

February 9, 2021

The County Commissioners of Queen Anne's County met this date pursuant to its last adjournment and there were present:

Christopher M. Corchiarino
James J. Moran
Jack N. Wilson, Jr.
Stephen Wilson
Philip L. Dumenil

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION:

Pursuant to State Government Law Section 3-305(b), (7) to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter; "The County Commissioners held a Closed Session on a motion of Commissioner Dumenil, seconded by Commissioner Moran, at 5:00 p.m. in the Office of the County Commissioners, The Liberty Building, 107 N. Liberty Street, Centreville, Maryland." The Board adjourned in Closed Session at 5:30 p.m. Those in attendance were Mr. Todd Mohn, County Administrator; Ms. Margie Houck, Executive Assistant; Christopher Drummond, Esquire; Ms. Amy G. Moredock, Planning & Zoning Director; and Ms. Vivian Swinson, Zoning Administrator.

The Board discussed impact fees.

MINUTES:

On a motion made by Commissioner J. Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Moran, the Board unanimously agreed to approve the Agenda as amended for the current meeting and the Regular and Closed Session Minutes of January 26, 2021.

PRESS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS:

The following persons spoke to the Commissioners on subjects of interest to them:

1. Karen Spignolo – She has concerns with the Triangle on how the COVID Shots are given.

WEEKLY CORRESPONDENCE AND PRESENTATION OF DOCUMENTS FOR SIGNATURE:

The Board reviewed various correspondence with Mr. Todd Mohn, County Administrator.

AMENDED DEED OF FOREST CONSERVATION EASEMENT:

Mr. Rob Gunter, Development Review Principal Planner, submitted to the Board for their review and approval, Forest Conservation Plan 20-06-0022, Legal Document - Amended Deed of Forest Conservation Easement.

The Board reviewed the Amended Deed of Forest Conservation Easement document which affects the forest conservation area of the Leager Property located on Tax Map 37 Parcel 80. In 2006, the subject property was part of a minor subdivision which required that approximately 1.74 acres of forested area be put into a conservation easement when the lots were created. At some point between 2010 and 2013 the 174-acre conservation area was cleared of trees which was a violation of the conservation easement. In 2019, the landowner submitted a new subdivision application with the Department and at that time the violation was noted.

To address the violation, the applicant is required to place 5.22 acres of forest into a long-term protection agreement. This acreage includes the original 1.74 acres of woodland in addition to the 2:1 penalty (3.48 acres) for the clearing below the required level.

As proposed, the applicant is proposing the conservation of 5.22 acres of existing mature priority forest on an adjacent site which is under his ownership. This acreage includes woodland affiliated with the new subdivision.

On a motion made by Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner J. Wilson, the Board unanimously agreed to approve and sign the Amended Deep of Forest Conservation Easement placing 5.22 acres of existing mature priority forest into a long-term protection agreement.

Commissioners	Yes	No
Moran	x	
J Wilson	x	
S Wilson	x	
Dumenil	x	
Corchiarino	x	

MATAPEAKE INDUSTRIAL PARK GRANT – SEMI ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT:

Ms. Heather Tinelli, Director of Economic and Tourism Development, submitted to the Board for their review and approval, Signature Request for Matapeake Industrial Park Grant - Semi Annual Progress Report - Grant Number MD-11-ED-70.

The Board reviewed the Semi-Annual Progress Report for grant number MD-11-ED-70 which regards the Matapeake Industrial Park grant. The Economic and Tourism Development Department has completed the form after talking with the representatives of the businesses located in the Industrial Park who are eligible to be included in the progress reports. The grant has been in effect since 2011 when the original award of \$575,000 was made. The park is adjacent to the Matapeake Beach and Clubhouse facility.

Ten new full-time positions and three 30-hour a week positions were created from July 1, 2020 – December 31, 2020 for a total of 34 new full-time jobs at the Matapeake Business Park since 2011. To finalize this report, a signature from the President of the Board of County Commissioners is required on the CDBG Semi-Annual Progress Report form.

On a motion made by Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Dumenil, the Board unanimously agreed to approve and sign the Semi-Annual Progress Report as presented for the Community Development Block Grant number MD-11-ED-70, regarding Matapeake Industrial Park, which covers the time period of July 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020.

Commissioners	Yes	No
Moran	x	
J Wilson	x	
S Wilson	x	
Dumenil	x	
Corchiarino	x	

MALPF MATCHING FUNDS PROGRAM:

Ms. Brittany Moran, Budget Analyst, submitted to the Board for their review and approval, MALPF Matching Funds Program.

During the County Commissioners’ Meeting on January 26, 2021, a motion was approved to designate \$84,217 of Ag Transfer Tax that is the MALPF Matching Fund Program. However, there is one pending assessment in the amount of \$122,880 that is expected to settle prior to Fiscal Year end. Therefore, a budget is required to authorize budget authority to cover the cost of these expenditures.

After this settlement and budget amendment, the remaining fund balance is projected to be \$49,423. Additionally, there is a remaining \$9,524 in Personal Property Tax to commit to the MALPF program - totaling \$58,947.

In FY2022, we are expecting to receive approximately \$200,000 in additional Personal Property Tax and approximately \$100,000 in Ag Transfer Tax. Therefore, these funds can also be committed to the Ag Transfer Tax Fund to cover future expenditures, as a part of the FY2022 budget process.

On a motion made by Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner J. Wilson, the Board unanimously agreed to submit to the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation (MALPF) the letter of commitment in the amount of \$300,000. The funding of this commitment will derive from Ag Transfer Tax Fund fund-balance in the amount of \$49,423, Personal Property Tax in the amount of \$9,524 and the remaining \$241,053 from the General Fund. As part of the motion, Commissioners Corchiarino, Dumenil, Moran, J. Wilson and S. Wilson asked questions and/or made comments on this topic.

Commissioners	Yes	No
Moran	x	
J Wilson	x	
S Wilson	x	
Dumenil	x	
Corchiarino	x	

BUDGET AMENDMENT:

On a motion made by Commissioner Dumenil, seconded by Commissioner J. Wilson, the Board unanimously agreed to approve Budget Amendment CC-26.

#	CC-26	QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY					Date	1/28/2021
REQUEST FOR BUDGET AMENDMENT								
FY2021								
						Project Only	Increase	
Description of expenditure/revenue accounts to increase/(decrease):						Account Code	(Decrease)	
			Fund				Amount	
increase	Ag Transfer	FY21 Pr Year Fund Balance	800	800000	39920		\$ 34,792.00	
Total increase in revenues							\$ 34,792.00	
increase	Ag Transfer	Other Charges	800	800000	8995		\$ 34,792.00	
Total increase in expenditures							\$ 34,792.00	
Justification:								
This amendment provides budget authority in the Ag Transfer Tax Fund to transfer \$34,792 to cover the remaining easement that is anticipated to settle prior								
to the end of FY21 (\$122,880). The funds will be derived from PY Fund Balance. As a result, the balance in this Fund will now be \$49,423.								

Commissioners	Yes	No

Moran	x	
J Wilson	x	
S Wilson	x	
Dumenil	x	
Corchiarino	x	

REQUEST FOR \$26,325 PURCHASE OF SERVICES:

Dr. Joseph A. Ciotola, Jr., M.D., Health Officer, submitted to the Board for their review and approval, request for \$26,325 Purchase of Service.

The Queen Anne’s County Department of Health asked for the renewal and enhancements of maintenance and support for their ImageTrend software. The amount of the service contract is \$26,325.

The software program has been in use and is considered a sole source as no other vendor can provide the software maintenance and enhancements to this program.

The Queen Anne’s County Department of Health will be using existing funds for this purchase. No additional county funds were requested.

On a motion made by Commissioner S. Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Dumenil, the Board unanimously agreed to approve the renewal and enhancements of maintenance and support for ImageTrend software in the amount of \$26,325.

Commissioners	Yes	No
Moran	x	
J Wilson	x	
S Wilson	x	
Dumenil	x	
Corchiarino	x	

SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER: #6

Mr. John Hickman, Small Business Development Center Regional Director, submitted to the Board for their review and approval, request funds to meet the state and federal funding for program.

Over the past years, the Small Business Development Center at the Perdue School of Business and Chesapeake College has continually provided great service to the citizens of Queen Anne’s County and the surrounding counties/areas. This year we worked to respond to the urgent needs of the small business community as they were impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The SBDC worked with our partners to deliver expanded training options and Confidential no fee

consulting just through virtual methods. We hope to partner with you in assisting the business community in your county.

The Small Business Development Center at Salisbury University and Chesapeake College has provided services to 31 clients in Queen Anne’s County during the last fiscal year. Our region provided 58 in-person and on-line training courses over the past year for 1663 attendees. Many success stories have developed from within these groups of clients and attendees.

Again, we are required to develop local match for the state and federal funds we receive. I am again targeting at least \$6,000 from each of the counties that we work with, to keep the same level of state and federal funding for our program. Without the proper match, we will lose an equivalent amount of our state and federal grant funding. For that reason, we must seek funding from all the counties in our region. Without the proper funding, we will be unable to continue our role in the economic development of this area.

In prior years, QAC was able to provide as much as \$4,000 in funding for our budget. With those funds we were able to reach our cash match goals and keep our office at Chesapeake College staffed.

The Board requested this item be held until and discussed at one of the FY22 Budget Work Session.

BOE TRANSFER BETWEEN MAJOR STATE CATEGORIES:

Andrea Kane, Queen Anne’s County School Superintendent, submitted to the Board for their review and approval, Board of Education Transfer Between Major State Categories.

In accordance with Section 5-105(b) of the Annotated Code of Maryland, the Board of Education requests County Commissioner approval of the transfers listed between major state categories, for the period: December 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020.

Major Revenue Category: Other Revenue

To increase the amount to be received from Non-Public Placements \$250,000

Major Category: Mid-Level Administration

Fixed Charges to Contract Services-\$20,000

To account for license agreements for School Funds Online- (accounting software for all schools and the ability to receive payments online). \$20,000

Major Category: Other Instructional Costs

Fixed Charges to Contract Services-\$110,000

To account for Psychologist Services.

On a motion made by Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Dumenil, the Board unanimously agreed to approve the Board of Education request to transfer between major state categories for the period of December 1, 2020 and December 31, 2020.

Commissioners	Yes	No
Moran	x	
J Wilson	x	
S Wilson	x	
Dumenil	x	
Corchiarino	x	

REGIONAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT:

Ms. Kathryn Dilley, Regional Behavioral Health Advisory Committee Executive Director, submitted to the Board for their review and approval, Board Appointment.

The Regional Behavioral Health Advisory Committee (RBHAC) in accordance with the Annotated Code of Maryland, Health General, Title 10, Subtitle 308, Mental Health Advisory Committee, was established in 2001. By statute, this gives each of the mid-shore counties two appointed representatives from each county with two 3-year terms.

We would like to request that Megan Pinder be appointed for a three-year term from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023.

On a motion made by Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner J. Wilson, the Board unanimously agreed to appoint Megan Pinder to the Regional Behavioral Health Advisory Committee for a term that began July 1, 2020 and to expire June 30, 2023. As part of the motion, Commissioners Moran and J. Wilson asked questions and/or made comments on this topic.

Commissioners	Yes	No
Moran	x	
J Wilson	x	
S Wilson	x	
Dumenil	x	
Corchiarino	x	

QUEEN ANNE-HILLSBORO VFC SUPPORT LETTER:

On a motion made by Commissioner J. Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Dumenil, the Board unanimously agreed to write a support of letter.

To: The Assistant Administrator for Grant Programs

Please accept this letter of support for the Queen Anne Hillsboro Volunteer Fire Company’s application for grant assistance through the Assistance to Firefighters Grant. Currently, they are utilizing outdated apparatus that has met its life expectancy and is very costly to replace. Equipment such as Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) is very costly and without this equipment, they cannot perform a vast majority of job-related tasks.

The grant they are requesting is in the amount of \$137,750, which will replace all the SCBA, with new state of the art SCBA and will allow the Queen Annes Hillsboro Volunteer Fire Company to perform their day to day, lifesaving duties to serve our community for years to come.

We support this project.

Commissioners	Yes	No
Moran	x	
J Wilson	x	
S Wilson	x	
Dumenil	x	
Corchiarino	x	

CHARACTER COUNTS! – BLACK HISTORY MONTH:

The Board presented, Ms. Kelly Huber, Character Counts Coach Specialist, and Ms. Joan Brooks, Recreation Manager, the following Character Counts!/Black History Month Proclamation:

WHEREAS, Queen Anne's County was declared a "Character Counts! Community, and all citizens have been called upon to embrace the "Six Pillars of Character" and incorporate and model them in their daily activities; and

WHEREAS, February is Black History Month where we celebrate and RESPECT the many achievements and contributions made by African Americans to our economic, cultural, and political development; and

WHEREAS, African Americans have enhanced and advanced every aspect of American life through bravery, perseverance, faith, and resolve, often in the face of incredible prejudice and hardship; and

WHEREAS, during Black History Month, we honor the extraordinary contributions made by: Lucretia Kennard, the first African American appointed as Supervisor of Schools; Marcella Bordley, the first African American Teacher of the Year; Warren Butler, the first African American elected to Queen Anne’s County school board, and also served as the first African American board president; and

Joseph Butler, the first African American law enforcement officer in Queen Anne's County; and

WHEREAS, their fight for equality, representation, and RESPECT motivates us all to continue working for a more promising, peaceful, and hopeful future for all citizens; and

WHEREAS, Queen Anne's County is strengthened and enriched by citizens of every race, religion, color, and creed and rejects any discrimination through its values, policies, and practices; and

WHEREAS, Queen Anne's County has made diversity, equity, and inclusion a priority and supports the continued work to raise awareness and promote inclusive communities, environment free from discrimination; and

WHEREAS, this month as we celebrate Black History month, may all citizens remember to practice these important values of "Respect" regardless of the color of one's skin and always follow the Golden Rule of Respect, "Treat others the way you want to be treated";

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY, do hereby proclaim February as "Black History Month" in Queen Anne's County and hereby declare this proclamation to celebrate African American communities and as an affirmation of the county to protect and serve everyone who resides in, works in, or visits Queen Anne's County, without discrimination and of its belief in the dignity, equity, and civil rights of all people and proclaim the Character Counts! Pillar of the Month to be "Respect."

This month's Proclamation was written by Ms. Joan Brooks, Recreation Manager for Queen Anne's County Parks and Recreation.

COMPREHENSIVE WATER & SEWERAGE INFORMATIONAL MEETING:

Mr. Alan Quimby, Department of Public Works Director, presented to the Board for their review and approval, 2011 Comprehensive Water and Sewerage Plan (CWSP) – Amendment 11-16.

A public hearing is scheduled for 6:15 p.m. on Tuesday, February 23, 2021 to discuss the following two amendment requests:

The Kopec amendment, being requested by the contract purchaser, Barry Waterman, is unique in that it seeks to 'undo' a previous amendment which was heard May 22, 2007. The 'preliminary subdivision plat' noted in Condition 1 below had all 8 lots fronting on Loblolly Way. While difficult to see on the sewer service map, there is a triangular 'spite strip' of land (Parcel 813) owned by another party fronting a good portion of the road (refer to aerial). This strip is owned by the previous contract purchaser that had requested the amendment in 2007 but never moved forward with the project. Without owning this strip, the development cannot meet

the configuration noted in Condition 1.

KOPEC PROPERTIES - This site is shown on Tax Map 58 as Parcels 643 & 814. The parcels combined are approximately 16 acres in size. The parcels are located between the Winchester subdivision and the Chester River Beach subdivision. The property is zoned Grasonville Planned Residential Neighborhood (GPRN). This property's sewer service designation was up graded from S-3 to S-2 via Amendment 06-06 of the 2006 Comprehensive Water and Sewage Plan which carried the following five conditions

1. There shall be no more than eight (8) new or existing lots created on the property which shall be configured as set forth on the preliminary subdivision plot displayed to the Commissioners during the public hearing.
2. Stormwater management facilities shall be designed and constructed to avoid additional impacts to the surrounding properties.
3. Four (4) streetlights will be installed by Mr. Kopec, or his successors, along Loblolly Way.
4. A light illuminating the "Winchester" community sign will be installed by Mr. Kopec, or his successors.
5. The new lots will be included within the Winchester community and be made subject to all recorded restrictive covenants affecting existing lots within Winchester.

The current amendment application seeks to remove all five conditions in order to allow for up to 14 lots (a minor subdivision of 7-lots on each existing parcel) with a new configuration than previously reviewed. The average anticipated sewer flows for the property would be 3,500 gallons per day. Sewer service is to be provided by Collection Station 'L'.

Mr. Barry Waterman reviewed the proposed amendment.

The second amendment is a request from the Town of Barclay to include four recently annexed lands into the Town's sewer service area.

TOWN OF BARCLAY— The incorporated Town of Barclay is requesting a sewer map amendment to upgrade the service area designation from S-6 to S-2 for the 4 properties listed below (plus the portion of the railroad right-of-way encompassed by these 4 properties) that were recently annexed into town limits. This amendment will allow the properties to connect to a planned denied access sewer line (as approved previously via Amendment 06-12 — November 25, 2008) which will connect the Town of Barclay to the Town of Sudlersville's sewer treatment plant.

The properties considered for annexation are predominately vacant agricultural lands and are all located to the east of Md Rt 313 (Goldsboro Road) and north of Md Rt 302 (Barclay Road) and consist of the following properties:

Tax Map 18 – Parcel 24 - 51 acres
Tax Map 18 - Parcel 57 - 26 acres
Tax Map 24 - Parcel 155 - 12 acres
Tax Map 24 - Parcel 52 - 1 acre

Patrick Thomas, Esquire, Town Attorney, reviewed the proposed amendment.

SPENDING AFFORDABILITY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

Ms. Brittany Moran, Budget Analyst; Mr. Joe Zimmerman, Mr. Bernie Sadusky and Ms. Linda Kohler, Spending Affordability Committee Members, presented to the Board for their review, Spending Affordability Committee Recommendation.

FY 2022 Budget Guidelines

Revenues

- Overall estimated budget growth for FY22 vs. FY21 budget is about 3.5% or about \$5 million, based on current revenue projections
- Property Tax growth projected by State Department of Assessments and Taxation shows growth of about 1.5%
- Homestead Property Tax Credit to remain at 5%
- Income tax is estimated to grow by about 1-2% above the FY20 actual level

Expenditures

- Potential or known expenditure increases in FY22 include an expected increase of about 6-8% in health benefit costs
- Preliminary Board of Education Maintenance of Effort based on current law will be dependent on enrollment growth and actions of the General Assembly. Maximum growth based on Education Effort under the current State Maintenance of Effort law is 2.5%
- Kirwan impacts likely to be determined during the 2021 General Assembly
- County employee salary and benefit costs for COLA, Pay for Performance, desk audits to be determined as part of budget process
- Contribution to OPEB-in accordance with actuarial (Annual Required Contribution) analysis
- Fringe Benefits-Retirement rates from Maryland State Retirement and Pension System (MSRPS), health benefits through ESMEC per consultation with benefits consultant
- Rainy Day Fund will retain funding of at least 8% of budgeted revenues

Capital

- Pursuant to County Capital Improvement Program, projected bond sales of \$12.6M in FY21, and approximately \$14.3M in FY22.
- Transfers/capital projects—We will use some limited amount of Paygo funding (from General Fund fund-balance), as a transfer from General Fund Operating Budget to Capital Budget, to minimize County debt incurred.

- Utilize County debt policy in considering affordability of new capital projects, including limiting debt service to less than 10% of the budget.
- Capital Fund Balance, if available, may be used to support the capital program and reduce the amount of debt.

FY2022 Committee Recommendations

- While the State of Maryland has revised their revenue projections favorably, there are still State budget decisions which could impact counties. The County should plan for the eventuality of additional State cuts or the transfer of State expenses to counties.
- The County should consider the short term and long-term impacts of the Kirwan Commission. There is still considerable uncertainty regarding the Kirwan Commission fiscal impacts going forward. While it may be that there will be an extension of the Kirwan timetable, it is also possible that the improvement in State finances and revenue could negate the need for the delays.
- The Committee is recommending that the County consider, in the context of the budget, the challenges that will be facing the County over the next 5 years, such as:
 1. Growth and the Comprehensive Plan, including job growth and consideration of the types of jobs supported and encouraged
 2. Income tax growth and sustainability
 3. Property tax growth and trends
 4. Economic development trends—levels and types of growth, commercial vs. residential, types of development (retail, apartment, etc.).
 5. Education funding, including Kirwan, school construction issues, adequate public facilities considerations, student enrollment
- The County should continue to observe agreed upon debt measures in considering future Capital budgets and bond sales. Along these lines, the County should focus increased attention on the “outyears” of the Capital Budget, not just the budget year.
- The Capital Budget should take advantage of the County’s strong financial condition through the use of Capital Fund Balance and Paygo funds, thereby reducing reliance on debt.
- The County should continue to focus on funding of infrastructure and scheduled replacements.
- Consideration should be given to the County’s future development and associated population growth and the potential impacts on capital construction, particularly for Board of Education projects.
- The County should rely on its strong financial condition, long term planning, and sound financial management to avoid tax increases.
- FY2022 Budget Growth—the current forecasts indicate low revenue growth of 2-4%.
- The FY2020 experience of higher than anticipated growth in income tax can be explained primarily by Federal Government actions. Without such support, the models predict much lower growth in income tax for both FY2021 and FY2022. In some cases, for some counties, FY2022 income tax revenue is projected to decline. Until there is considerably

more evidence of rebounding growth, the County should maintain the low or slow growth mentality with regard to spending and hiring.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & RECREATION UPDATE:

Mr. Steve Chandlee, Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation met with the Board and review the following:

PROGRAM OPEN SPACE

APPROVED Projects:(POS funds)

1. Court Rehab Projects FY20 \$150,000
2. Route 8 Trail Extension FY21 \$248,188.75
3. Terrapin Park Restroom and Ranger Station FY21 \$450,000

APPROVED Infrastructure Park projects

Route 18 Park – re-fabric HR fences for Fields #1-3 and install new HR fence for Field 4 with mow strip

Tennis Court paving.

Round Top Park

Basketball Court paving with new backboards, rims and painting.

Old Love Point Park

Pinkney Park

Church Hill Park

Recreation

All Winter Leagues cancelled due to COVID

Spring Field Use Meeting January 27, 2021 (virtual)

Planning for Summer Camp options

Updating forms/releases to be completed with electronic signatures

Artificial Turf Field Use:

1. Total hours of scheduled use from OCT – FEB: 740 hrs. (roughly 34 hrs./wk.) QAC Recreation used 52.5 hrs. / Outside rentals use = 687.5 hrs.
2. 56% out-of-county organizations, 44% in-county
3. Lacrosse made up 74% of rentals, soccer (11%), field hockey (9%), football (6%)
4. Largest rental groups were True Lacrosse (210 hrs.) and Annapolis Hawks (142 hrs.) which are both out-of-county organizations
5. Roughly \$70,000 revenue generated from July 1, 2020 – February 2021

Park and Resource Planning

Park/Environmental Planning – Water Quality Focused Projects of 2020

1. Redesign / Paving of Parking Area, Wetland Conservation Seeding – to allow positive drainage/infiltration/enhancement

2. Conceptual Layout of Route 8 Trail (Davidson Rd. north to Mowbray Park)

Park and Resource Planning

DNR 2020 Trust Fund Grant/Partnership with Chesapeake Bay Foundation/
Chesapeake Bay Trust – Healthy Waters Workgroup

▶ Project	Practice	# trees / shrubs / meadow	Acres
Batts Neck Park	Tree Planting - Urban Canopy	meadow	0.75
Blue Heron Driving Range	Tree Planting - sycamores -no mow area	16 trees lining drive	1.66
Blue Heron Nature Preserve	100 ft. Riparian Buffer/Aforestation/Meadow		6,050 tree whips 15.12
Grasonville Park	Tree Planting - Urban Canopy	91 trees, 66 shrubs	0.91
Whitemarsh Park*	Tree Planting	850 trees (715 are whips)	5.0

Park and Resource Planning

- Assisted Kent Narrows Development Foundation in selection of vendor for signage project
- Coordinated walkthrough with MORE at Terrapin Park
- Coordinating LAND PRESERVATION PARKS AND RECREATION (LPPRP) program report with assistance from BEACON
- Assessing potential Eagle Scout projects
- Working in coordination with DPW regarding Bulkhead replacement project

Public Landings

Fishing Line Recycling Program

Partnering with Plastic Free QAC ...

Outdoor and indoor collection stations

Free recycling return boxes

To add new recycling receptacles at:

- Visitor's Center
- Deep Landing
- Southeast Creek Landing
- Cabin Creek Landing

- Other locations

Refurbish collection receptacles at:

- Matapeake & Romancoke Piers
- Kent Narrows Landing
- Wells Cove Landing
- Centreville Wharf

Public Landing and Marinas - Video Security System

QA Watermen's Boat Basin at Kent Narrows

- 145 Slips

System installed December 2020

- 12 cameras
- Digital Recording System

This system will help protect a significant investment in 145 boats and equipment and the livelihood of local watermen.

Public Landings – Dredging Projects

Corsica River Dredging - completed Feb. 2021

Permitted depth: - 5 feet Mean Low Water (MLW)

Dredging: November 2020 to February 2021

Federal Channel

32 County & Town Slips

Transient Docking Area

100% Grant Funded – MD-DNR Waterway Improvement Program (WIP)

Price Creek Dredging – planned for Fall 2021

Tax district for MD-DNR WIP Loan

Exploring options for beneficial use of dredge material

Received \$10K grant from MD –DNR for sampling

Kent Narrows Dredging – Dredging Oct. - Dec. 2018 / Plantings at ENNWR Apr. 2019

Depth: -7 to -9 ft MLW

Final Reimbursement of \$163K

100% Grant funded – MD-DNR WIP

Blue Heron Golf Course

- Grounds Maintenance Contract w/ Growing Solutions expires December 2021
- 7/1/20 to 1/8/21 15,900 rounds played (85% of projected)
- Driving Range has met 80% of revenue goals
- Rental Fees 93%
- Green Fees 103%

Bay Bridge Airport

- Runway 11-29 Obstruction Removal Program and Installation of Wildlife Fence
- Completed; the project and associated grant are closed.
- Obstructions (trees) noted in the design plans have been removed and obstruction lighting was installed
- The project also included installation of airfield fencing. All fencing has been completed except Phase 6, which includes fencing in the terminal area.
- Runway 11-29 Rehabilitation and Safety Area
- (CARES Act funded 100%), pre-design activities are ongoing.
- Survey has been completed and design is progressing.
- Grant applications due by May 3, 2021
- FAA will need to review and approve the Scope of Services in advance of the grant application package

Terrapin Nature Preserve and Ferry Point Park

- Objective is to return these parks to their intended use;
- No Coolers
- No Beach chairs
- Fishing in permissible areas (Terrapin)
- Fishing prohibited at Ferry Point
- Re-establish grasses

LEGISLATIVE SESSION:

COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 20-13

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT CONCERNING Cottage Home Planned Residential Development;

FOR THE PURPOSE of modifying the Planned Residential Developments standards in Chapter 18:1 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Queen Anne’s County to establish standards for cottage home planned residential development in the sixteen zoning districts in Queen Anne’s County that permit major or minor multifamily uses; amending the definition of “multifamily” in Chapter 18 App of the Code of Public Local Laws and providing a definition of “cottage home” therein; and generally providing for and addressing cottage home residential development in Queen Anne’s County;

BY AMENDING Section 18:1-36 of the Code of Public Local Laws and revising the definition of “Multifamily” and providing a definition of “Cottage Home” in Chapter 18 App of the Code of Public Local Laws.

(NOTE: New language is shown CAPITALIZED AND BOLD FACED and deletions are shown by ~~strikethrough~~.)

On a motion made by Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Dumenil, the Board unanimously agreed to adopt County Ordinance 20-13.

Commissioners	Yes	No
Moran	x	
J Wilson	x	
S Wilson	x	
Dumenil	x	
Corchiarino	x	

BILL NO. 21-01
 A BILL ENTITLED

“PUBLIC FACILITIES BOND AUTHORIZATION OF 2021”

A PUBLIC LOCAL LAW TO AUTHORIZE AND EMPOWER QUEEN ANNE’S COUNTY, MARYLAND (THE “**COUNTY**”), FROM TIME TO TIME, TO BORROW NOT MORE THAN THIRTEEN MILLION DOLLARS (\$13,000,000) FOR THE PUBLIC PURPOSE OF FINANCING OR REFINANCING CERTAIN PUBLIC FACILITIES, ALL AS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN, AND TO EVIDENCE SUCH BORROWING BY THE ISSUANCE AND SALE AT PUBLIC OR PRIVATE SALE, UPON ITS FULL FAITH AND CREDIT, OF ONE OR MORE SERIES OF ITS GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS IN LIKE PAR AMOUNT; EMPOWERING AND DIRECTING THE COUNTY TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 19-504(d) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND (2013 REPLACEMENT VOLUME AND 2020 SUPPLEMENT) (THE “**CODE**”) PRIOR TO ISSUING ALL OR ANY PART OF THE BONDS; EMPOWERING AND DIRECTING THE COUNTY TO LEVY AD VALOREM TAXES IN RATE AND AMOUNT SUFFICIENT TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE MATURING PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS AND PLEDGING THE COUNTY’S FULL FAITH AND CREDIT AND UNLIMITED TAXING POWER TO THE PAYMENT THEREOF; EXEMPTING THE BONDS FROM THE PROVISIONS OF SECTIONS 19-205 TO 19-206, INCLUSIVE, OF THE CODE; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF REFUNDING BONDS; AND RELATING GENERALLY TO THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF SUCH BONDS.

On a motion made by Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner S. Wilson, the Board unanimously agreed to adopt County Ordinance 21-01.

Commissioners	Yes	No
Moran	x	

J Wilson	x	
S Wilson	x	
Dumenil	x	
Corchiarino	x	

PRESS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No persons spoke to the Commissioners on subjects of interest to them.

COMMISSIONER’S ROUNDTABLE:

Commissioner Dumenil discussed the following:

- Attended the Grasonville VFD Swearing in of Officers
- Noted that when schools reopen to make sure to take kids temperatures before they leave the house

Commissioner Moran discussed the following:

- Noted that the Comp Plan review is coming up
- Testified in support of Sunday hunting and opposed the way Commissioner are elected
- MDTA has suspended the MEPA process until they can meet again
- Reviewed contra-flow options on the Bay Bridge
- Asked if the students will be able to do reset to get caught up in their grade levels

Commissioner S. Wilson discussed the following:

- Reviewed questions about the vaccine pyramid and the lack of response by the health department made by Karin Spignolo, press and public speaker

Commissioner Corchiarino discussed the following:

- Reviewed questions about the vaccine pyramid and the lack of response by the health department made by Karin Spignolo, press and public speaker
- Wished his parents a happy 50th anniversary

On a motion made by Commissioner Corchiarino, seconded by Commissioner Dumenil, the Board unanimously agreed to send a letter to the Federal Government to receive more vaccines. As part of the motion, Commissioners Corchiarino and J. Wilson asked questions and/or made comments on this topic.

Commissioners	Yes	No
Moran	x	
J Wilson	x	
S Wilson	x	
Dumenil	x	

Corchiarino	x	
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There being no further business, they adjourned at 7:50 p.m. to meet again on Tuesday, February 23, 2021.

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

PRESIDENT