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**Meeting of the Maryland Boat Act Advisory Committee**

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MEETING OF THE  
MARYLAND BOAT ACT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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The above-entitled matter came on for hearing on Thursday, August 18th, 2016, commencing at 10:01 a.m., at Annapolis Friends Meeting House, 351 DuBois Road, Annapolis, Maryland 21401, Christoper Parlin, committee chairman, presiding.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

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Mike Grant, State Liaison  
Mark O'Malley, Director of Boating Services

Reported by: Kelly A. Taylor

## 1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 CHAIRMAN PARLIN: Good morning. First,  
3 remember, cellphones on silent please, vibrate,  
4 whatever. Second, don't forget Kelly is recording  
5 everything, don't talk unless you have a microphone  
6 in your hand. Don't talk over each other, please.

7 All right. Call the meeting to order  
8 here. Let's start with the introduction of guests  
9 and then members.

10 (Introduction of members and guests.)

11 CHAIRMAN PARLIN: All right, review of  
12 the 2016 regulation requests. Mr. Grant, here you  
13 go.

14 MR. GRANT: All right, not a lot of news  
15 or information from the folks up at Parkside. I  
16 have heard from two people since this started the  
17 original petition. Those of you that have been up  
18 here, which I believe have been 10, have your own  
19 opinion so far, which we won't get into, unless you  
20 choose to obviously. But again, it's been  
21 crickets, we haven't heard a word from anybody, but

1 from two people, one for and one against, aside  
2 from the 34 original petitioners, which all happen  
3 to be owners here at the vessels at the marina.

4 Any questions on Parkside?

5 MS MORROW: Restate what the request is.

6 MR. GRANT: They would like to limit the  
7 area in front of the marina through the boating  
8 season to six knots. Currently it's six knots on  
9 weekends, they want it all time during the boating  
10 season. That is the request. Questions, comments?

11 Broad Creek. They would like to  
12 relocate the upper six knot zone about 15 hundred  
13 feet south, that brings it below the community  
14 marina. Here's the existing zone here which is six  
15 knots Saturday, Sunday and holiday. but during the  
16 week it's 25-35, 20-35. Their community marina is  
17 here, that's for the Broadview people. The people  
18 at The Preserve they have a marina here but it has  
19 no vessels on it. This is where they would like  
20 the new line about 15 hundred feet down here, so  
21 this whole area would be effectuated by this

1 current regulation up here.

2 CHAIRMAN PARLIN: Currently the

3 remainder of the creek is six knots Saturday,

4 Sunday and holidays, right?

5 MR. GRANT: No. The lower section from

6 this, right from here out to the South River it's

7 20 sunset to sunrise, 35 sunrise to sunset. They

8 want to extend this one up here all of the way down

9 here to this red line.

10 CHAIRMAN PARLIN: Thank you.

11 MR. GRANT: You're welcome.

12 We did receive two reports, one from  
13 Maryland Geological Survey, Jeff Halka, retired,  
14 and Tom Brower, who's currently DNR shoreline  
15 erosion, Shoreline Conservation, their conclusions  
16 are nearly identical to the combined conclusion  
17 from the last two studies, the 1980 study and the  
18 2014 study, in that the vessel weight is minor if  
19 at all. It's mother nature that is causing most of  
20 these issues. And they determined that for two  
21 reasons, one, that the, any erosion on the eastern

1 side of the river seems to be coming from the above  
2 and not from wave action from vessels. The rest --  
3 most of that side is bulkheaded. On the other  
4 side, on the western side, there is a lot of  
5 bulkheading but there is also an awful lot of  
6 natural shoreline and plenty of grasses growing so  
7 combined with their expertise and the obvious wakes  
8 don't seem to have an issue on the creek.

9           Mattawoman, reposition the six knots  
10 speed zone. This is in the process of being  
11 realigned, we have permission or okay from the Navy  
12 Support Activity, South Potomac. They don't care  
13 what we do. This is the current line here -- and I  
14 apologize, some of these slides are brighter than  
15 others -- let's see, there we go. The current line  
16 is here, the request is to reposition it up to  
17 here. So about a half a mile, nautical mile. Just  
18 able to stretch the speed zone a little bit up to  
19 here. This is the blowup view. These are old  
20 pilings. Evidently there was some kind of a piping  
21 system that went across from this shore years and

1 years and years ago and there is an old ferry dock  
2 or loading dock up in here but in this, this  
3 picture, you can barely see the channel is up along  
4 the side here.

5           Actually, Bob, you can speak to that.

6           MR. LUNSFORD: The other side.

7           MR. GRANT: Okay. It comes up to here.

8 And so this would be no longer six knots, the only  
9 person that's on the creek is this person over here  
10 which still remains in the six knot zone. So  
11 really doesn't affect anybody. And again, the  
12 folks from the Navy said they have no problem with  
13 it. Louis is trying to make his way down there to  
14 get the marks and then we'll have, send it  
15 through --

16           MS MORROW: Who was the petitioner,  
17 Mike?

18           MR. GRANT: Mr. Lunsford.

19           MS MORROW: Okay.

20           MR. GRANT: Shipping Creek, this was  
21 administrative change. We determined, Ann and

1 Louis and I figured there was something wrong going  
2 on here and indeed this has been the long time  
3 COMAR line but this number 54, if you flip it to 45  
4 it puts the mark here, and if you read COMAR it  
5 says Shipping Creek and all tributaries -- and  
6 again, I apologize, with all of the light in  
7 here -- here's the creek that runs up to the launch  
8 ramp, this was not included in the original COMAR  
9 line, so it was -- the COMAR line was not laid  
10 according to what COMAR had required, was keeping  
11 all tributaries in the six knots zone, so by  
12 repositioning down here we're solid with that and  
13 that should be coming -- where is Jeannine? Any  
14 time next month it should be final.

15 MS. MOANEY: No. The comment period  
16 ends in September.

17 THE REPORTER: I'm sorry, Jeannine, I  
18 can't hear you.

19 MR. GRANT: Comment period ends in  
20 September.

21 MS. MOANEY: Yes.



1 MR. GRANT: Shortly after that.

2 MS. MOANEY: Yes.

3 MR. GRANT: We did get some calls from  
4 people downtown to find out why we were doing and  
5 this flip flop and they said okay, no problem. I  
6 don't know how you want to handle this,  
7 Mr. Chairman, but are there any questions on the  
8 current regulations request?

9 MR. WRIGHT: Mattawoman.

10 MR. GRANT: Yep.

11 THE REPORTER: Louis, I can't hear you.  
12 Please use the microphone.

13 MR. GRANT: Microphone.

14 MR. WRIGHT: Up there where the pushpin  
15 is is a sign for the Navy facility, that's not a  
16 problem, but you want that line to run down to the  
17 yellow pushpin and create that sort of little  
18 skinny area between where you -- or would you  
19 rather have it up in where the circle is going to  
20 be?

21 MR. GRANT: Well, my opinion is where

1 the circle is there is a landowner here, this  
2 doesn't affect him at all by moving that line. If  
3 we go up here that may involve getting with him and  
4 finding out if he's affected by that, but there is  
5 no channel over here. Is there, Bob?

6 MR. LUNSFORD: No deep water over there.  
7 My suggestion would be if we can contact that  
8 landowner and if he didn't have an objection, I  
9 don't think he's got a pier. I was down there last  
10 week and I don't remember.

11 MR. WRIGHT: There is a couple of lines,  
12 one farther down where the other is.

13 MR. LUNSFORD: So I think the Southern  
14 Regions Fisheries, Mary Gross, suggested that the  
15 line be moved from basically where the end of road  
16 is to the circle and to the pushpin and that would  
17 make -- it would do the same thing. The reason I  
18 suggested we look at this was because for years the  
19 buoys apparently were out of place.

20 MR. GRANT: Yes.

21 MR. LUNSFORD: And went from here to

1 here and everybody charged up to this corner before  
2 they got off plane and it wasn't until very  
3 recently that hydrographics, the guys put the buoys  
4 on the line and everybody went whoa. Even I called  
5 John Gallagher and said the buoys are out of place  
6 and he said no, they're where COMAR say they're  
7 supposed to be. There is no traffic issue or  
8 safety issue that I'm aware of which is why I  
9 suggested that we look at moving it either from  
10 here to here and then the Fisheries' folks said why  
11 don't we move it from here to here and the  
12 landowner would be the only one impacted and if  
13 there's someone that we can get in contact with  
14 unless he has an objection moving it up to that  
15 point would accomplish the goal.

16 MR. GRANT: Mr. Chairman.

17 CHAIRMAN PARLIN: All right, no further  
18 questions.

19 (Pause in the proceedings.)

20 CHAIRMAN PARLIN: Turn it on. All  
21 right. The review of the 2015, excuse me,

1 controlled ski area regulation, Maynadier Creek.  
2 It's my opinion we should put this one back in the  
3 regular process to be discussed in the fall  
4 meetings but present it here as to what, what the  
5 issue is. Mr. Grant.

6 MR. GRANT: This is from the pamphlet  
7 from the original Severn River Management Plan for  
8 controlled ski areas, and up here these are the  
9 vessel requirements, and down here is Maynadier  
10 Creek, time restriction ski course opened Monday  
11 through Thursday, noon to sunset. Closed March  
12 15th through June 15th.

13 This next one is Sunrise. This is,  
14 these are the 2015 changes, cannot operate on  
15 Saturday, Sunday and state holidays between noon  
16 and sunset during June, July and August. And  
17 actually I plagiarized a letter recently from  
18 people at Maynadier, this is comparison of hours of  
19 operation from the original time to the current  
20 regulation.

21 CHAIRMAN PARLIN: I'll go ahead and

1 interject, most of you were in the e-mails and for  
2 those of you that don't keep up religiously with  
3 the e-mails it was our attempt with the  
4 subcommittee last year and the year before looking  
5 at the ski areas to make everything the same, I  
6 think we had an unintended consequence out of this  
7 and that's that we need to relook at this area. We  
8 have opened it up to a lot of skiing and again  
9 based on some historical agreements I think we need  
10 to go back and just look at this area again.

11 Anything else, Mike?

12 MR. GRANT: I believe -- nope.

13 CHAIRMAN PARLIN: Any questions on that  
14 one? All right. So we'll be seeing that one in  
15 October also.

16 MR. GRANT: Uh-huh.

17 CHAIRMAN PARLIN: Thank you. Moving  
18 along.

19 MR. GRANT: For those of you that are  
20 here obviously the October meeting has been  
21 scheduled for the 20th at the Elks Lodge on Route 2

1 across from the Harbour --

2 MS MORROW: Center.

3 MR. GRANT: Harbour place. 10 o'clock.

4 CHAIRMAN PARLIN: Does that fit with

5 everyone's schedule?

6 MR. KLING: No. What?

7 CHAIRMAN PARLIN: Go ahead, Steve.

8 MR. KLING: What's going on here?

9 Traditionally the committee has scheduled its  
10 meetings, it was not imposed it on us. This is not  
11 right.

12 MS MORROW: Who scheduled and why?

13 CHAIRMAN PARLIN: Typically it was the  
14 committee that did it. Our last meeting we were so  
15 far out from our spring meeting to this meeting  
16 that Mike and them scheduled this one and I'm sure  
17 it's a logistics problem of getting a meeting place  
18 too. So do we have any other conflicts with the  
19 date?

20 MS. TROVATO: Yeah, I'm out of town.

21 MS. ALLISON: I'm out of town until

1 April.

2 MR. MARSH: I'm out of town.

3 (Discussions held off the record.)

4 CHAIRMAN PARLIN: We usually we do this  
5 at the end of the meeting to do our next meeting,  
6 but while we're here let's go and talk about what  
7 are better dates for folks.

8 MR. GRANT: October has boat show on 6th  
9 and the 13th, if that makes a difference for  
10 anybody. The 20th is out. It doesn't have to be a  
11 Thursday.

12 CHAIRMAN PARLIN: How about the 27th?

13 MS. TROVATO: I'm out.

14 MS. SMITH: I'm out.

15 MR. PEPE: I'm out.

16 CHAIRMAN PARLIN: How about on Tuesday,  
17 18th?

18 MR. MARSH: I'm gone all week.

19 CHAIRMAN PARLIN: You guys are gone all  
20 week.

21 MS. TROVATO: I'm in on the 18th,

1 available.

2 MR. MARSH: I'm gone that week.

3 CHAIRMAN PARLIN: 18th's good for you?

4 Not good for, Steve? 25th?

5 MR. MARSH: 25th works.

6 MS. TROVATO: I'm out of town from the

7 20th until the 28th.

8 MR. PEPE: I'm out.

9 CHAIRMAN PARLIN: All right. Mike,  
10 remember the Doodle survey monkey thing, whatever?

11 MR. PEPE: That thing was great.

12 MR. MARSH: That was good.

13 CHAIRMAN PARLIN: We're going to send  
14 out another Doodle request to see what's the best  
15 date for everyone within the time frame from  
16 somewhere from the 17th -- even if you do the 10th  
17 through the --

18 MR. GRANT: You want to back up to  
19 September?

20 (Discussions held off the record.)

21 CHAIRMAN PARLIN: October 11th, it is.



1 (Discussion held off the record.)

2 MR. GRANT: We had to go for a larger  
3 place because it's not only Broad Creek and  
4 Maynadier and, unfortunately, the folks from Middle  
5 River will have to travel a distance, that's just  
6 the way it goes this time.

7 So we're going to shoot for the 11th at  
8 10 at the Elks and hopefully Jeannine can get us  
9 in.

10 CHAIRMAN PARLIN: Correct. Next item,  
11 changes at the Boating Services. Mr. O'Malley.

12 MR. O'MALLEY: Well, good morning. In  
13 the news about changes is really nothing has  
14 changed.

15 Donna, what was it, early, mid-June?

16 MS MORROW: Mid-June.

17 MR. O'MALLEY: Probably around mid-June  
18 a reorganization was announced that affected  
19 Boating Services and Integrated Policy and Review.  
20 The other sections within Aquatic Services remain  
21 unchanged. The proposal is, and it's supposed to

1 be put into place August 31st, is that Boating  
2 Services will be broken up and disbursed among  
3 other divisions within Aquatic Services. For  
4 instance, Carla Fleming's group, known as  
5 Implementation, that does all the grants out to  
6 counties and municipalities will go as a unit down  
7 to coincidentally Matt Fleming's shop of Chesapeake  
8 and Coastal Services. Donna and Christy will also  
9 go down to CCS but in a different section that  
10 Carla's group will be in so then the remainder of  
11 us will go to Fisheries. So Mike, Jeannine and  
12 myself go, and all of the folks at Matapeake such  
13 as Ann and Louis, go as a unit over to Fisheries  
14 and Boating Services as of October, August 31st  
15 will cease to exist as it is today. The people in  
16 Policy Review are being distributed amongst  
17 Resource Assessment Unit -- Resource Assessment  
18 Services, rather, and CCS. So we're going to have  
19 two very large divisions in Fisheries and CCS, and  
20 Resource Assessment will be the runner up in terms  
21 of size. Part of this was mandated by the State

1 House, part of it was within DNR on the part of the  
2 secretary and deputies that day. So it's one of  
3 the those things, you know. Louis and others have  
4 been around, they have seen this over and over and  
5 over again -- Bob's shaking his head, yeah, yep.

6 You know the more things change the more they stay  
7 the same. So it's going to be interesting because

8 I think right now Boating Services as it is does a  
9 heck of a good job looking out for boaters and  
10 looking out for the boating environments. When  
11 you, in my opinion -- off the record.

12 (Discussions held off the record.)

13 MS. TROVATO: I have a comment and I  
14 would like it to go on the record. I just want to  
15 commend the Boating Services folks for all the fine  
16 work they have done all of these years and I'd like  
17 to say I look forward to the same kind of high  
18 level of work for the citizens and the state of  
19 Maryland as this reorganization moves forward.

20 MR. O'MALLEY: Thank you, appreciate  
21 that.

1 MS. HENNINGER: Hear, hear.

2 CHAIRMAN PARLIN: John.

3 MR. PEPE: Mark, without putting you on  
4 the spot, and if you don't want to answer, I  
5 understand, what, what exactly are the funds  
6 getting -- since they've commingled -- but what are  
7 the grants going to now that will be different?

8 MR. O'MALLEY: Nothing.

9 MR. PEPE: A broader spectrum of  
10 funding?

11 MR. O'MALLEY: No, nothing will change,  
12 it will stay the same, stay the same. But we're --  
13 in Boating Services it's implied that everything we  
14 do is focused on boating and marinas, boaters,  
15 fishermen, when you then breakup a unit called  
16 Boating Services and put them in Fisheries and put  
17 them in Chesapeake and Coastal Services and put  
18 them in Resource Assessment Services all of a  
19 sudden where is that focus on boating now? So  
20 that's my concern, and like I said I'm sure  
21 everybody will be professional and we'll work it

1 out and it's just those fine points. You know when  
2 you're building a house, as you know, John, it's  
3 easy to build a house, it's much harder getting the  
4 cabinets in and trim done and wiring and plumbing  
5 done, that's where we're at. We have to get those  
6 details together. Okay, thanks.

7 CHAIRMAN PARLIN: All right. Thank you.

8 NRP safety unit, I don't see anybody here from  
9 that.

10 MR. GRANT: That is correct.  
11 Unfortunately Julie advised me late yesterday  
12 afternoon that she had inadvertently double-booked  
13 herself and she's down the ocean going through  
14 training courses with the livery folks.

15 CHAIRMAN PARLIN: Okay.

16 MR. GRANT: Perhaps --

17 (Discussion held off the record.)

18 MR. GRANT: Perhaps Ann would like to  
19 talk about the current progress with the app  
20 services, whatever it's being called.

21 CHAIRMAN PARLIN: We'll have Ann speak

1 on the app for the speed zones and all of that  
2 wonderful stuff.

3 MS. WILLIAMS: As far as I'm concerned  
4 the app is done. You guys saw the last review,  
5 it's up and running. We're waiting for press  
6 release. I think Mike sent it over to NRP for  
7 comments. We've gotten comments -- last year we  
8 asked for comments and we got none, this year there  
9 is four comments. Mike is working through those as  
10 to what we'll do or not do, and then hopefully  
11 we'll get the press release out and go to the  
12 public and it will become everybody's favorite app.  
13 It will go up as an app on the DNR app so you can  
14 download and also have a link from our web page to  
15 it from what I've been told. All of the comments  
16 every one here was implemented. Some of the  
17 changes that people requested, Donna wants to see  
18 the no discharge zones added in the future.

19 Adding data layers -- someone else, one  
20 of the NRP comments was the closed areas around the  
21 L&P plant and Calvert Cliffs -- adding data layers

1 to a virtual app means someone has to have  
2 ownership of that data, publish it and make it  
3 publicly available and put it up. So you can add  
4 stuff, it's not just as easy as because I see it I  
5 can add it. So as those requests come in we'll  
6 review them and then in future edits add  
7 information. The contours you see on there come  
8 from the NRP charts and we put them on so that you  
9 can have some -- so we build the background mostly  
10 from your comments and the one that we had with  
11 Google Earth wasn't boater friendly and we built a  
12 boater friendly background for it. As far as I  
13 know the data is true, every edit, zoom in and zoom  
14 out, use it on your phone. If you turn the Google  
15 Find Me on it will walk and travel with you. You  
16 can get connected to COMAR, you can connect to our  
17 web page, you can connect to your particular web  
18 page from it. I mean what else would anybody want?  
19 But as you think of something when you're out there  
20 to make it easier -- Mike is saying the flash drop  
21 in dark red needs some attention but we'll need --

1 when I go to Laura -- I don't know who made the  
2 comment they don't like the bright red, they can  
3 say what they want or don't want -- we'll see if it  
4 can be changed. It comes standard so let's say I  
5 didn't make it, I just put the words in. But other  
6 than that, it's up and running. Use it, have fun.  
7 I think one of the officers said something about --  
8 oh, I know, one the big comments, I do know that  
9 one, you know how we say pro, you know it's  
10 prohibited and we say min and you know it's  
11 minimum, it's minimum wake, and we say AT, all  
12 times, the non-boater public seems to have a  
13 problem with that so they want a lookup table of  
14 our jargon because they were like we don't know  
15 what it is, yeah, but a boater does. So we will  
16 have, next year it will actually say prohibited, it  
17 will say minimum wake, it will say all times versus  
18 the things that you will see on the buoys that  
19 boaters are normally used to seeing. So it won't  
20 say just SSH, it will say Saturday, Sunday and  
21 holidays. Even though you can drill down and go to



1 COMAR and figure out what the real words were that  
2 was too many steps for non-boaters, so we're going  
3 to kick it up. I don't know what it will look like  
4 because once you put those words on a postage stamp  
5 on your phone -- it might have to be another table.

6 Mike, hit on the -- like that one, so it  
7 might, it might say SSH on the map, but when you  
8 see it here it might say Saturday, Sunday and  
9 holiday for you, that way the map doesn't become  
10 all words. It would be totally useless if it  
11 became that wordy, but we'll work on that for the  
12 following year.

13 All right, anything else?

14 CHAIRMAN PARLIN: Any questions? Once  
15 again, thanks for all of your hard work on that,  
16 it's awesome.

17 (Applause.)

18 MS. WILLIAMS: Just so you know, this  
19 started in 2009 when Mike and I were going about --  
20 we got challenged on how come IT didn't know  
21 anything about it and I had to go and look back at

1 the first time IT sat in a meeting with us, we've  
2 been working on this app and you guys have been  
3 meeting and tweaking and changing it since 2009,  
4 and they were all amazed they didn't know about it,  
5 I was like you were at the table the first time, we  
6 just have never stopped and we kept working and got  
7 it done so they were kinda impressed that we stayed  
8 with it. We were told no in 2009 and we kept on  
9 going.

10 MS. TROVATO: Don't write that down.

11 CHAIRMAN PARLIN: Again, thank you. All  
12 right. Let's keep moving on. Old business? Any  
13 old business?

14 MS. SMITH: I have a question, not old  
15 business. I have a question about the South River  
16 Bridge, is that settled? And attendant to that  
17 question I was up there the other day looking to  
18 try to see what, you know, the Edgewater Beach  
19 question and I have a South River Bridge general  
20 question, which is it says on the South River  
21 Bridge, the bridge itself, it says six knots and

1 then it wants to say one mile and then they have  
2 put a sign over top of it. I took a picture of it.  
3 So it's unclear if you don't have the app on --  
4 which I did pick up the app then -- but it's not.  
5 Was there a time when it was six knots for the  
6 following mile and they decided instead of painting  
7 over the sign or something -- has anybody else seen  
8 this on the literally on the South River Bridge at  
9 the water line?

10 MR. LUNSFORD: This is the Route 2  
11 Bridge?

12 MS. SMITH: That's right.

13 MR. PEPE: Head south or north?

14 MS. SMITH: West.

15 MR. GRANT: It's somewhere here.

16 MS. SMITH: If you're going through the  
17 center of the bridge just as any boater would it  
18 indicates almost, it says -- I can show you the  
19 photograph -- it says, like maybe said it a long  
20 time ago, six knots next mile, which would imply  
21 all of the way to the Riva Bridge, the next bridge

1 and however I knew better because I have the app.

2 And we were looking at that Edgewater Beach thing.

3 And so those are my two South River things.

4 MS. TROVATO: What does the app say?

5 MS. SMITH: The app indicates the  
6 discussion we had here which was that there is --  
7 you have to go six knots under the bridge.

8 MR. GRANT: From here.

9 MS. SMITH: And then you can jump up.

10 MR. GRANT: Right about here, the south  
11 line is approximately here and north line starts  
12 here and runs over to here. So from here to here  
13 to here to here this is all six knots.

14 MS. TROVATO: At all times?

15 MR. GRANT: Yes, that is correct.

16 MR. WRIGHT: Sometimes what it is people  
17 decide they can improve on markings that we had on  
18 there so --

19 THE REPORTER: I can't hear you. You  
20 need the microphone.

21 MS. TROVATO: You need the mic.

1                   MR. WRIGHT: Sometimes what happens is  
2 people will maybe decide they can improve on what  
3 we have marked out there, especially because they  
4 don't like it, or some areas where there is no  
5 speed zone they will add their own speed markers,  
6 so this may be some sort of a creative addition to  
7 what the actual zone is. I would have to look at  
8 the picture and actually see.

9                   (Pause in the proceedings.)

10                  MS. WILLIAMS: The shore thing, we can  
11 have it taken down and put a correct sign up. I  
12 mean if it wasn't at one time somebody's  
13 interpretation there was only a mile or the next  
14 mile or whatever we can have that one totally taken  
15 down and one put up that doesn't white out the old  
16 editorial comments. So we'll have that corrected.

17                  MR. WRIGHT: It looks like that was  
18 something that somebody added because this bridge,  
19 it's state property, but it's not DNR's property,  
20 so we've had to get special dispensation to even  
21 band it to put the signs on and what they have done

1 is painted on the bridge, which I don't think the  
2 State Highway would authorize. They're pretty  
3 protective of those bridges because of all of the  
4 structural issues and --

5 MR. GRANT: That's about the area right  
6 now, it goes up Gingerville Creek.

7 Now, the comments we're getting this  
8 summer for those of you that were here in 2013 we  
9 had a request from this community right here, right  
10 at marker 17 to create some kind of a speed zone  
11 farther up so that they had some relief from boats  
12 coming down river. Inadvertently buoys were set  
13 here the last couple of years indicating a six knot  
14 zone. We were alerted to that by a citizen this  
15 spring and realizing our error they were put back  
16 in place here. This is the current zone. Now,  
17 what we're hearing from -- you can see right down  
18 the bottom here there is a small sandy beach --  
19 three homes right there, they're complaining that  
20 they're getting hit pretty hard, the rest of this  
21 area is all bulkheaded and most recently we

1 received comments from folks up here, up  
2 Gingerville Creek at the marina on South River that  
3 boat wakes coming this way are doing this and going  
4 up and rocking their world. Just to double check I  
5 called the manager of Oak Grove and he said indeed  
6 his gas dock is getting hit harder than it has in  
7 the past couple of years. He said he wasn't really  
8 complaining. Because I contacted him, he was just  
9 advising me that they are indeed getting rocked  
10 too. A couple of things could have happened. I  
11 mean this line here could have solved the issues  
12 for a couple of years and everything was fine.  
13 Also, boat traffic certainly increased over the  
14 last couple of years since fuel prices have gone  
15 down so the big boats are back out there and the  
16 big boats are not looking behind them as they  
17 normally don't. I mean they're dragging wakes  
18 three and four feet sometimes depending on what  
19 they are pushing. So we have since put out two  
20 warning buoys on the, where the old six knot buoys  
21 were. I haven't heard in anybody since that has

1 happened. We think it's given some relief.  
2 Honestly, don't know if we're going to get a  
3 request to reposition things next year or not. But  
4 recently I have heard from the person here at Boyd  
5 Point who is complaining that vessels coming up  
6 river are slapping him around right about here.  
7 All of these vessels --

8 MS. ALLISON: Anybody going back on  
9 plane after that six mile limit is going to effect  
10 all of those docks.

11 MR. GRANT: Right. Well, they're coming  
12 up now and it's just people coming by and doing  
13 this, so they're getting wake here. All of the  
14 vessels along here are all on lifts by the way and  
15 mostly it's bulkheaded but he's also complaining  
16 that some of the restoration efforts they have been  
17 doing up in Boyd Creek are being affected by these  
18 wakes.

19 MR. KLING: Would it be possible for us  
20 to put out a notice that people considering  
21 purchasing waterfront property that boats come by;



1 could we do that?

2 MR. GRANT: Anyway -- so again, there

3 have been comments from Mike's Crab House that he

4 no longer can get customers to stay at the slips

5 for dinner or for lunch or whatever because their

6 world is rocked because we changed this to six

7 knots only on weekends. We've had sightings of

8 maybe two boats over the last three or four trips

9 that somebody's made over the bridge so it's not as

10 busy as he says it is, but that may come up next

11 year as well. This will probably come up next

12 year, this probably will too, and of course this is

13 then Broad Creek up here.

14 CHAIRMAN PARLIN: Okay. Thank you. Any

15 other new business?

16 MR. LUNSFORD: Could I ask a follow-up

17 question? Amy, you might be able to answer this,

18 have there been additional boat facilities, a

19 larger community up river, or has the boating

20 traffic in this area generally looked like it's

21 stayed at the same base level over what it was 10

1 years ago or so?

2 MS. CRAIG: I'm generally there at times  
3 when it's not busy.

4 MR. LUNSFORD: You would see new  
5 construction.

6 MS. CRAIG: I don't know. How about  
7 you, Eric, do you know?

8 AUDIENCE MEMBER: It seems about the  
9 same it's always been to me.

10 MR. LUNSFORD: Thank you.

11 CHAIRMAN PARLIN: Ann.

12 MS. WILLIAMS: Mike, Seneca Creek, are  
13 you going to talk about that?

14 MR. GRANT: Seneca?

15 MS. WILLIAMS: Didn't John bring up to  
16 you the Seneca Creek issue?

17 MR. GRANT: He mentioned something, but  
18 it didn't come through as from a citizen.

19 MR. LUNSFORD: Which Seneca Creek?

20 MS. WILLIAMS: In Middle River.

21 MS. HENNINGER: By the power plant.

1                   MS. WILLIAMS: We have a speed zone that  
2 comes at the narrowing of Seneca Creek again  
3 marking in speed zones that are quite optional at  
4 hydro. The markings for years have been out  
5 further away from the legal speed zone line, new  
6 crews this year put them where COMAR said and the  
7 public's like wait a minute, this is not right, and  
8 we've gotten a lot of calls and John has been  
9 talking to Mike about addressing it as technical  
10 change is what he told me.

11                   MS. HENNINGER: Down, down, down, to the  
12 left.

13                   MR. GRANT: To the left?

14                   MS. HENNINGER: Yeah. Down there is  
15 Carroll Island right there, Carroll Island there.

16                   MR. GRANT: In here?

17                   MS. HENNINGER: Yeah.

18                   MR. GRANT: Seneca, right there?

19                   MR. EUFPLT: That's Porter's, that's the  
20 marina.

21                   MS. WILLIAMS: That white dot.

1 MR. GRANT: Right there.

2 MS. HENNINGER: White dot up top.

3 MS. WILLIAMS: Right there's where we  
4 made the speed zone but we've been marking it way  
5 out into it -- right.

6 MS. HENNINGER: That's -- the power  
7 plant's right there, it was always marked. See  
8 that little buoy? Down, down, that goes into Goose  
9 Harbor, so as you go into Goose Harbor, the next  
10 buoy that's up, up, right there.

11 MS. WILLIAMS: So it's always been  
12 marked somewhere out in the open or wider waterways  
13 so that the wake up and down could be addressed.  
14 It is not legal there, it is legal in the very  
15 narrow and the guy who's there's not happy and a  
16 lot of people are like the buoys are wrong, we keep  
17 getting the phone call the buoys are wrong.  
18 They're not wrong, they're legally correct, just  
19 not where everybody likes them.

20 MS. HENNINGER: Are you talking about  
21 the marina owner or the residents?

1                   MS. WILLIAMS: The complaint I got  
2 was -- zoom in on the bottom one, see that long  
3 pier, we put a buoy -- it's almost directly off his  
4 pier and he's the one that called me, the one on  
5 the other side, the marina on the other side called  
6 and they said, you know, you're way too close to  
7 us. They wanted it moved out.

8                   MR. GRANT: Where is it on the north  
9 side?

10                  MS. WILLIAMS: Just about. More  
11 straight than you have. More like that. If you go  
12 in the app you'll see it's a straight line there.  
13 And they said no, it's always been way out, you  
14 know, you've got to pull it out. We're going to  
15 put this week watch your wake buoys out where it  
16 used to be to try to alleviate it, but John said he  
17 was in communication with you about addressing this  
18 year as a fix because the world thinks the line is  
19 out, the law says it's in.

20                  MR. GRANT: So they want it out here --  
21 oops, oops, oops -- out here?

1 MS. HENNINGER: No, not that far. That  
2 little white thing.

3 MR. GRANT: I'm asking where they want  
4 it.

5 MS. WILLIAMS: I believe, Mike, take  
6 that one and go halfway -- yeah, and that kind of,  
7 touch land that way. It's more that way than --

8 MR. GRANT: So, okay. Well, that's --  
9 Louis, this is on you, bud.

10 MS. HENNINGER: Normally it's right in  
11 here.

12 MR. GRANT: Well, I'll talk to John.  
13 John did mention it briefly, but I think that was  
14 the first conversation we've had so I'm going to  
15 follow-up with him tomorrow.

16 MS. HENNINGER: That's six miles an hour  
17 on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. They do storm  
18 through there.

19 MS. WILLIAMS: SSH, Saturday, Sunday and  
20 holiday.

21 MS. HENNINGER: Yeah.

1 MR. GRANT: Okay.

2 MS. WILLIAMS: I need to know because  
3 they're all calling and we were telling them it  
4 would be addressed in the fall meetings, that's why  
5 I wanted to make sure that you were keeping an  
6 agenda on it, Mike.

7 CHAIRMAN PARLIN: Well, I think it would  
8 have to be addressed through one of two measures,  
9 either administrative if it was a, you know,  
10 clerical error, or again it would have to go  
11 through the regular process of the committee.

12 All right. Any other new business? All  
13 right. Motion to adjourn.

14 MR. KLING: Motion to adjourn.

15 CHAIRMAN PARLIN: Steve Kling.

16 MR. LUNSFORD: Second.

17 CHAIRMAN PARLIN: All in favor?

18 (Show of hands.)

19 CHAIRMAN PARLIN: Those opposed?

20 (Hearing adjourned at 10:52 a.m.)

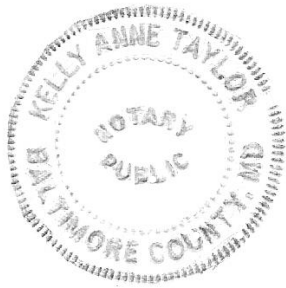
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