

Cecil Land Use Alliance
General Meeting Minutes
1/25/12
Perryville Public Library

CLUA Members present: 10
Guests: 6

1. **President Jill Burke called the meeting to order at** at 7:06 pm, welcoming members and guests, encouraging payment of 2012 dues, and outlining the main events of the evening:

Election of Board members for the 2012-2013 terms

Presentation of "Weary Shoreline," an MPT documentary on difficulties in enforcing Critical Area regulations and resulting issues for the Chesapeake Bay.

Framing 2012 Key activities of preparing members and citizens for upcoming elections under Charter Government and continuing to work towards an effective Watershed Implementation Plan for Cecil County.

Jill introduced George Kaplan to read the treasurer's report and conduct the Board Elections.

2. George read the treasurer report on behalf of treasurer Wendy Moon who could not be present. The current organization balance is \$1,186.25. There has been no activity since May.

George listed the nominees for two-year terms on CLUA's Board of Directors::

Jill Burke
Elizabeth Lowe
Rupert Rossetti

There are two seats for which there are no nominees. George called for additional nominations from the floor. None were heard and a motion to clause nominations was made by Nancy Valentine and seconded by Paul Harjung. Additional nominations were solicited for a one-year term left open by Charles Herzog's departure from the Board. None were made. Nominations were closed on the motion Nancy Valentine, seconded by Sue Fuhrman. Since there were no contested positions, a motion was made by Paul Harjung and seconded by Nancy Valentine that a single ballot be cast for the slate of Jill Burke, Elizabeth Lowe, Rupert Rossettii, and Mike Burns. The vote for the slate was unanimous. (Note: the mention of Mike Burns was inadvertent since he was not announced as a nominee. This was brought to members' attention after the fact but there were no objections to his election. His election is valid only if he accepts the position.)

Board members continuing two-year terms (elected in Jan. 2011) are Paul Harjung, George Kaplan, Wendy Moon, and Nancy Valentine.

3. Rupert Rossetti introduced the video program and pointed out some of the materials assembled at the back of the room on Chesapeake Bay issues and efforts to improve the Bay. The video ran for about 55 minutes, providing many examples of failures in the Critical Area implementation and enforcement. Enforcement is managed at the county level where resources are limited and restraining growth is often seen as bad economically for the jurisdictions.

4. The video was followed by discussion led by Rupert Rossetti of some of the issues presented and included informed comments from members of the Sassafas River Association who were present.

5. Final comments from the gathering included emphasis on:
 - a. the importance of upcoming *elections* for the new county executive and county council positions and the short time to the April 3rd primary. In determining the approach CLUA will take on providing information, endorsing, and/or financially supporting candidates, time is of the essence.
 - b. the support, public education, and input that CLUA will provide on the County's *Watershed Implementation Plan*. A March educational meeting on this topic is planned.
 - c. Reminder to examine and take home materials for review and sharing.

It was stated that task groups on the election and the WIP are needed, and volunteers were requested for those groups.

Meeting ended at 8:35.

Nancy Valentine