

DUBLIN/DARLINGTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

March 18, 2009

Members Present: Rich Norling, Chairman
Charles Day, Vice Chairman
Jane Howe, Secretary
Jim Murphy
Joni Nugent
Stephen Smith
Donald Thomas
Alan Thompson

Guests: Billy Boniface
Brendan Patton
Ellen Slagle (for Donna Stifler)
John Sullivan
Sgt. Kevin Thomas
Jane Walker

Rich Norling called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

Government Updates:

County Executive's Representative: Jane Walker distributed the results of the Darlington water system MES survey. The majority of people who responded are satisfied with their water supply. The people who are not satisfied do not want to pay for system wide water softening equipment. She also distributed the schedule for Comprehensive Rezoning Review Meetings. The fee for the Showmobile has been waved for the Darlington Independence Day celebration.

County Councilman Chad Shrodes, District D – Chad is attending the Citizens' Police Academy which meets every Wednesday night for the next few months.

Delegate Donna Stifler – Ellen Slagle, representing Donna, stated that they are ready and willing to help with any issues flagged by the DDCC.

Sheriff's Representative Sgt. Kevin Thomas – The February report for Sector 100 shows total calls went up to 760 as compared to 731 for the same time period in 2008. Seasonal residences at Camp Ramblewood were burglarized. There was a similar rise in Sector 90, but a decrease in Sector 60. No leads have come forth about the horse thieves. The Sheriff's Department is tracking trends in auto thefts, residential burglaries and robberies county wide using Crime Stat. They are surveying victims and providing crime prevention tools. He reminded everyone that incidents need to be reported. Residents can sign up for news bulletins that arrive by phone, text or email.

Billy Boniface – Billy reported for Barry Glassman that an additional \$500 million must be pared from the budget. He did not feel that Harford County was getting its fair share especially with the impact of BRAC. Regarding the proposed waste energy facility, there is a lot of misinformation circulating. He feels it is a necessity or more landfill space will be required. Rich Norling commented that the Governor has approved \$4.5 million for the purchase of new buses in Harford County.

Special Guest Presentation – Rich Norling introduced John Sullivan, Harford County Department of Agriculture. John had multiple brochures for distribution. He spoke about the draft legislation for small wind turbines in Harford County. The wind anemometer program has a two year wait. Average 10 MPH wind speed is required to power a turbine. There are no current rules. The State has a model ordinance. Will Rural Legacy allow them? He said Greg Merrill has been hired as the Coordinator for the Ag Magnet Program at NHHS. They are renovating the pasture and rebuilding the barn. The program will debut with 3 strands, Natural Resources, Horticulture and Animal Husbandry, in the fall of 2010. Will the Extension Office get an Ag

Educator position? The Bachman barn on 155 will be painted to read Harford County Maryland Grown. They want people to use the website. Training grants, up to \$500, are available for HC farmers. The Havre de Grace Farmer's Market is now a Main Street program (formerly a Chamber program). There's a new market in Jarrettsville. The Tuesday market in Bel Air has moved to Boulton Street. The Young Farmer Outreach Program is in partnership with the Dairy Cooperative. Milk prices are at an all time low. The Ag Banquet will honor Andy Bachman, Martin Tibbs and Dave Thompson. Frank Kratovil will be the keynote speaker. There are 6 CSAs in Harford now.

Updates

1. **Aberdeen Water Permit** – An amendment allowing the purchase of more water from Harford County has been signed. Aberdeen has not withdrawn the application for Deer Creek water.
2. **LNG Pipeline** – The deadline for comments has been extended.
3. **NYP** – No new cases.

Old Business

1. **Inactive and New Members** – Jane Walker said that two members have resigned. Three others are in question. She will send them letters thanking them for their service.
2. **Comprehensive Rezoning** – See above.
3. **Future Guests** – Jane Howe suggested we invite the new manager from Conowingo Dam for an update.
4. **Harley Davidson** – Jane Walker checked to see if this dealership is permitted to sell cars and they are.

Good of the Council

~ Jane Howe had information about the Grow it, Eat it! Initiative of the Harford County Master Gardeners, the first annual Women's Conference, the Volunteer Expo and the League of Women Voters.

~Charles Day announced that Hosanna will be hosting a dinner at the Richlin Ballroom.

~ Stephen Smith stated that Bike for Breast Cancer is looking for board members.

Next Meeting: April 15, 2009 at 7PM at the Wilson Community Center

Adjournment: Joni Nugent made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Charles Day seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Howe