable BGE to remotely turn service on and off at customer premises. This feature will be used when customers move out of their current homes and start service elsewhere.

BGE's policies for situations involving disconnection will be the same as they were prior to the installation of smart meters.

The remote connect feature will also enable BGE to put customers back into service more quickly.

Will my smart meter make my energy bills higher?

Smart meters are tested for accuracy. The meter itself cannot, and will not, increase your bills. Some old analog meters can stick or run 'slow' resulting in inaccurate bills. In those cases, the smart meter will now provide an accurate reading of your energy usage.

Will smart meters automatically notify BGE about a power outage, or should I still call?

In the near future, smart meters will provide information that will help alert BGE about outages. In the meantime, customers should continue to call BGE when they experience an outage in their home or neighborhood.

Will smart grid pose a security risk?

Security is of primary importance to BGE. There are dedicated teams at both BGE and all affiliated smart grid organizations that focus on keeping the smart grid secure.

Has BGE considered my privacy?

As with current usage information, any data on customer energy usage obtained through a secure encryption for the smart meters will be kept confidential by BGE and any affiliates.

Will the radio signals sent by my smart meter pose health risks?

Smart meters operate by using radio frequency (RF) similar to many common devices such as cordless phones and remote controls. Smart meters typically operate at a much lower level (1.4 percent) of the maximum permissible exposure limits for RF, as defined by the Federal Communications Commission. Smart meters transmit for an average of less than two minutes a day.

What are the Radio Frequency Levels and Associated Meter Measurements?

RF levels from the meter are dependent on many factors: distance, obstacles, generated power are a few. The meter, when transmitting, emits 30 dBm of power, 1 watt, at a very low duty cycle (more time spent off that transmitting). Up close to the meter, depending on what is used to take the measurement, you may read that radiated power to be 30dBm. Start to move away from the meter and the measured power will begin to drop. Put an obstacle between you and the meter, say a wall, and the power will drop. Exposure is the power measured / square of surface area, say watts/sq. ft. That is not a lot of energy, so typically, for the power levels generated here, the measurement would typically be milliWatts (mW) or microwatts (uW) per square centimeter. Absorption, the real key here, is Exposure x Time. For example, the brighter the sun and the longer you are in the sun, the more energy from the sun you absorb. Exposure drops off by a factor of 4 for every doubling of the distance from the source, so as you move away from the source the mW/cm² you can see that the power you would receive reduces quickly.

To, the answer the question - it depends. The radiated power is 1 watt at the source. The transmit time is very short, 10s of milliseconds, so it is off more than it is on. The lowest level is zero when not transmitting. The meaningful metric is mW or uW per cm². How far is a person from the meter?

What will happen to my old meter?

After the installers remove your old meter, it will be properly disposed of or recycled.

What will happen to my generator when the meter is installed?

If you have a permanent standby generator, you will not need to disconnect it or do anything when the smart meter is installed. When needed, your generator will continue to operate as usual. As portable generators are typically operated during an outage, there should not be any action needed as BGE will not install smart meters during an outage. However, if installers find a portable generator is being operated when they come out to install, BGE will contact you about next steps.

What if I have more questions?

(1) If you would like more information or have additional questions about smart meters or the installation process, including the estimated time BGE will begin installing meters in your area, visit BGE.COM/SMARTGRID or contact BGE at 800.685.0123 and select the "smart meter" option, or call toll-free at 800.685.0123 (TTY/TDD Maryland Relay Service – 800.735.2258).

(2) Go to following website for Smartmeter Factsheet:

http://www.bge.com/learnshare/smartgrid/Documents/BGE_Smartmeter_Factsheet_Final.pdf

(3) Contact Ronald C. Hokemeyer, BGE Change Management Lead, Smart Grid Initiative - 410-470-1105; E-Mail: Ronald.C.Hokemeyer@constellation.com

- Maureen Carr York, Member, Roads Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) - Transportation Functional Master Plan Updated Overview and Objectives:

(1) *Purpose:* The Transportation Functional Master Plan (TFMP) is the culmination of an eighteen month study established to look at the overall County transportation needs and make recommendations that will eventually be adopted and become part of the general county planning and become a part of the General Development Plan as well and rolled in together. The GDP has already been done, and GSPC Vice President Al Johnston has done a masterful job of keeping everyone abreast of it. The Comprehensive Rezoning efforts have also just been completed, and, again, Al Johnston was masterful in taking care of all the related issues.

(2) *Extension of study:* Now we are moving on to a couple of other things that are supposed to become part of the overall process. Originally, when the eight members were appointed by the County Executive to be members of the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) for the TFMP study, it was an 18-month assignment. However, last week at the CAC meeting, and after discussions that there were missing pieces in the study and issues that have to be dealt with beyond the study, the County Executive and his staff decided that the study will be extended to 2014. The piece that was just studied will be shared at the next Meeting to be held on June 19th and, after further review by the County Executive and Council, it will be followed up with more study through 2014.

The first 18-month part of the study was 80% funded by the Federal Government, and the target date is still 2035. There is still nothing to be handed out and the Consulting Firm is running behind getting information to the CAC.

- Draft Transportation Functional Master Plan (TFMP) Meeting- June 19th. The meeting will take place from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday June 19, 2012 at Severna Park Middle School. The Meeting will focus on study follow up and doing more through the 2014 extension and the significant changes being proposed for the extended study period. There are some very significant changes proposed and if those changes were to be accommodated by changes in zoning laws then we could see a very different Severna Park along the Ritchie Highway corridor in particular. The TFMP examines all viable modes of travel including rail, bus, ridesharing, biking and walking. Public involvement is key to making the process successful and implementing a plan that meets the priorities of the citizens who utilize the transportation in the targeted areas.

. **Delegates and all county wide-residents are strongly encouraged to attend the June 19th meeting to testify. A meeting agenda and the overall plan itself is to be posted on the County website on Friday, June 16 at: <http://www.aacounty.org/PlanZone/TransPlan/index.cfm>.**

- Extended Plan Proposal: CAC members have been told the following proposals are in the extended Plan and it is important for residents to think about what they want to say at the meeting the new proposals in the extended Plan:

(1) Ritchie Highway: State proposal to widen entire length of Ritchie Highway from Rt. 50 to Rt 10 so that it is all six travel lanes plus shoulders, plus turn lanes.

(2) Practical affects: Should alleviate some of the back-up on Ritchie Hwy, but will reduce the medium grassy areas along Ritchie Hwy from 40 to 20 feet or less depending on the turn lanes.

(3) Mass transit needs proposal, evaluation and requirements:

. Rail and bus mass transit needs proposal during rush hours particularly along the Ritchie Hwy corridor - Once the cost was evaluated and all the other factors evaluated, it was decided that bus rapid transit was the way to go and is a great service. If there are more people to be transported from Annapolis to Baltimore and points along the way then bus rapid transit could be the way to go and these are real express buses that would run at rush hour and some during the day. During peak hours would run every 10-minutes with an average waiting time of no more than 5 minutes. Basically that is what the Federal-State Government and Consultants are encouraging the CAC to be prepared to support and eventually to use. It means that in order to keep the buses running they need to be close to full. A few years back the State stopped subsidizing the bus routes because there were not enough ridership contributions in the fare box to have its percentage of contributions to the overall cost of running the service. The most expensive part of the service is the bus service personnel and operators salaries. All of these details justifying the ridership and cost of purchase and running the bus services. The need for a high density of bus riders is the key to making the plan work. Right now in Severna Park there probably isn't sufficient or high enough density to contribute the required share of riders.

. Requirements - Need to create enough people to show up for bus to justify running it. The way they want to do this is to drastically increase the density in Severna Park. Specifically the way they want to do it is to redevelop either Severna Park Marketplace or Park Plaza. One or the other would be completely redeveloped into high density housing (apartment towers), offices and commercial space sufficient to generate people using the bus services. The community has always rejected high density apartments and has constantly fought the idea of high density buildings. However, the CAC has been advised that it is the way to go and must be done, and want to do along three locations along Ritchie Highway:

(1)Severna Park-Market Place

(2) Marley Station

(3) Harundale Plaza

The closest area to describe what it would look like is the Town Center in Parole which has high rise apartments, retail space, restaurants and office space is the closest and might be more dense and would not be less.

. Public Involvement - Need to think very carefully about the way to go regarding mass transit needs. Public involvement is key to making the process successful and implementing a plan that meets the priorities of the citizens who utilize the transportation in the targeted areas.

- Draft TFMP Report - Residents should go on the County website and read the Draft TFMP Report and consider whether they want to support the mass transit needs by supporting the development of the high density requirements noted above, and it's extremely important to attend the June 19th meeting at the Severna Park Middle School from 6 to 8:00 pm.
- TFMP Project Website is available with full information on the TFMP study plan objectives and goals, important meeting dates, CAC Meeting Minutes, and the designated highway corridors under study can be found at: <http://www.aacounty.org/PlanZone/TransPlan/index.cfm>.
Telephone number: 410-222-7440 rail, bus, ridesharing, biking and walking.

Public Works Committee – Dan Nataf, Director Emeritus: President Jerry Pesterfield arrived at 8:30 pm and noted that Mr. Nataf was not present. No report was submitted and delegates did not have any questions.

Education Committee – Brad Myers, Director: Provided the following information:

- Severna Park Middle School Principal Sharon Morell Certificate of Appreciation unanimously approved by the Board of Directors and GSPC Delegates will be presented by Vice President Myers on June 13th. A retirement party will be held in her honor in Annapolis. The Certificate honors Principal Morell for her 15 years of effective leadership of the school with a legacy of academic success and dedication including receiving Maryland State and National Blue Ribbon status.
- Severna Park High School Funding process not killed. County Executive John Leopold put forward \$5 million this year to complete the design process, and basically start the construction process. Money was in the budget for the following two years to complete the construction including \$52 million in 2014 and \$47 million in 2015. In doing this, what it did for the overall capital projects was push several elementary schools back a few years.
 - As a result, the Council went forward with a reduction in next year's approved funding for the high school including:
 - Design funding was lowered to \$3.7 million
 - Instead of the full \$52 million for the high school for full construction, the allocation is \$18 million. End of 2014 construction will begin for 8 to 12 months.
 - Will allow Crofton and Rolling Knolls elementary to begin construction.
- Countywide CAC – Thurman Reynolds of Stewart's Landing is the new chairman of the countywide group succeeding LaToya Staten who resigned after serving first year of 2-year appointment.

Environmental Committee Report: Submitted by Ann Jackson & Ed Krause, Watershed Stewards. The June 5th report submitted by Ann Jackson was distributed to the full membership by Mr. Pesterfield via email and is filed for the official record. Following information was provided in the submitted report:

- Safe Swimming- This is a quote taken from the Anne Arundel County Department of Health: After rainfall, all Anne Arundel County beaches are under a no swimming/no direct water contact advisory for 48 hours due to predicted elevated bacteria levels from rainwater runoff and increased health risks.
- Severn River Association - The Severn River Association cordially invites you to attend the 101st Annual Meeting at the Arlington Echo Outdoor Education Center, 975 Indian Landing Rd. Millersville, MD 21108 on Tuesday, June 19 at 6:30 pm. The theme is: **Thinking and Acting Locally**. The guest speaker is Richard Klein, founder & president of Community & Environmental Defense Services, helping individuals, home owner associations and nonprofit groups. Richard began his love of the Severn River in the 1960s when he fished her waters and then in the 1970's monitored fish populations and water quality while working for DNR. In the 1980's as Director of Save our Streams, he developed restoration techniques in the Severn watershed that were adopted nationwide. He will present the findings of the Severn Watershed Audit and describe the program initiated this year with SRA using citizen volunteers to evaluate construction sites and stormwater management systems. A brief business meeting will precede the program with election of Board Members and SRA Blue and Green Heron Awards. Food to be catered by *A Cook's Café* with brief comments by Craig Sewell Owner/Chef on "*Buy Local Eat Local.*" The cost is \$30/person. Go to the website to purchase tickets: www.severnriver.org.

Police-Community Relations Report: Julie Krause.

- Ride-a-long – Debbie Eisennhart of Bendale advised delegates that the experience was impressive, informative and worthwhile. She noted that you ride in the front seat with the police officer. She was highly impressed with how the police officers deal with issues and talk to people. Residents can participate by going to the district police station any day of the week and sign a waiver, and they will be assigned to a police officer to take you out any day of the week that works for you. Mr. Pesterfield noted that several GSPC delegates have volunteered for the ride-a-along. All have found it to be a worthwhile and an impressive experience, and they have a better understanding of the police officers and what they have to do and accomplish.
- Kinder Park Predator Email – Only one incident was reported as noted in the email sent to GSPC delegates by Jerry Pesterfield. Members are encouraged to circulate within their communities and encourage residents to call police if anything unusual is observed.
- Stolen Kayaks – Important to lock up and identify marks on them and always report issues to police.

Greater Severna Park Chamber of Commerce: Matt Wyble, GSPCC Board Member, provided the following information:

- 4th of July parade will be held on Wednesday, July 4th beginning at 10:00 am. The theme is "CELEBRATE FREEDOM" and will honor the following three wounded warriors as Grand Marshals:

RYAN KULE, ADAM MATTIS, and DAVID WEINER

More parade participants and community support are needed.

Go to <http://www.severnaparkchamber.com/> for details and read the honorees bios.

- **Dick Ladd Presentation:** The following was presented by Councilman Ladd:
 - Severna Park High School: Funding has been a political exercise but he is pretty comfortable that construction will be started. Around June 2014 the Stadium will come down and a lot of dirt work will have to be done to get underground storm water run-off taken care of. Right after that is completed, around first of July of July, with the money in hand will have to start getting the building permits completed by January 2015 for 24 months of construction.
 - Schools will be adding about 100 new teachers. It appears that schools that will be adding new teachers will include Jones, Benfield and Severna Park Elementary Schools. It won't be until the end of the summer before reliable numbers will be confirmed. Benfield Elementary construction will not start until after the High School is completed.
 - Approved \$2 million for the dredging at the head waters of the Severn River and the Magothy River.
 - Approved \$8 million for construction of the Eastern district police station on Pasadena Road. Construction should begin shortly since permits have been issued.
 - Kayak Issues: Police have a list of where they go and drive and if you are losing kayaks, etc., they will put on list, and review patterns. This is what community policing is about, and the police are very good about following up. Do not hesitate to report incidents to police.
 - Dam Project on Bear Creek: They are working on dam project on Bear Creek, and another piece of legislation related to the run-off on river side of West Benfield, and it will go through in the next day or two. Should have a process developed and approved that will move quickly.
 - Adequate Funding for Public Facilities: They are having discussions about adequate public facility funding and how to use 3rd party financing to bring in and alleviate class room shortages which historically have blocked development. The pilot project to this was the addition to the Broadneck High School which is now being codified and put into the process for both schools and trying to extend for roads which is very important and critical to the greater Severna Park Area.
 - Property Tax rate went up a bit within the tax cap allowance at about 3 cents.
Councilman Dick Ladd can be contacted via email at ccladd22@aaacounty.org.

GSPC Zoning/Legislation Agenda and Actions: Al Johnston, Vice President for Public Affairs, provided the following information distributed to members via email:

Legislation, Planning, Zoning and Capital Projects:

Bill 15-12 Zoning-Open Space, Signed by County Executive. Planning & Zoning Director, Larry Tom, presented his concept to GAN Leaders 5-16-12. 354 Parcels, 7 undeveloped. Proposed overlay technique. Reviewed at GAN meeting 5-17-12. Reviewed with ARPOA 6-8-12. GAN developing alternative technique.

Bill 27-12 Subdivision as amended-Critical Area Septic systems within 100 feet of sewer line in street fronting the property requires connection to sewer line. **Adopted 5-21-12**. May impact communities that did not join the Sandy Point System abutting new developments now part of that System.

Fourteen Budget Bills 11-44, Bill 31-12 Annual Budget & Appropriation, SPHS, Shipley’s Dam Project, Eastern District Police Station. Significant testimony by Severna Park residents 5-9 & 5-14-12. **Adopted 5-30-12**

Bill 44-12 Property Tax Rate. Increases rate of \$.91 per \$100 assessed valuation to \$.941 effective 7-1-12. **Adopted 5-30-12**, See table below.

Bill 47-12 Adequate Public Facilities. Provides formal procedures to comply with requirements to obtain impact fee credits for education and road facilities. Hearing 6-4-12. Council asked detailed questions. Work Session scheduled.

Resolution 14-12 | On hold pending negotiation. Resolution relating to condemnation proceedings to acquire property of Peter F. Jelen, for the purpose of installing sidewalks along Pasadena Road.

Review of Charter Commission Report on Proposed Changes to County Charter: (Hearings in month of July on amendments to the proposal to determine what goes on ballot) – When get closer to November GSPC will spend time on it.

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 1. Conditions for removing a Council Member
 2. Process for filling a Council vacancy
 3. Adoption of the Open Meeting Act to allow closed Council meetings for specific reasons
 4. Authorization for August recess for the County Council
 5. Clarification of effective date for “unsigned bills”
 6. Removal of County Executive “line item veto” authority
 7. Add felony conviction as basis of County Executive removal
 8. Establishment of an “advice and consent” model for Department Head appointments
 9. Limiting Board of Appeals and Ethics Commission term membership
 10. Changes to budget and auditing procedures
 11. Increase Charter Review Commission membership to one per Council District.

Maryland Special Session Income Tax Rates Effective 1-1-12, Legislative Reference

Taxable Income: Single filer \$3,001 to \$100,000 & Joint filers \$3,001 to \$150,000	4.75% continued
Taxable Income: Single filer \$100,001 to \$125,000 & Joint filers \$150,000 to \$175,000	4.75% to 5.00%
Taxable Income: Single filer \$125,001 to \$150,000 & Joint filers \$175,001 to \$225,000	4.75% / 5.00 to 5.25%
Taxable Income: Single filer \$150,001 to \$250,000 & Joint filers \$225,001 to \$300,000	5.00% to 5.50%
Taxable Income: Single filer \$250,000 to \$500,000 & Joint filers \$300,001 to \$500, 000	5.00/5.25% to 5.75%
Taxable Income: Single filer \$500,001 to \$99,999,999 & Joint filers \$500,001 to \$99,999,999	5.50% to 5.75%

Maryland Special Session Income Tax Deduction by Taxable Income, Effective 1-1-12, Legislative Reference

Single filer \$100,000 or less & Joint filers \$150,000 or less	\$3,200 continued
Single filer \$100,001 to \$125,000 & Joint filers \$150,000 to \$175,000	\$2,400 to \$1,600
Single filer \$125,001 to \$150,000 & Joint filers \$175,001 to \$200,000	\$1,800 to \$800
Single filer \$150,001 to \$200,000 & Joint filers \$201,001 to \$250,000	\$1,200 to \$0
Single filer over \$250,000 & Joint filers over \$250,000	\$600 to \$0

Administrative Hearing Officer, Board of Appeals, MDE, Corps of Engineers, Complaints:
Webpage for AHO: <http://www.aacounty.org/AdminHear/Calendar.cfm>, **Webpage for Board of Appeals:**

<http://www.aacounty.org/BdofAppeals/Calendar.cfm>

2012-0100-V T. Krause & J. Sjolie, 6-12-12 10:30AM, 486 White Cedar Ln, Sunroom setbacks (North Cape Arthur)

2012-0099-V J. Meyer, 6-14-12 10:00AM, 256 Capote Ct, deck setbacks & buffer, (West Haven?)

2012-0099-V J Meyer, 6-14-12 9:45AM, 266 Capote Ct. East, deck setback, steep slopes, (Magothy Forest)

2012-0114-V H. Shinaberry, 6-21-12 9:30AM, Earleigh Heights Rd. near Silas First Baptist Church, dwelling setback.

2012-0121-V J Vance, 7-5-12 9:45AM, 612 Cape McKinsey Rd, stairs setback, (Cape McKinsey)

2012-0103-V R. Risley, 7-5-12 10:00AM, 713 Shore Rd, dwelling setback, (Carrollton Manor?)

BA 18-12A & 19-12A Key School 6-19-12 6:30PM, 2638 Carrollton Rd., Annapolis, Planning & Zoning Officer Conclusion: Key School project for the Annapolis Roads Golf Course is not permitted in the OS-Open Space district. Anne Arundel County Motion to Dismiss.

BA29 & 30-V M. Horn & R. Hubbard, (2012-0316-V & 2011-0316-V), 7-18 & 19-12 6:30PM, 620 Old County Rd, steep slopes, setback, driveway access, density **Variances Granted with conditions**. Appeal by Applicants-Condition B-“Lot 384...remain undeveloped...and the addition...County Exhibit 2.”. “Illegal taking”. (Round Bay)

Circuit Court Cases (Clerk of Court 222-1431) **Court of Special Appeals Cases**, Clerk 410 260-1450, **Court of Appeals**, Clerk 410-260-1500

Case 02C11162546 (BA 3-07V & 4-07V) D. Clickner, Board granted variances. Appealed by Magothy River Association & Chesapeake Bay Foundation. 5-31-12 Case Called for Hearing On Three Judge Panel Review before Judge Laura S. Kiessling, Paul G. Goetzke & William C. Mulford II. Counsel present and heard. Court held under advisement. Counsel to receive opinion by mail.

Case 02C11164569 Harwood Civic Assn. et al v. Anne Arundel County, Declaratory Judgment (Requirement that zoning changes conform to the GDP, Spot Zoning) Amended Complaint filed 4-26-12, 6-1-12 Amended Complaint.

Case 02C11165665 Pamela Buckenmaier, et al v. Key School, et al, Declaratory Judgment (Violation of Covenants) Hearing Order 4-5-12, Defendant Motion to Dismiss. Four plaintiffs, four defendants, five attorneys’.

Pre-submission Meetings, Subdivisions, (www.aacounty.org/LandUse/CalendarCommMtg.cfm)

Geis Property 6-28-12 6:00PM Severna Park Library. Create two single family lots 203 McKinsey Road (Cape Arthur)

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New Business

– GSPC Organization Changes: President Pesterfield announced he will be resigning as the President of the GSPC effective the end of tonight’s meeting. He will be moving from the Severna Park Area to Annapolis Area. The by-laws are silent on resigning of the GSPC President prior to end of term. Where the GSPC rules are silent on issues, the GSPC follows the official Robert’s Rules of Order, per Parliamentarian Al Johnston. The default is to the Vice President, Brad Myers, and he has officially declined in writing to President Pesterfield. The default then goes to the next VP-Public Affairs, Al Johnston, and he also declined. Nominating Committee Director John Norville reported the next step:

1. At the request of the President, the Nominating Committee made a motion submitted electronically to and approved by the GSPC Board of Directors. The motion was approved unanimously by the Delegates and will be filed for the official record as required by the by-laws.

2. Following Motion was presented to the Delegates on behalf of the Board for their approval as follows:

“The GSPC Nominating Committee nominates GSPC Treasurer Steve Poland to complete President Jerry Pesterfield’s 2012 term effective upon Jerry Pesterfield’s resignation when he leaves the Greater Severna Park Area.”

3. Motion was unanimously approved and Steve Poland will serve as the President of the GSPC for the remainder of 2012 effective June 13, 2012.

Mr. Norville noted that Jerry Pesterfield has served on the GSPC Board for eight years and has spent countless hours working on highly technical issues including rezoning and expanded the vision of the GSPC. He has been responsible for the significant accomplishments in the comprehensive zoning areas and negotiating and mediating the covenants. He worked closely with Al Johnston and Councilman Dick Ladd to accomplish the goals and benefits that make the Greater Severna Park Area one of the best communities to live in. Jerry has served on many organizations including Director of Aspire, is a Certified Watershed Steward, and was recently appointed by the County Executive to the Storm Water Management Taxation Committee. Steve Poland added that Jerry converted our communications from old mail methods to modern electronic communications.

4. A “Certificate of Appreciation” was previously approved by the Nominating Committee, and by the GSPC Board of Directors, and by the Delegates at this meeting, and was prepared and presented to Jerry Pesterfield on their behalf by John Norville for Jerry’s “many years of faithful and effective leadership and service to the Greater Severna Park Maryland Community serving in many offices of many organizations including as G.S.P.C. President. Jerry received a hearty round of applause by the Delegates and Board Members.

5. In closing, Mr. Pesterfield commented that the electronics that the GSPC does is great and the messages are sent out to the community representatives. What he would like to suggest and support is for the GSPC Delegates that represent communities to find and improve their method of communicating the GSPC information and emails they receive that will close the loop of making sure the information is received by homeowners in addition to just posting information on their community websites.

– Updating GSPC Website: Mr. Pesterfield advised delegates that a GSPC Website Committee has been formed by the GSPC Board headed by Brad Myers to update and redo the GSPC website. Five community members are needed to serve on the Committee to make suggestions and provide input on how to update and improve the GSPC website including updating links and improving the information posted, and developing a communication plan. The website needs serious overhaul and GSP Delegates and community members willing to volunteer would be greatly appreciated. To volunteer contact Brad Myers at "Brad Myers" jbcomm1@yahoo.com.

Old/Unfinished Business: No report.

Next GSPC Meeting Dates:

- Board of Directors Meeting: **Wednesday, June 27, 2012 – 7:30 pm – Severna Park Library**
- General Meeting: **Tuesday, July 10, 2012 – 7:30 pm – Severna Park Library**

Presentation: Assistance League - Chesapeake

Speakers: AAC 2013 Budget Review - Kurt Svendsen, Acting Budget Officer
Growth Action Network of AAC - Ann Fligsten, Coordinator of GAN

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Very respectfully submitted:



Kathleen J. Michels, GSPC Secretary – June 20, 2012