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Waterways Management Advisory Board
Monday June 8, 2020 at 4pm
Virtual Meeting
Town Office

CALL TO ORDER – Roy Myers opened the meeting at 4:00pm.

Present: John Marrah, Roy Myers, Daniel Daffin, Mark Welsh, and Mark Van Fleet, Planning and Zoning Officer Kymberly Kudla. Brent Jett and Dani Walton of Lane Engineering was also present. Kimberly Weller, Communications provided technical support.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Member Marrah made a motion to approve the minutes of March 11, 2020 as presented. The motion was seconded by Member Van Fleet and carried on a vote of 5:0 in favor.

In response to Chairman Myers letter to the Commissioners requesting, Ms. Weisman said due to the virus all projects are on hold and will have staff evaluate repairs to docks on N. Harbor Road. The Grant as approved allowed improvements to the harbor and Fogg Cove.

NEW BUSINESS:

Review of Building Permit #5357: Fogg Cove Homeowners Association – Replace 75 linear feet of bulkhead in-kind and replace 277 linear feet of bulkhead with riprap and construct 63 linear feet of marsh edging with 480SF of marsh as mitigation for tidal wetlands impacts.

Dani Walton of Lane engineering gave an overview of the request to stabilize the shoreline. Members discussed lateral line options A-C finding B the best option. Member Van Fleet spoke of the noncompliant (floating) docks suggesting approval wait until the Commissioners review the St. Michaels Harbor and Stormwater Infrastructure Assessment.

Chairman Myers would like to brief the homeowners on the Grant and give recommendations to address future flooding. Dani Walton preferred approval for the lateral lines and holding off on the generation of the permit. Member Myers would like to brief Perry Cabin homeowners on the Grant prior to the next meeting and talk of ways to support the projected sea level rise.

Chairman Myer made a motion to approve lateral line option “B” and hold on issuance of the permit until a discussion between Waterways Board and Perry Cabin homeowners briefing them on the output of the grant and how to work better with applicants to approve the proposal. Motion seconded by Member Marrah and carried on a vote of 5:0 in favor. Ms. Walton agreed.

Review of Building Permit #5369: Davis & Denise Wood – Construct 2 finger piers measuring 17’long by 3’ wide (within the harbor lines) and two mooring piles.

Dani Walton presented the proposal noting that State and Federal permits had been submitted and waiting on approval. Prior approval of lateral lines was under the old method of determination (bisecting angle method), as Mr. Wood revised his plans to include 2 mooring piles, new lateral lines need approval. There was a discussion of protocol of allowing structures and boats extending past the harbor line, to be continued to the next meeting.

Staff was directed to provide the approved lateral line for the adjacent property located at 205 Green Street and the lateral lines previously approved for the Wood property for the August meeting.

Member Marrah was concerned about the boat extending past the harbor line. The review and approval were continued to the August meeting. Dani Walton agreed.

Other matters from Advisory Board or Staff.

Grant Update: The contract was awarded to George, Miles, & Buhr, LLC (GMB).

The first phase of the awarded grant is to hire a consultant to accomplish the following tasks:

Task 1- Identify and categorize areas of tidal flooding and the impacts to infrastructure, businesses, community assets and residential property now (2020) and in 2030, 2040 and 2050. The 2018 Sea Level Rise Projections for Maryland will be used to determine future risk. This will include determining priority areas within the designated study area to focus efforts. Recommendations on feasible adaptation strategies will be made and will consider current stormwater and harbor infrastructure identified in Task 2. The recommendations will include draft language to update the Town's Floodplain Management Ordinance and Waterway Management Regulations and updates for the next Talbot County Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Task 2 - Document and create a GIS data layer of the stormwater and harbor infrastructure. Identify, categorize, and prioritize deficiencies in the overall system and develop an implementation plan that includes phases, timeline, and budget.

Kym Kudla introduced Brent Jett of George, Miles, & Buhr, LLC (GMB), he gave a brief update of plans. Member Marrah voiced his concerns for the following areas of town: Honeymoon Bridge, Mill Street, CBMM, Harbor Road, flooding at the boat ramps and areas at the end of E. Chew Avenue to Harbor Inn.

Chairman Myers will provide photos and Seal level Rise studies to Brent Jett.

The meeting adjourned at 5:13pm.

Minutes approved as submitted by 4-0 vote in favor on the 8th day of September, 2020.

Roy Myers, Chairman