

**Annapolis Roads Property Owners Association
Board of Directors Meeting
May 5, 2020
Via Zoom supported through AA County Office of the County Executive**

Vincent Moulden, Community Engagement Officer for South County and Annapolis, Office of the County Executive provided the technical support for the ARPOA Zoom meeting. He introduced himself and offered his contact information:

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Call to order: 7:09 p.m.

Roll Call:

Present: Linda Dodge, Trip Buckenmaier, Neal Hoffman, Suzy Lutz, Cecilia Dalnekoff, Jere Glover, Rob Greve, Bev Hemminger, Lewis Linker, Gary Mols, Carol Tabak

Absent: Dave Buemi

Community Comment Period:

Carroll McGillin of 1028 Harbor Drive, spoke about findings of the health of our rivers and tributaries by the Severn River Association (SRA) in their Annual State of the River Report. The report found, that Lake Ogleton scored a D and a D- for clarity and oxygenation levels. (See Attachment A at the end of the minutes.)

Maryanne Mento, Watershed Steward and Master Gardner, 1020 Old Bay Ridge Road, stated that she appreciates all the work the Board and volunteers are doing for our community. She also stated that the last neighborhood Community Update was very informative.

There were no further comments.

Approval of the April Minutes:

Trip made the motion to approve the April, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes. Carol seconded the motion, which then passed unanimously.

Officers Reports

President's Report – Linda Dodge

Linda said she'd received very positive comments from secondary Police Officers about neighbors respecting the Covid-19 restrictions. Community members have been out getting exercise, and using social distancing parameters as laid out by Federal, State and Local governments.

Several communications were received by the Board at the info@annapolisroads.net email address. All of the senders have since received return correspondence.

Linda also stated that Anne Arundel Community College will be continuing water-quality testing of the Annapolis Roads swim beach. More details will be forthcoming about how to access the data.

Additionally, the Board has pursued and received Waterfowl Licensing to prohibit hunting off of ARPOA land.

Vice President's Report – Trip Buckenmaier

Trip began by stating that community-owned properties are for the enjoyment of all Annapolis Roads residents. He advised that there have been a number of incidents with regard to community property where modifications were made by homeowners. While perhaps the modifications were done with good intentions, they instead have resulted in negative impacts. Trip said the Board is handling each issue on an individual basis. He requested homeowners to not change or alter property without the expressed permission of the Board.

With regard to trees, the Chestnut Oaks in our community have been particularly hard hit by illness. That trees die off, is a natural process. Dying trees provide environments that keep the ecosystem healthy. The Board works consistently throughout the year to address unstable trees that threaten homes and property. The Ogleton Woods for example, is an old growth forest. Neighbors cannot walk there without assuming some risk of falling limbs or trees. Director Tabak said we should put this policy in writing. Trip replied that this had already been done in prior Board decisions.

Treasurer's Report - Neal Hoffman

April Treasurer's Report was emailed to board members this evening just prior to the meeting. Neal said that there is \$171,215 in the SCBD (Special Community Benefit District) account. Grant funds remain designated for Mayapple Wood improvements completed by Bonnie Persinger and total \$2,928. In the Non-Tax CPC accounts, the balance is \$208,324. The balance on the Ogleton Woods Loan as of March is \$1,047,114. This loan matures 08/01/2025. April's community expenses were \$5,420. Neal requested review of his April report by the Board via email by this coming weekend following review and suggestions. Please see Neal's Treasurer's Report on the community website in the folder titled Treasurer's Reports.

Standing Committee Reports

Dock Committee – Harry Tabak, Dockmaster, and Rob Greve, Liaison

Rob said he received the permit application for the contractor to review. Due to consistently high tides, the dock will be raised 16" to the current County standard. The shore side of the dock will be extended about 35' into the parking area to avoid need for a step. The old existing (creosote coated pilings) dock will be removed and the decking will be replaced too. In January, the Board approved the funds for this project, and the committee is on track time wise.

Harry Tabak said that our community dock was one of the first installed on Lake Ogleton at a height that was standard for that time.

Harry also said that it is renewal season for slots on the boat racks. Neighbors have until the end of May to pay for a new annual permit. To date, only five slots have been renewed.

Carol volunteered that although there had been no organized cleanup of the dock area, she commended Carol and Ben Lutz and DJ Hein for taking the time to rake, sweep, and bag debris, and generally cleanup the whole parking and boat rack area (while maintaining appropriate social distancing).

Forest Steward – Doug Minion

Linda spoke on Doug's behalf who couldn't be available at tonight's meeting. There are about 100 dead Chestnut Oaks in Annapolis Roads and others that are under stress due to environmental changes, and beetle attacks. Today's Community Update reviewed that when hiking in community-owned woodlands, to be aware and observant of one's surroundings due to potential hazards inherent in hiking. The Board has previously voted to only take down trees that threaten homes or property.

Long-Range Planning Committee – Carol Tabak, Liaison

Linda acknowledged that pandemic restrictions have made it hard to get people together to form a committee. A former Long-Range Planning Committee did a tremendous amount of work identifying upgrades and amenities that could make living in Annapolis Roads more enjoyable. Many of the ideas have become completed projects such as putting benches throughout the community (Lyon Drive, at the Overlook, Gibb Park, etc.); creating bird habitat, such as at the pollinator garden at the Overlook; to clean up ARPOA properties, such as the Mayapple Wood which was completed with grant assistance; and the dock and boat storage was improved. The new dock is in the process of being replaced. Currently storm water and erosion management work is pending at the Overlook parking area. Monica Maynard, one of our Watershed Stewards and project point of contact (POC), submitted for and won a grant on behalf of ARPOA. She is being assisted by Director Buemi, Maryanne and Jeff Mento, Carroll McGillin and Bonnie Persinger.

The same LRPC noted other improvements to be considered included electricity at the Overlook, and bathrooms at the Overlook, both of which present management concerns, and a firepit at the Overlook.

They also identified restoring the community beach which is under evaluation by the ARPOA Beach Restoration and Preservation Committee. Information will be forthcoming for a presentation to the community.

To join the new Long-Range Planning Committee please inquire at info@annapolisroads.net or Carol's board email address, carol.tabak@arpoabd.com.

Public Safety – Linda Dodge

Issues substantially addressed in the President’s Report.

Public Works – Linda Dodge for Steve Stroetzel, Public Works Director

Linda reported that the community had to temporarily close Claibourne Road due to a large tree that was heaving out of the ground, creating a dangerous situation for drivers and residents of the adjacent property. The tree was on ARPOA property and the situation has been resolved satisfactorily to the adjacent property owner.

Social Committee – Carol Tabak

Carol said it is looking like the Spring Picnic tentatively planned for June is unlikely to occur due to COVID-19 concerns. We have to wait to see what the Governor says in future updates about lifting restrictions. The situation is fluid, and as Neal said, we’ll have to let it play out. Trip was optimistic and said the Spring Picnic gives us something to look forward to. Linda predicted that we may need to push the plans back a month or 2 or 3. The consensus was that we’ll figure out a way to host an event at the right time with advice from Governor Hogan and County Executive Steuart Pittman.

Watershed Committee – Maryanne Mento for Dave Buemi, Liaison

Maryanne talked to Monica Maynard about the Overlook parking lot grant. Monica advised Maryanne that a final design is imminent. All 4 watershed stewards have contributed to the plan (Monica Maynard, Carroll McGilllin, Maryanne Mento, and Bonnie Persinger).

Under consideration are warning signs for residents entering community woodland areas. Linda said that Doug Minion agreed, citing signs along the Appalachian Trail advising hikers to constantly assess the environment for inherent dangers.

Welcome committee – Suzy Lutz, Liaison

Multiple families have moved into Annapolis Roads, but due to current social and physical distancing standards, Carolyn Goldberg has not conducted any visits to welcome new homeowners into the community. Linda stated that some new residents have reached out to her asking for car stickers and neighborhood information which she has made available via a “touchless” pickup.

Special Committee Reports

Beach Remediation & Preservation Committee – Linda Dodge, Chair

Linda said the committee is working very hard and meeting regularly. They are being very thorough in their research. The committee is looking forward to putting a presentation together for the community with options and recommendations. Five of the 6 committee members are non-board members with Director Lewis Linker as the exception.

Lewis advised that the committee hopes to present 4 options from no action to complete remediation of the community beachfront – rationale with pros and cons will be prepared and discussed with the community prior to any community vote. Unfortunately, the Army Corps of Engineers and Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) offices are closed due to the pandemic. The process will proceed as able during the current restrictions.

Community Directory & Database – Linda Dodge with Cecilia Dalnekoff, Liaison
Linda said that she and Cecilia will probably move forward with the content for a new directory before overhauling the database of current residents. Linda said that much of the Community Directory information needs to be updated. Carroll McGillin and Jill Mandel have offered assistance on the project. Volunteers are welcome – especially needed are folks to edit and proof read.

Suzy mentioned that a representative of the South Forest Drive Business Association (SoFo) has expressed interest in advertising in our new directory. Rob raised that we should first appeal to businesses that advertised in our directory in the past.

With regard to our Annapolis Roads website, Linda said some of the information that is currently for homeowners only, can actually be moved to the outside of the website as general information available to anyone seeking more knowledge of Annapolis Roads.

Rob asked about the status of reprinting the ARPOA history book. Linda said a reprint has been approved, but that the publisher has ceased operations at this time citing Covid-19 restrictions.

Entry Sign Status Update – Trip Buckenmaier

Trip stated that the permit for the new sign has been approved by County representatives, but is not yet signed by a County official. Best Monuments asked if we could pay the balance of the invoice, which was agreed upon. Suzy suggested the company not ship until we have the County permit signed and in hand.

Environmental Working Group (EWG) and Lake Ogleton Environmental Alliance (LOEA) – Jere Glover, Liaison, and Carroll McGillin, Chair

Carroll said she is currently in a watershed steward academy program. She is looking for a capstone project and is trying to assess community priorities. The Ogleton Woods are under a lot of stress due to scouring from runoff issues. She said there is a new program for mitigating invasive species, and a new Replant Anne Arundel County program. Carroll cited the statistic that Anne Arundel County has lost over 2,500 acres of forested property due to development. Carroll said the last time Annapolis Roads' Ogleton Woods had a forest plan assessment was in 2008. She is suggesting a new forest plan assessment that would include the Ogleton Woods, Green Willow Woods, Mayapple Wood and perhaps Gibb Park, and to create a new forest management plan. This would give us a new baseline and we can

compare it to the 2008 assessment. Bud Reeves, the County Forester, is interested in pursuing this project.

Lewis advised that the mechanical dredging of the Lake Ogleton channel is complete and now at a consistent 7' depth. Hydraulic dredging will take place in the Fall.

Carroll said we are members of the Arundel Rivers Federation and are taking advantage of membership opportunities. Linda stated that many of the developments can be side by side and yet in different jurisdictions. Annapolis and Anne Arundel County need to work hand in hand regarding stormwater management and its impact on neighboring communities such as Annapolis Roads. Rob cited that in April we had 6" of rain and that he is monitoring runoff. He said a lot of work needs to be done with regard to stream restoration.

Overlook Park Projects – Linda Dodge

Board approved plans to build a **fire pit** are delayed due to pandemic restrictions.

Improvements to the **Overlook parking area** will take place in the Fall through a grant earned by Monica Maynard, Watershed Steward and Master Gardner.

The **Pavilion** is currently closed due to pandemic restrictions. Bonnie Persinger, Master Gardner, will undertake completing the landscaping details when restrictions aren't so tight.

Stormwater Management at Lakeview & Pinecrest – Gary Mols

Gary said that in spite of considerable work conducted by the County to alleviate huge amounts of water from flowing through the Gebbia's property, their whole backyard flooded with a substantial rainstorm. The County was called and workers came out last week to clear two storm culverts and on Old Bay Ridge Road, cleared the drainage ditches on either side of the road. Gary believes that water coming down Old Bay Ridge Road is contributing to the runoff more than that coming from Pinecrest. Linda asked Gary to check in with the Gebbia's again.

Communitywide Stormwater Assessment and Plan – Neal Hoffman, Chair

Neal has collected historic reports and materials, but has not been able to make much headway and hopes to soon be able to devote more time to the project.

Unfinished Business

Communication Strategy & Plan - Linda Dodge

Linda deferred giving a report at this time.

New Business

No new business.

Call for Adjournment

Linda proposed a call for adjournment. Trip made the motion to adjourn. Carol seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous by the Board to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:33pm

Attachment A

Severn River Association (SRA) released their annual State of the Severn report in late April, and this was shared with ARPOA Board by Carroll McGillin. Of particular importance for our community were some of the trends and findings related to Lake Ogleton.

The report pointed out that for 2019 there was **Good Clarity in River -- Poor In Creeks, including Lake Ogleton with Lake Ogleton receiving a D to D minus grade for water quality.**

Provided is a link to the SRA report. Carroll told us that Tom Guay, new executive director for SRA has offered to meet with our community to share what SRA is doing around water testing, etc as it relates to Lake Ogleton

To review details, click here: [2019 State Of The Severn.](https://severnriver.org/wp-content/uploads/SRA-2019-State-Of-Severn.pdf) or <https://severnriver.org/wp-content/uploads/SRA-2019-State-Of-Severn.pdf>

A video of the presentation is available on our Speaker Series video page, [click here](#).

During 2019, SRA created a river-wide, 41-station water quality monitoring program. SRA's team of volunteers recorded some excellent clarity readings during their weekly tours. Most of the mid-river monitoring stations got the best grades of B and B- on clarity. However, most of the creeks scored poorly, including Lake Ogleton, receiving a C, C- and even some D and D- grades due to the influx of stormwater runoff that flood our streams with sediment and nutrient pollutants.

Water Quality - Clarity Grades

Oyster Reefs

Traces Hollow (Oysters) = C
Manresa (Oysters) = C+
Peach Orchard (Oysters) = C+
Weems Upper (Oysters) = C+

Annapolis Roads - Bay Ridge

*Lake Ogleton 1 = D
*Lake Ogleton 2 = D-
*Lake Ogleton 3 = D-

WhiteHall Creeks

*Mill Creek 1 = C-
*Mill Creek 2 = C-
*Mill Creek 3 = D+
*Burley Creek 1 = C-
*Rideout Creek 1 = C-
*Whitehall Creek 1 = C+
*Whitehall Creek 2 = C-
*Whitehall Creek 3 = C-

* Data collected on two or three weeks



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Oxygen Levels In Lake Ogleton

