

PEARCE CREEK IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE MEETING

December 16, 2016 10:00 AM

90B North Center Street

Cecilton, MD 21919

Attendees:

AECOM: Chris Rogers

Anchor QEA: Karin Olsen

Bay View Estates (BVE) Residents: Dave Heacock, Joyce Heacock, Ken Cowley, George Hansell, Bill Haines, Robert Fitzner, Wilma Fitzner, William J. Fischer, Mary Ann Fischer, Sandy Stake, Stephen Zawatski, Joanne Burton, John Sobon

Cecil County Department of Planning and Zoning: Tony DiGiacomo

Cecil Whig: Jake Owens

Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE): Ginny Kearney

Maryland Environmental Service (MES): Kristen Keene, Christine Holmburg

Maryland Department of Transportation's Port Administration (MPA): Kristen Fidler, Chris Correale

Congressman Harris's Office: Mary O'Keeffe

Sunset Pointe: Kathleen McDonough

Town of Cecilton: Mayor Joe Zang, Mary Cooper

West View Shores (WVS) Residents: Diane English, Eddie Lavin, Valerie Woodruff

1.0 Welcome & Introductions

Kristen Fidler, Chair

- The attendees were welcomed to the meeting and everyone introduced themselves.

2.0 Summary Approval

Committee Members

- The committee members reviewed the draft October 2016 Pearce Creek Implementation Committee (PCIC) meeting summary and it was approved as written; the summary will be posted as final on the Pearce Creek outreach website (www.pearcecreekoutreach.com).

3.0 Philadelphia District Corps (CENAP) Update

Jerry Jones, CENAP

Liner Construction Updates

- The US Army Corps of Engineers Philadelphia District (CENAP) reported that 99% of the liner installation is complete. The liner continues to be covered by topsoil material and all of the major construction elements are in place.

Groundwater Monitoring Plan Update

- CENAP is awaiting comments and final approval of the Groundwater Monitoring Plan, based on review by the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE).
- MDE is currently discussing the Pearce Creek community comments and suggestions to the Draft Groundwater Monitoring Plan. Subsequent to finalization (expected by the end of the year), the plan will be made available to the citizens.

Discharge Monitoring Plan Update

- CENAP expects to submit the Draft Discharge Monitoring Plan to MDE in March or April 2017.
- By October 2017 CENAP will have secured a dredging contract to place material in the Pearce Creek Dredged Material Containment Facility (DMCF); however, the actual inflow could occur as late as January.

- Community concerns were expressed regarding material being removed from outside of the dike, as well as a linear area that was cut into the front of the DMCF, and the possible effects from stormwater drainage; it was replied that the material being removed is designated as topsoil in the liner construction contract and that it is dredged material. There is a possibility of runoff from stormwater but that the area will eventually be re-vegetated. CENAP will further investigate the work that is being conducted.
- Residents stated that gravel is accumulating at the entrance to the site and is migrating across the road to the nearby lawns; it was requested that the gravel be cleaned up.
- Once construction is finished the trailers will be removed and the area will be cleaned before the contractor departs; the tree planting layout has not been finalized.

4.0 Drinking Water Line Planning Progress

**Mayor Zang, Town of Cecilton
Chris Rogers, AECOM**

Water System Construction Updates

- A vast majority of the transmission main pipe has been installed.
- Almost the entire distribution system pipeline has been laid in Bay View Estates (BVE); the contractor is now working in West View Shores (WVS).
- Overall, the project is proceeding on schedule with 62% of the transmission main contract complete and 36% of the distribution main contract complete. It was noted that the percent complete values are somewhat misleading due to the larger items and restoration efforts that will be billed at the end of the project.

Access Agreements

- Finalization of the on-lot construction bid documents is expected in advance of the completion of the distribution and transmission line projects.
- The on-lot access agreement language will be finalized with the Town of Cecilton's Attorney and must be signed by every homeowner before the on-lot contractor can enter the lots.

On-lot Construction FAQ Development

- AECOM has been working with the Maryland Environmental Service (MES) on a Frequently Asked Questions document for the on-lot construction; responses are currently being developed.
- A date for the spring "What to Expect During On-lot Construction" meeting will be set during the February PCIC meeting.
- AECOM requested patience as the work continues during the winter months and noted that the contractor is building up the exposed valve boxes with stone in advance of potential plowing. AECOM added that it is difficult to maintain dust control measures considering that it is too cold to spray down the area.
- A concern was expressed regarding the potential freezing and bursting of meters due to poor placement and a suggestion was made to move them further onto the property or finding some other solution. It was replied that no issues associated with freezing and/or bursting of meters is anticipated; each meter will be installed at the stake and the shut-off valve will be installed about a foot behind the meter.
- The Maryland Department of Transportation's Port Administration (MPA) reassured the PCIC that the contracts associated with the water system were still fully funded and that the project is proceeding as expected.

5.0 MPA Updates

Kristen Fidler

Elected Official Outreach

- The Dredged Material Management Program (DMMP) Executive Committee meeting was held December 1st which included the Secretaries of the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT), MDE, Department of Natural Resources (DNR), US Army Corps of Engineers Colonels from Baltimore and Philadelphia districts, a citizen representative, and the Chesapeake Bay Foundation (CBF) who all serve as statutorily required members.
- CENAP gave an update regarding Pearce Creek as well as the citizen representative, Fran Taylor, who also relayed a note from Mr. Haines. The PCIC is part of the DMMP and is fully represented in that forum.
- It was noted that the 90-day Maryland General Assembly begins soon where the budget and bill for the Pearce Creek project will be highlighted and discussed.

GreenPort Newsletter

- On November 14th the DMMP Annual meeting was held; information from the annual meeting is available on the GreenPort website (<http://www.mpa.maryland.gov/greenport/publications.php>).
- PCIC members were encouraged to subscribe to the GreenPort email newsletter which provides bi-monthly updates on the Port of Baltimore (e.g. environmental programs, education programs, community outreach programs, etc.).

Fall 2016 Exterior Monitoring Update

- Anchor QEA has completed the fall 2016 sampling; this sampling is round three of four for the baseline sampling.
- The labs are processing the samples and results should be available to discuss in April 2017.

Website Updates

- CENAP's November aerial photo has been placed on the website where the progression of the liner construction can be viewed.
- The spring 2016 exterior monitoring documents, including the technical memorandum regarding the River Beach samples, have been uploaded to the outreach website.
- Information regarding surface water quality as it relates to Pearce Creek is also available on the website. Any information found on the website can be distributed upon request.

6.0 Citizen Comments

Community Representatives

Feedback from the Community Members

- Ms. McDonough stated that no formal response has been received from MDE regarding requests from Sunset Pointe residents to keep their wells available for agricultural use; a formal response was requested. MDE decided that all wells are to be capped and will coordinate with the MPA regarding a response.

7.0 Future Meeting Discussions

Kristen Fidler, MPA

- The next meeting will be held Friday, February 17th with a snow date of February 24th. A date has yet to be set for the on-lot construction informational meeting.

Adjourn - Noon

Kristen Fidler, Chair