COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SCHEDULE  
TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2020  
LEGISLATIVE DAY

To comply with the Governor’s proclamation declaring a state of emergency in Maryland, to minimize the person-to-person spread of COVID-19, we ask that citizens stay home and watch the County Commissioner’s meeting live on our QAC Website at qac.org/live or on QACTV’s Television channel on Atlantic Broadband cable (channel 7 or 77).

To maintain social distancing, seating will be restricted. If you have any respiratory symptoms such as fever, cough, and/or shortness of breath, please refrain from attending the meeting and notify a healthcare provider. We will be screening all meeting participants prior to entering the building.

Press and Public Comments is encouraged during the Constant Yield Hearing. Please send your comments to PublicComment@qac.org or by going to qac.org/publiccomment. We will accept comments up until the end of the meeting. Citizens are asked to submit all other written testimony to the County Commissioners by mail at 107 N. Liberty Street, Centreville, MD 21617 or by email at qaccommissionersandadministrator@qac.org

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

1. CALL TO ORDER  

   6:00 p.m. Call to Order,  
   Pledge of Allegiance,  
   Moment of Silence,  
   Approval of Agenda

   Accept County Commissioners’ Minutes  
   - Regular Minutes – May 12, 2020  
   - Budget Work Session – May 19, 2020  
   - Closed Session – May 12, 2020

   Press and Public Comments**

2. NEW BUSINESS  

   6:05 p.m. Mr. Todd R. Mohn, PE, County Administrator  
   “Presentation of Documents for Signatures and Weekly Correspondence”  
   Action  
   1. 20th Anniversary of the Judy Center Early Learning Hub

   Proclamation  
   2. FY 21 Sewerage and Water Rate Increase  
   3. Fireworks Event  
   4. Request for EDIF – Lab Leasing Co., Inc. d/b/a Water Testing Labs of Maryland  

   5. Review Extension Request Citizen Sponsored Text
Amendment 20-04

Documents:

05.26.2020Action.pdf
05.26.2020Correspondence.pdf

3. LEGISLATION

   Legislative Session
   County Ordinance 20-03 - the timing of development impact fee
   collection and assignment of an administrative fee
   for the processing of deferred impact fee payments in Queen
   Anne’s County (hearing to be scheduled)

   County Ordinance 20-05 - lot width dimensions and other bulk
   standards for duplex units in Grasonville Neighborhood
   Commercial (GNC) and Grasonville Village Commercial (GVC)
   (hearing to be scheduled)

   Press and Public Comments**

   Commissioner’s Roundtable

4. BUDGET HEARING

   7:00 p.m.  Constant Yield Hearing

* Please note the scheduled times are subject to change, except for public hearings.

**Press and Public Comment at the beginning of the meeting will last 15 minutes. Additional time
   will be available at the end of the meeting for anyone wishing to speak. Comments are limited to 3
   minutes in length. Comments longer than 3 minutes must be submitted in writing.

***Part of the meeting may be closed to the Public in accordance to the Open Meetings Act
   procedures.
WHEREAS, the County Commissioners of Queen Anne's County, at the request of the residents, declare the County as a Judy Center Early Learning Hub of Queen Anne's County (Judy Center) Community; and

WHEREAS, all residents have been called upon to celebrate the contributions of the Judy Center in promoting the support and empowerment of families of young children, birth to 5 years old, residing in Queen Anne's County, for the past twenty years; and

WHEREAS, the Judy Center staff vow to continue their dedicated service to promote early school readiness and parent and caregiver empowerment; and

WHEREAS, the Judy Center will continue to collaborate to provide positive caregiver and parent and child empowerment initiatives, such as the: Judy Center Social Skills Development Playgroups, Judy Center Home Visits, Judy Center/SES Pre-K and Kindergarten events and activities, and miscellaneous Judy Center supported community outreach events, partnering program supports, and staff professional development opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the Judy Center will deliver services with dignity and respect to caregivers, parents and young children, residing in the current catchment area, of Sudlersville Elementary School regardless of race, religion, or creed; and

WHEREAS, the Judy Center will ensure staff will provide personal examples of outstanding character, ensuring many opportunities to model outstanding character traits during events or activities; and

WHEREAS, the Judy Center will strive to create and foster an environment that supports the development of early school readiness skills in young children, in an effort to provide caregivers and parents, in Queen Anne's County, the support for their families to thrive; and

WHEREAS, the Judy Center asks all community members, including caregivers, parents and young children, residing in Queen Anne’s County, to celebrate the occurrence of their Twentieth Anniversary;

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY, do hereby designate the month of May, 2020 as the Judy Center Early Learning Hub of Queen Anne’s County Twentieth Anniversary Celebration Month, and acknowledge the vast contributions the Judy Center has provided to the residents of Queen Anne’s County over the past 20 years.

QUEEN ANNE’S COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MEMORANDUM

Date: May 26, 2020
To: Sanitary Commission
From: Alan Quimby
Re: FY 21 Sewerage and Water Rate Increase

In 2011, the Sanitary Commission adopted resolutions that capped the annual rate escalator at 6.5% for sewer fees and 5.5% for water fees for “all subdistricts”. The resolutions had language indicating that these increases will take effect automatically on July 1 “unless the County Commissioners determine by resolution prior to July 1 of each year that the rates will increase by a lesser percentage”. Note this Resolution preceded the creation of the Southern Kent Island (SKI) subdistrict. If you will recall, the intent was to not raise SKI rates until all four phases were constructed unless absolutely necessary.

In order to keep the rate increase at 2.5% for both water and sewer fees for the upcoming FY 21 budget (as it was submitted excepting the SKI subdistrict), the Board must pass a motion similar to what is provided below.

Please note the County Attorney has indicated an approved motion will satisfy the resolution requirement.

I move to set the annual sewer and water operations & maintenance rate escalator for all Sanitary District rate schedules for the FY 21 budget year at 2.5%, with the exception of the Southern Kent Island subdistrict which shall see no increase in rates.

Cc: Jon Seeman
    Patrick Thompson
MEMORANDUM

Date: May 12, 2020

To: County Commissioners

From: Stephen Chandlee, Director, Department of Parks and Recreation
       Joan Brooks, Recreation Manager

Subject: Fireworks Event

The Department of Parks and Recreation has contracted the Fireworks Celebration at the Exploration Center at Kent Narrows with Zambelli Inc. for the date of Wednesday, July 1, 2020 and the rain date of Thursday, July 2, 2020.

In December, we paid half of the fees ($10,000) to lock in the date for the event. We have been contacted by the vendor regarding the decision to cancel the event and select another date due to the current situation with the COVID-19 virus.

Based on conversation with the Zambelli’s Project Manager, Kim Ceyrolles, we have two options to consider:
   1. Cancel and move the event to next year July 2021 with no price increase
   2. Postpone and select another date this year 2020 with no price increase

Requested Action:
I move to authorize the Department of Parks and Recreation to cancel the fireworks contract with Zambelli, Inc. for the July 2020 Fireworks Celebration that was to be held on Wednesday July 1, 2020, due to the COVID-19 virus and select the same dates next year based on availability of the vendor.

cc: Jon Seeman
To: Zambelli Fireworks 2020 customers
From: Zambelli management
Date: March 16, 2020
Subject: Zambelli Policy Regarding Coronavirus Related Cancellations/Postponements

We want to address concerns broached by several customers about the stance Zambelli Fireworks will take in the event that the health risks associated with the Coronavirus cause cancellation of a contracted fireworks display. First, Zambelli Fireworks appreciates its relationships it has with its customers, many of whom have been long standing clients. As such, and in recognition of the difficulties we are all experiencing in this crisis, we have instructed all of our Project Managers to work in a congenial manner to solve problems you are likely to experience. However, we also ask each of you to recognize the difficulties we are facing and stress that early and frequent communication is necessary to minimize dislocations on both our parts.

Each of you sign a contract with us requiring a deposit and additional payments based on the timing of cancellation. We are going to amend the terms on cancellation in recognition of the extraordinary circumstances we all face. Allow me to enumerate the new terms as well as explain some constraints we face in certain scenarios.

Cancellation of displays outside of June 29 through July 12
Cancellation prior to 30 days of a scheduled display will not be financially penalized.

Cancellation of June 29 through July 12 2020 displays
Cancellation of a June 29 through July 12, 2020 displays prior to 45 days ahead of time will not be penalized with two caveats. In order to prepare for this busy time of year, we are required by Budget Rental Truck to receive trucks at our location by June 1. In order to arrange for delivery, Budget requires a contractual obligation on our part by mid-April. We will ask customers cancelling after April 15 to consider helping reimburse Zambelli for truck rental expenses. Given the uncertainty this year, we are working with Budget to give us more leeway in our truck order. We will communicate the results of those discussions as soon as we have clarity of Budget’s revised policy. In addition, shows utilizing barge services require us to reserve a barge various numbers of days from the display. These arrangements typically occur between our Project Managers and a local barge company. We will require reimbursement for those expenses from customers who do not provide us timely notification as agreed between the customer and the Project Manager.
Postponement of any 2020 display

Zambelli Fireworks encourages our customers to utilize postponement dates for displays. All deposits will be credited towards the postponement date as long as Zambelli is notified before its crews are mobilized or other expenses directly attributed to your display are incurred. This can typically be accommodated within 45 days from the scheduled date. Despite increases in product costs which have occurred due to a variety of factors, Zambelli Fireworks will hold to our contractual pricing in the case of a display postponed within calendar year 2020.

Cancellation within 30 days of a display

Finally, cancellation within 30 days from the date of the display without utilizing a postponement date will revert to the terms of the contract.

We believe these changes are a fair accommodation in the difficult environment we are currently experiencing. We encourage you to work with your Project Manager to reach accommodations that give your customers an enjoyable, safe experience that Zambelli and you love to provide.
You have received an email from Zambelli Fireworks explaining our policy on cancellations and postponements due to the coronavirus. There was an error in that original email. Please note the highlighted area in the paragraph below. The appropriate date is May 15th, not April 15th as previously Stated.

**Cancellation of June 29 through July 12 2020 displays**

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of County Commissioners

ACTION ITEM

CC: Todd Mohn, County Administrator
Michael Whitehill, Chairman, Economic Development Incentive Fund Commission
Jean E. Fabi, Economic Development Manager

FROM: Heather Tinelli, Director

DATE: May 20, 2020

SUBJECT: Request for Economic Development Incentive Funding — Lab Leasing Co., Inc. d/b/a Water Testing Labs of Maryland

At its meeting on May 18, 2020, the Economic Development Incentive Fund (EDIF) Commission recommended approval of a conditional loan of $50,000.00 to Lab Leasing Co., Inc. d/b/a Water Testing Labs of Maryland for the purpose of purchasing water analysis equipment for its base of operations at 1000 Butterworth Court, Stevensville, MD 21666.

Lab Leasing Co., Inc. operates two divisions that provide water testing services: Water Testing Labs of Maryland focuses on potable (drinking water) and Chesapeake Labs focus on wastewater analysis from its base of operations in Stevensville, MD. The company is seeking funding to purchase a piece of equipment to enhance its ability to conduct water analysis for private and public clients. The total cost of the project, including cost of equipment, is $180,000. The company currently employs fifteen (15) full-time employees at its Stevensville headquarters and will create two (2) new full-time positions, with an average starting salary between $44,000 and $55,000 respectively.

The EDIF Commission recommends the award as a reimbursement for a portion of the cost of the equipment and conditioned upon the incremental creation of two (2) full-time positions within three (3) years from the date of disbursement of funds. The company would also be required to maintain the employment level at seventeen (17) employees and remain in full operation in the county for a total of five (5) years. The collateral for the conditional loan is the equipment. The EDIF agreement to be prepared by the county attorney will include guarantees and employment reporting requirements. Upon meeting performance requirements of the agreement, the conditional loan would revert to a grant.

SUGGESTED MOTION: I motion to approve the disbursement of $50,000.00 of Economic Development Incentive Funding to Lab Leasing Co., Inc. for the purpose of purchasing water analysis equipment for its Stevensville headquarters. The disbursement of funds is contingent upon a signed agreement between the EDIF Commission and the company outlining the conditions of the agreement and performance of the project in accordance with the application submitted to the EDIF Commission.

ATT: Project Summary
Water Testing Labs

Project Summary

Company: Lab Leasing Co., Inc. d/b/a Water Testing Labs of Maryland and Chesapeake Labs

Location: 1000 and 1005 Butterworth Court, Stevensville, MD 21666

Website: www.wtlmd.com

Business Profile: Lab Leasing Co, Inc. was established in 1979 in Salisbury, Maryland. And was the first private laboratory to be certified by the Maryland State Health Department. The company has four state certified water testing laboratories throughout the region: three in Maryland (Stevensville HQ, Salisbury, and Millersville) and one in northern Virginia (Burke) that service over 1,000 water systems and over 100 wastewater systems. In 1992, headquarters was moved from Salisbury to the Thompson Creek Business Park in Stevensville to better serve the clients in the Upper and Western Shores. Daniel Shields, President of Lab Leasing Co., Inc. is a resident of Kent Island.

Project Description: The project goal is to provide exceptional customer service and maintain a competitive advantage with larger, more corporate testing labs. The acquisition of this equipment will improve laboratory techniques to ensure customers get accurate and timely results, increase analysis skills and allow the company to grow in a very competitive industry. The overall project is valued at $180,000. The cost of the new equipment, an Atomic Absorption Spectrometer, is $150,000. The equipment will allow the business to expand its testing capabilities, lower detection levels and lower overall costs per test so it can offer more comprehensive testing in its online store.

Demonstrated Need For EDIF Funds: The COVID-19 outbreak has hurt sales and increased costs. The company has not laid off any employees nor does it intend to do so. Without EDIF funding, the project would not move forward.
MEMORANDUM

DATE: 26 MAY 2020
TO: QUEEN ANNE’S COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FROM: AMY MOREDOCK, PRINCIPAL PLANNER
SUBJECT: REVIEW EXTENSION REQUEST CITIZEN SPONSORED TEXT AMENDMENT #20-04

Chapter 18 contains provisions for text and map amendments. In accordance with § 18:1-218 citizen sponsored applications for text amendments may be filed with the Office of the Clerk to the County Commissioners for consideration by the County Commissioners only during the first 10 business days in the month of February of each calendar year. During this annual window, the County received four applications for consideration at the County Commissioners 10 March 2020 meeting.

Two things occurred between then and now: the April Planning Commission meeting was canceled in accordance with Governor Hogan’s Executive Order regarding social gatherings/meetings (the May meeting was held virtually and in person in compliance with the Governor’s Order); and Brandon A. Davis (#20-06) and Chesapeake Bay Beach Club (#20-07) withdrew their February 2020 applications.

The citizen sponsored text amendment applications of COHBROS, LLC (#20-05) and William F. Reed (#20-04) are currently being processed. While the COHBROS, LLC application is moving forward under a separate memorandum, at its 14 May 2020 meeting, the Planning Commission requested points of clarification regarding Mr. Reed’s application.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER ACTION
In accordance with § 18:1-220(C)(1) [Action by Planning Commission], the Planning Commission and staff request a review extension from the County Commissioners for TACO #20-04. The County Commissioners conveyed a suite of text amendments (including this application) to the Planning Commission for report and recommendation on 11 March 2020, and the delays outlined above place the Planning Commission recommendation outside of the required 90-day turn around period.

SUGGESTED MOTION
I MOVE TO GRANT A REVIEW EXTENSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 18:1-220(C)(1) FOR CITIZEN SPONSORED TEXT AMENDMENT APPLICATION #20-04 WHICH WAS CONVEYED TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AT ITS 11 MARCH 2020 MEETING. I CITE THE PUBLIC REVIEW DELAY IN THE PROCESS CAUSED BY THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND THE PLANNING COMMISSION’S REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL CLARIFICATION AS GROUNDS TO GRANT THE 90-DAY EXTENSION.
Pursuant to Part 7, "Administration, Enforcement, and Special Procedures", Article XXIX, § 18:1-218 “Proposal of amendment”, of the Queen Anne's County Code – Local Regulations, I/We_____________________

Chesapeake Bay Beach Club, LLC

Applicant's Name

of_500 Marina Club, Stevensville, Maryland 21666

410-604-1933

Address

Telephone Number

hereby petition the County Commissioners of Queen Anne's County to amend Chapter 18, Zoning and Subdivision Regulations of Queen Anne's County, Maryland. I/We propose to amend Article ___ Chapter ___

APP "Appendix A: Glossary" "Definitions" Add to the definition of Resort Hotels as follows:

C. Long term rentals may be permitted so long as the rental period does not exceed 6 months and the rental units are no less than 1,000 square feet in floor area.

The purpose of the proposed amendment is to permit: Long Term Rental Housing at Resort Hotels.

Yumkas, Vidmar, Sweeney & Mulrenin, LLC

Thomas J. Mulrenin, Agent for Applicant

Applicant's Signature

Date

Please Note: The application for an amendment to the text of this Code shall, at a minimum state in particular, the Article, Section, and paragraph sought to be amended (noted above). The application shall contain the language of the proposed amendment and all supplemental and supporting documentation must be included (add additional sheets as necessary).

Instructions: § 18:1-218 specifies that applications for text amendments be filed with the Office of the Clerk to the County Commissioners for consideration by the County Commissioners only during the first 10 business days in the month of February of each calendar year.

For Office Use Only:

File Number 20-07

Date Filed 14 February 2020 - Revised 15 May 2020

Date Referred to Planning Commission 10 March 2020

Date Recommend. Rec'd from Plan. Comm.

County Comm. Public Hearing Date

County Commissioners Action

Date of Action

Enacted 9 January 2020
MEMORANDUM

TO: Ms. Amy G. Moredock, Principal Planner, Queen Anne’s County
CC: Dereck Janes, Tom Davis
FROM: Thomas J. Mulrenin
DATE: May 15, 2020
RE: Chesapeake Bay Beach Club, Citizen Sponsored Zoning Text Amendment

The purpose of this memorandum is to offer background relating to the request by The Chesapeake Bay Beach Club to amend the Queen Anne’s County Code Zoning and Subdivision Regulations (the “Code”) to permit long term rentals by a Resort Hotel. Applicant proposes to amend Article III, Chapter 18, App Appendix A: Glossary of the Code by adding to the definition of “Resort Hotels” as follows:

“C. Long term rentals may be permitted so long as the rental period does not exceed 6 months and the rental units are no less than 1,000 square feet in floor area.”

Applicant currently operates a hotel with 77 rooms including 5 cottages known as the Inn at the Chesapeake Bay Beach Club in Stevensville, MD. As a part of its next phase of development, applicant plans to construct and lease a small number of residential units on a long term basis. Such units would be no less than 1,000 square feet in size. The length of lease term would be not more than 6 months. The units would be managed, leased and serviced by the existing hotel. The rental units would be in the next phase of development of the Chesapeake Bay Beach Club on land to be acquired from Queen Anne’s County.
The proposed amendment is consistent with the County Ordinance and with the County Comprehensive Plan.

**Zoning Ordinance Compatibility**

The long term rental units would be extended stay hotel units with single or two unit buildings. Since the units would be managed by the hotel facility we feel these “extended stay” rental units are compatible with the APKIG zoning and other zoning districts where resort hotels may be permitted. Essentially, these long term rental units are an extension of the existing hotel facility. By limiting the rental term to 6 months, the long term hotel rentals are intended to be a commercial use and distinguished from residential rentals.

**Comprehensive Plan Compliance**

The MAP LU-7B comprehensive Plan Map- County/Town Planning Areas and Commercial and Mixed Use, County/Town planning areas contained in the comprehensive plan shows the subject site as a commercial/mixed use area. The introduction of long term rentals in the resort hotel definition is consistent with the comprehensive plan for this particular project.

Accordingly, applicant requests that the above described amendment to the Code be submitted for approval.
May 12, 2020

President of The Commission  
Queen Anne's Commission  
107 N. Liberty Street  
Centreville, MD 21617

RE: Application for Church Hill WWTP  
State Discharge Permit Application 18DP0869, NPDES Permit MD0050016  
Queen Anne's County

Dear President:

We are aware of your interest in the Church Hill WWTP and would like you to know that the Department has made a tentative determination on the discharge permit application. A copy of the notice is enclosed for your convenience. A written request must be received in order to acquire future notifications about this permit application.

If you have any questions or require additional information on this permit, please contact me at (410) 537-3363.

Sincerely,

Yen-Der Cheng, Chief  
Municipal Permits Division  
Wastewater Permits Program  
Water and Science Administration

Enclosure
NOTICE OF APPLICATION RECEIVED AND TENTATIVE DETERMINATION

Queen Anne's County

Application for State Discharge Permit 18DP0869, NPDES Permit MD0050016:

Town of Church Hill, Town Office, 406 Main Street, Church Hill, Queen Anne's County, Maryland 21623 applied for renewal permit to discharge an annual average of 80,000 gallons per day (gpd) of treated domestic wastewater from the Church Hill Wastewater Treatment Plant, located on Route 213, 324 Water Way Drive, in Church Hill, Queen Anne's County, Maryland 21623, to Southeast Creek, which is designated as Use II waters, protected for support of estuarine and marine aquatic life, and shellfish harvesting.

Tentative Determination: Issue the permit for the facility with the following effluent limitations:

BOD5, 30 mg/l maximum monthly average and 45 mg/l maximum weekly average year round; total suspended solids, 90 mg/l maximum monthly average year round; total phosphorus, 6.0 mg/l maximum monthly average from May 1 through October 31, and 6.0 mg/l maximum yearly average; fecal coliform, 14 MPN/100 ml maximum monthly median value; dissolved oxygen, 5.0 mg/l minimum at any time, 5.5 mg/l minimum monthly average from January through December, and 6.0 mg/l minimum weekly average from February 1 through May 31; pH maintained between 6.5 and 8.5; and if chlorine is used for disinfection, total residual chlorine of 0.10 mg/l maximum at any time.

The Chester River is on the 303(d) list as the impaired waters for fecal coliform, total suspended solids, total phosphorus, and total nitrogen. When the TMDLs for these parameters are completed, limits may be imposed, after the public participation process, to incorporate any TMDL requirements.

This permit is in conformance with the Chesapeake Bay Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for Nitrogen, Phosphorus, and Sediment established on December 29, 2010.

If a written request is received by June 4, 2020, an informational meeting on the application and/or a public hearing on the tentative determination can be scheduled. The request should be sent to the Maryland Department of the Environment, Water and Science Administration, 1800 Washington Blvd., Baltimore, Maryland 21230-1708, Attn.: Mr. Yen-Der Cheng, Chief, Municipal Permits Division and must include the name, address and telephone number (home and work) of the person making the request, the name of any other party whom the person making the request may represent, and the name of the facility and permit number. Failure to request a meeting or hearing by June 4, 2020 will constitute a waiver of the right to an informational meeting or public hearing on the tentative determination of this permit.

Written comments concerning this tentative determination will be considered in the preparation of a final determination if submitted to the Department, to the attention of Mr. Cheng at the above address, on or before June 15, 2020. Any hearing-impaired person who requests an informational meeting or public hearing may request an interpreter by contacting Mr. Cheng at (410) 537-3363 or 1-800-633-6101, or by written request to the above address at least ten working days prior to the scheduled meeting or hearing date.

Information supporting the tentative determination, including the application, fact sheet, and draft permit, may be reviewed by contacting Mr. Cheng by telephone to make an appointment or by written request to the above address. Copies of documents may be obtained at a cost of $0.36 per page.

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MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT
WATER AND SCIENCE ADMINISTRATION
1800 WASHINGTON BOULEVARD
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21230

Notice of Application for State Wetland Licenses, Private Wetland Permits, Nontidal Wetlands and Waterways Permits and/or Water Quality Certification and the Opportunity to Provide Written Comment or Request an Informational Hearing
May 15, 2020

The Water and Science Administration has received the applications listed below. A preliminary review has indicated that the listed projects may be subject to the opportunity for a public hearing once the application is substantially complete. Projects may be significantly altered during the review process. The applications and related information are available for inspection and copying. You may also request written notice of any hearing opportunity by having your name placed on the interested persons list for each project in which you are interested. To inspect the file or to have your name placed on the interested persons list, contact the assigned division at the telephone number indicated below no later than June 15, 2020, unless otherwise noted in the Public Notice.

The Maryland Department of the Environment is following the directives of the Governor of Maryland in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and issued Executive Orders. Please be advised that public notice and public hearing procedures and meetings may be impacted, including possible re-scheduling of hearings.

Tidal Wetlands Division - (410) 537-3571

Queen Anne's County
201960687/19-WL-0460 (R1): QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY, DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION, 1945 4-H Park Road, Centreville, Maryland 21617, has applied to mechanical or hydraulic maintenance dredge a 5,243-foot long by 50 to 106-foot wide channel to a depth of 5.0 feet at mean low water; a 155-foot long by 178-foot wide area of new dredging to a depth of 5.0 feet at MLW; and a 222-foot long by 72-foot wide area of new dredging to a depth of 5.0 feet at MLW and to deposit approximately 23,990 cubic yards of dredged material at an approved upland disposal site located at 421 Watson Rd, Centreville, MD; and to provide for periodic maintenance dredging for six years. Additionally, the applicant proposes to collect four (4) sediment cores at a depth of 6.0 feet at mean low water. The purpose of this project is to improve navigation. Mitigation may be required for new impacts to shallow water habitat. The proposed project is located within the tidal waters on Corsica River at Front Street, Centreville, Queen Anne’s County, MD 21617. For more information, please contact Megan Spindler at megan.spindler@maryland.gov 410-537-3622.
MEMORANDUM

TO: County Commissioners
    Todd Mohn, County Administrator

CC: Planning Commission
    Economic Development Commission

FROM: E. Michael Wisnosky, AICP, Director

DATE: April 28, 2020

SUBJECT: Monthly Department Report – March 2020

The following information is compiled by the staff of the Department of Planning and Zoning. The information provided is current as of March 31, 2020

Planning:

- Long-Range Planning/Community Planning/Text Amendments/ Environmental/Critical Area Planning:
  - Amendments
    - Urban Commercial (UC) Use/Tenant Space Exceptions (TA/CO 19-17 – introduced on 26 November; public hearing held on 14 January; adopted on 28 January; and became effective on 14 March 2020).
    - Planning staff has identified a need to add provisions for distilleries in the Agricultural and Countryside Districts in which agricultural uses are permitted. TA/CO #20-08 proposes to address a hole in the County’s agritourism provisions as they relate to alcohol production and promotional events. This proposal was scheduled to be reviewed by the Planning Commission at its 9 April meeting; however, that meeting has been postponed due to Governor Larry Hogan’s Order Number 20-03-30-01.
    - The Commissioners identified a need to amend provisions as they relate to the payment of impact fees. TA/CO #20-03 proposes to alter the timing of development impact fee collection and assign an administrative fee for the processing of promissory notes. This fee will incentivize the upfront payment of impact fees upon application for a building permit or zoning certificate. The review of this proposal has been postponed as noted above.
    - The following citizen sponsored text amendments have been submitted to the Commissioners and conveyed to the Planning Commission for review and recommendation (which has been postponed as noted above):
Area. This proposed amendment would incorporate provisions to permit an accessory dwelling unit within the resource conservation area per the minimum standards established by Maryland Natural Resources Annotated Code Section 8-1808.1. These provisions were enacted into the state standards and were not enacted in Chapter 14:1; therefore, there is no provision in the local program to permit accessory dwelling units in RCA. As a result, the County program is more prohibitive than the minimum state standard.

- #20-05 – COHBROS Properties, LLC c/o William Thomas Davis, Jr.: § 18:1-32.D(2)(b)[5][b] and § 18:1-33.D(2)(b)[5][b]. Grasonville Neighborhood Commercial (GNC) and Grasonville Village Commercial (GVC) Residential development standards. Dimensional and bulk requirements. Minimum lot width. Multifamily. This proposed amendment would allow duplex units in GNC and GVC to be consistent with lot width dimensions and other bulk standards in accordance with the Planned residential development standards outlined in § 18:1-36.

- #20-06 – Brandon A. Davis: § 14:4-1. Stormwater Management. Definitions. This proposed amendment adds a definition of “disturbance” and amends the definition of “limit of disturbance” in accordance with the Maryland Stormwater Management and Erosion & Sediment Control Guidelines for State and Federal Projects (February 2015).

- #20-07 – Chesapeake Bay Beach Club, LLC c/o William Thomas Davis, Jr.: § 18App-1. Appendix a: Glossary. Definitions. This proposed amendment would add a provision to the definition of “resort hotel” which would permit long-term rentals as long as the rental period exceeds 6 months and the rental units are no less than 1,500 square feet in floor area.

**Comprehensive Plan Update:** Staff has met with the consultant whose proposal was rated the second-highest by the Comprehensive Plan selection committee in order to negotiate a revised proposal submittal to take over the Update. Staff hopes to reach an agreement with this consultant and return to the Comp Plan update as soon as possible.

- Critical Area Project Reviews
  - Continuing to work with Critical Area Commission staff on draft Chapter 14 – Critical Area program update
  - Reviewing several site plans, an administrative subdivision, and buffer variance for compliance with Critical Area requirements

- Meetings this month were either canceled or held via phone conference or webinar (MAFSM – Spring Conference Planning, ESCAP – Steering Committee, CRS Users Group, and several project meetings).

**Development Review/Site Plans/Subdivision Plats/Growth Allocations/Adequate Public Facilities:**

- **Administrative Subdivision plat**
  - SUB-19-10-0152, Eastern Shore Exodus – relocate lot lines
  - SUB-20-03-0166, White’s Heritage – reconfigure lot lines
  - SUB-19-05-0112, O’Neill, Joseph – relocated lot lines
  - SUB-19-08-0145, Chester Storage – combine 2 lots into 1

- **Minor Subdivision plat**
  - SUB-20-02-0164, Rosendale, Christopher – subdivide into 2 lots
  - SUB-19-05-0110, Parson Green Farm – amend open space
  - SUB-20-02-0162, Hall, John & Laurie – reconfigure 3 existing lots to relocate existing pan handle access

- **Concept plan**
  - 13-10-0002-C, Matapake Business Park – Create a 36,000 sq. ft. industrial flex building

- **Minor Site plan**
  - SP-19-08-0032, Edwards Enterprises – 9,720 addition to existing repair shop with second floor apartment
  - SP-19-07-0030, Rucinsky, Renee – add 506 sq. ft. to existing building
  - SP-19-10-0046, Prospect Plantation West – demo & construction of new mechanical building
- **STAC meetings**
  - SP-19-07-0028, Fisherman's Village – add an additional 899 sq. ft.
  - SUB-20-02-0160, Living Waters Lutheran Church – relocate lot lines and subdivide into 11 lots

- **Planning Commission meeting**
  - SUB-14-05-0006, Perry's Retreat – add 28 lots to proposed 130 lots totaling 158 lots
  - SUB-19-09-0148, Baynard Estates – combine 2 lots into 1 and subdivide into 4 lots
  - SP-19-10-0042, Well's Cove II LLC – create 4 condominiums
  - 05-10-02-0005, Kent Narrow's Hospitality, Inc – Holiday Inn Express

### Zoning:
- **Building Permit Information (Source: Energov & Sungard):**

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- **Building Permit Tracking 2020**

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- **Highlights of Commercial Permits Issued in March:**
  - **Use Permits:**
    - "Charlies Chicken and Eats" food trailer
    - "Black Bottom Farm" temporary food trailer, April - October 2020 (1 day per week)
  - **New Commercial:**
    - Friel Lumber, construct mini-storage building 85' x 125' overall including 20' x 125' unconditioned units
Commercial Renovations:
- Plan B, LLC, Construct bay window, steps and 3' x 4' landing at front door
- Schulz Associates LLP, construct roof to cove outdoor seating area at Crab Deck 72' x 22' and 11'9" x 83' overall. Roof will not be structurally attached to existing building

Inspection and Enforcement Activity for March:
- Citations Issued: 3 (YTD Issued: 15)
- Total fines issued: $1,500.00 (YTD Issued: $7,250.00; YTD Paid: $3,250.00)
- Nuisance Complaints/Code Violation Inspections Conducted: 335 (135 of which in Critical Area)
  (YTD: 794/337)
- Zoning Inspections Conducted: 26 (15 of which within Critical Area) (YTD: 74)
- Liquor Law Compliance Inspections: 11 (YTD: 37)

Zoning Boards:
- Board of Appeals – NO HEARINGS HELD IN MARCH 2020
- Bridgetown Development Co. LLC – SCHEDULED BUT POSTPONED

License Commission (Liquor Board):
- Meeting Date – March 10, 2020
- Temporary Licenses Issued To:
  Kent Island Estates Community Assoc. – Date of event – March 14 (Cancelled)
  Get Pumped for Pets – Date of event – March 29
  American Legion #18 (Centreville) – Date of event – May 17
- Review application for advertising the transfer of a Class “C” beer, wine & liquor license for Lazy Mermaid – Approved

EMW: amj
The following information is compiled by the staff of the Department of Planning and Zoning. The information provided is current as of April 30, 2020

Planning:
- Long-Range Planning/Community Planning/Text Amendments/Environmental/Critical Area Planning:
  - Text Amendments
    - Planning staff has identified a need to add provisions for distilleries in the Agricultural and Countryside Districts in which agricultural uses are permitted. TA/CO #20-08 proposes to address a hole in the County’s agritourism provisions as they relate to alcohol production and promotional events. This proposal was rescheduled to be reviewed by the Planning Commission at its 14 May meeting.
    - The Commissioners identified a need to amend provisions as they relate to the payment of impact fees. TA/CO #20-03 proposes to alter the timing of development impact fee collection and assign an administrative fee for the processing of promissory notes. This fee will incentivize the upfront payment of impact fees upon application for a building permit or zoning certificate. The review of this proposal has been rescheduled as noted above.
    - The following citizen sponsored text amendments have been submitted to the Commissioners and conveyed to the Planning Commission for review and recommendation at its 14 May meeting:
      - #20-04 – William F. Reed: § 14:1-39(2). Development standards in resource conservation (reserved). Addition of Accessory Dwelling Unit provisions in the Resource Conservation Area. This proposed amendment would incorporate provisions to permit an accessory dwelling unit within the resource conservation area per the minimum standards established by Maryland Natural Resources Annotated Code Section 8-1808.1. These provisions were enacted into the state standards and were not enacted in Chapter 14:1; therefore, there is no
provision in the local program to permit accessory dwelling units in RCA. As a result, the County program is more prohibitive than the minimum state standard.

• #20-05 – COHBROS Properties, LLC c/o William Thomas Davis, Jr.: § 18:1-32.D(2)(b)[5][b] and § 18:1-33.D(2)(b)[5][b]. Grasonville Neighborhood Commercial (GNC) and Grasonville Village Commercial (GVC) Residential development standards. Dimensional and bulk requirements. Minimum lot width. Multifamily. This proposed amendment would allow duplex units in GNC and GVC to be consistent with lot width dimensions and other bulk standards in accordance with the Planned residential development standards outlined in § 18:1-36.

• WITHDRAWN BY APPLICANT - #20-06 – Brandon A. Davis: § 14:4-1. Stormwater Management. Definitions. This proposed amendment adds a definition of “disturbance” and amends the definition of “limit of disturbance” in accordance with the Maryland Stormwater Management and Erosion & Sediment Control Guidelines for State and Federal Projects (February 2015).

• POSTPONED FOR AMENDMENT BY APPLICANT - #20-07 – Chesapeake Bay Beach Club, LLC c/o William Thomas Davis, Jr.: § 18 App 1. Appendix a: Glossary. Definitions. This proposed amendment would add a provision to the definition of “resort hotel” which would permit long-term rentals as long as the rental period exceeds 6 months and the rental units are no less than 1,500 square feet in floor area.

Staff conveyed the full application packets for Ordinances 20-03, 20-04, 20-05, and 20-08 to the Economic Development Commission for their review and input at the end of March and conveyed Ordinance 20-06, 20-07, and supplemental materials for 20-08 to the EDC at the end of April. The ECD invited staff to attend a special meeting to discuss all proposals at the beginning of May.

Comprehensive Plan Update: Staff completed its review of a revised proposal to take over the Comprehensive Plan Update. At the end of March, staff submitted its recommendation to the County Commissioners to enter into a new contract for services for the Update.

- Critical Area Project Reviews
  • Continuing to work with Critical Area Commission staff on draft Chapter 14 – Critical Area program update
  • Reviewing several site plans, an administrative subdivision, and buffer variance for compliance with Critical Area requirements.

- Annual Reports
  • Composing a Consistency Report for the Bay Bridge Airport runway renovation project.
  • Beginning work on the annual fee in lieu report for the collection of Critical Area forestry funds and on the FY20 Critical Area Grant Closeout.
  • Compiling data for the 2019 Maryland Department of Planning Annual Report.
  • Updating the planning data for the 2020 Educational Facilities Master Plan.

- Resiliency Planning and Financing
  • The draft QAC Plan is being reviewed by staff.
  • Stage 2 (the financing stage of the Plan) was postponed but will begin in late May or early June.

- Meetings this month were either canceled or held via phone conference or webinar [MAFSM – Spring Conference Planning (this conference will be held virtually in June rather than in person), ESCAP – Steering Committee, CRS Users Group, CAC meetings, and several project meetings].

Development Review/Site Plans/Subdivision Plats/Growth Allocations/Adequate Public Facilities:

- Administrative Subdivision plat
  White’s Heritage, SUB-20-03-0166, reconfigure lot lines between lots 147 & 73 - Recorded
  White’s Heritage, SUB-20-04-0167, reconfigure lot lines between lots 72 & 71
  Chester Storage, SUB-19-08-0145, Combine 2 lots into 1 - Recorded
  Patrick, James, SUB-19-09-0150, Combine 2 lots into 1
- **Major Site plan**
  Byler Materials, SP-19-10-0041, major extraction

- **Minor Site plan**
  Patrick, James, SP-19-09-0038, create a 4,800 sq. ft repair shop.

- **STAC meetings**
  Kent Narrows Marine - Boatel, SP-19-06-0026 - Amend the current approved site plan to increase the proposed floor area by 12,804 sq. ft. requesting site plan approval

- **Planning Commission meeting - NO MEETING IN APRIL, 2020**

**Zoning:**
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• **Highlights of Commercial Permits Issued in April:**
  - **Use Permits:**
    - Use Permit for “Parks Tire & Auto”
  - **New Commercial:**
    - 589 Conquest Rd, Centreville - Install 12’ x 24’ pre-fab shed
  - **Commercial Renovations:**
    - 116 South Piney Rd, Suite110, Chester - Interior renovation to expand “Nauti Paws” pet food store. Demolish interior walls between 2 units to create one space, total unit 1781 sq. ft.

• **Inspection and Enforcement Activity for April:**
  - Citations Issued: 4 (YTD Issued: 19)
  - Total fines issued: $2,000 (YTD Issued: $9,250.00; YTD Paid: $6,250.00)
  - Nuisance Complaints/Code Violation Inspections Conducted: 220 (94 of which in Critical Area) (YTD: 1,014/431)
  - Zoning Inspections Conducted: 11 (2 of which within Critical Area) (YTD: 85/27)
  - Liquor Law Compliance Inspections: 2 (YTD: 39)

**Zoning Boards:**

• **Board of Appeals – NO HEARINGS IN APRIL, 2020**

• **License Commission (Liquor Board): - NO MEETING IN APRIL, 2020**

EMW: amj
May 5, 2020

The Honorable James J. Moran  
The Honorable Chris Corchiarino  
The Honorable Phil Dumenil  
The Honorable Jack Wilson  
The Honorable Steve Wilson  
Board of Queen Anne’s County Commissioners  
107 North Liberty Street  
Centreville, MD 21617

Dear County Commissioners:

As you work to determine Queen Anne’s County’s budget for Fiscal Year 2021, we encourage you to include in the Capital Budget $2.5 million for the construction phase of the Kent Island Library Expansion project to match the $2.5 million the State of Maryland has committed to this project for FY21.

As you know, the Friends of the Library is a member-based non-profit organization, through which county residents support our Library. Our more than 350 members commit funds and volunteer time each year to help the Library achieve its mission. The Board of Directors of the Friends of the Library supports the position of Queen Anne’s County Library Director Janet Salazar and the Library’s Board of Trustees that our Library’s ability to serve effectively the people of Kent Island and the County more broadly requires an expansion of the existing Kent Island Branch of the library.

The closing of both county library buildings this spring in response to the coronavirus outbreak has provided a clear reminder of the value of these library spaces: While staff has worked hard to continue to support our community during this time by sharing information about the many resources available online for education, research, and entertainment, the void created by the closure of the buildings has been significant. The library buildings are where people in Queen Anne’s County get books, periodicals, and DVDs. The buildings are where we attend programs to learn new skills, discuss a book, or have fun making a craft. Students and seniors alike come to the library buildings to use computers and printers. It’s where local non-profit groups meet to discuss important work in the community (without having to deal with all the quirks of Zoom!). And the buildings are where so many
residents get guidance from the wonderful staff of Queen Anne's County Library about topics ranging from employment opportunities in the county to how to foster early childhood literacy to learning about local Maryland history. So much of what the library does is tied to its physical space; county funding this year can ensure that our residents have the library that they need moving forward.

We all look forward to the Kent Island Branch and Centreville Branch re-opening in the near future, and history has demonstrated that library use by community members will increase as we look to recover from the economic hardships created by this pandemic. We hope that an expanded Kent Island Branch can be part of this recovery. Library leadership and county leaders have effectively engaged community members and a range of stakeholders in the development of plans for this renovation and expansion. Because the plans so clearly reflect the needs of Queen Anne’s County residents, we believe there will be sustained community support for this project, even in unsteady economic times, and the Friends will continue to work with the Library’s Board of Trustees to foster private contributions to this project to supplement public funding from the State and County.

Queen Anne’s County is very fortunate to be the recipient of generous support from the State of Maryland for this project, and we appreciate the funds and all the work that the County has already committed to this effort. We strongly encourage you to allow the project to move forward now by including $2.5 million in the FY2021 County’s capital budget for Kent Island Library project.

Sincerely,

Kathie Smarick
President

cc: Todd R. Mohn, Janet Salazar
May 5, 2020

Christopher M. Corchiarino
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James J. Moran
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Queen Anne’s County Commissioners
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Dear County Commissioners,

On behalf of the Queen Anne’s County Library Board of Trustees, we are writing to ask you to include $2.5 million in the FY 21 Capital Budget toward the Kent Island Expansion Project. As you are aware, the Library has already received $1 million in state grants toward the construction and is set to receive $2.5 million in additional state capital grant funds in FY 2021. To receive those funds, the County has to allocate a matching $2.5 million toward the project. If the matching funds are not allocated, all of the state grant money (a total of $3.5 million) would have to be returned, and it is our understanding that it would be many years until we would be able to see those funds again.

The need for and the planning of the Kent Island expansion has been many years in the making, and has been delayed by the County a number of times. The community needs that the expansion would address have only increased in the past few years, as the population of our County has risen. Since the Branch was originally built, two elementary schools, a middle school and a high school have been built on Kent Island, and our branch serves the population of those schools as well as the 4 other elementary schools, with no increase in the building’s capacity or improvements to its functionality.

In addition, The Kent Island Branch has long served as a de facto meeting space for the population of the entire Kent Island community. With only one large meeting room available, the Library has struggled to accommodate the nearly 150 community organizations that have asked to use it just in the past year, while simultaneously using much needed space for its own many programs for children, teens, and adults. This has become a critical need for both the Library and the community we serve.

While we are presently in uncertain economic times, we believe that the Kent Island building project will provide potential economic benefit through steady employment for the construction company involved and any sub-contractors awarded the bid. Public libraries have
also found that they are most needed in times of economic uncertainty when many families and individuals look to them for access to a wide variety of resources at little to no cost.

The Queen Anne's County Commissioners have been extremely supportive of the Library in recent years, and have understood the value of an excellent public library system to our community. In conclusion, we ask that you include the Kent Island expansion project in the FY 2021 Capital budget, as originally planned, and allow this project to go forward at this time.

Thank you for all that you do for our community. Together we look forward to insuring a prosperous and healthy future for the citizens of Queen Anne's County. We would be happy to answer any questions that you might have.

Sincerely yours,

Kathy Killeen, President (for the Board)

Board of Library Trustees, Queen Anne's County

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Dear County Commissioners:

As you continue your important work to finalize the budget for Queen Anne’s County for Fiscal Year 2021, I strongly encourage you to include $2.5 million in the Capital Budget for the construction phase of the Kent Island Library expansion project to match the amount committed by the State of Maryland. This is a unique opportunity for Queen Anne’s County that could be very difficult to secure in the future.

I am the Vice-President of the Friends of Queen Anne’s County Library, which currently has about 350 members. This group strongly supports the library and its efforts to continually reach out to our community in a myriad of ways. As you know, the Library is so much more than just a place to check out books. Today’s libraries function as early literacy centers, homework and tutoring hubs, employment centers, adult learning centers, as well as a place for civic and non-profit organizations to meet and work. In short, the library is now a community center which helps our county thrive and survive.

During these uncertain times we are currently facing, a library is even more important as it offers a place for community members of all ages to improve their lives. The staff has worked tirelessly to make a variety of resources available on-line and has maintained their help desk to answer questions and direct patrons to an extensive array of resources and opportunities. I’ve heard from many in our community that they sorely miss our libraries being open. The building itself provides so much for our citizens – a place for all ages and socioeconomic backgrounds to gather and learn, study and research, and have fun.

While we anticipate the reopening of both Queen Anne’s County Library branches, we hope that construction can begin soon for the Kent Island Library expansion project. Hopefully this project can be a part of the economic recovery for our county as a whole and for citizens as they get their lives back on track or perhaps on a new track. As a member of the Friends of the Library and citizen, I will be participating in the Capital Campaign to support this significant and vital capital improvement project.

While acknowledging that difficult funding decisions need to be made, I strongly encourage you to include this project in the upcoming fiscal year budget.

Sincerely,

Connie Zillig
Vice-President, Friend of Queen Anne’s County Library