## Agenda Item

### 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order about 7:00 pm by Tracy Rouleau, WQAG Co-Chair. Lakisha Armstrong took the June 2018 WQAG Minutes.

**a. The Agenda was approved with two changes:**
- Addition of “Approval of Minutes” as item 1.b
- Addition of 2018 Agricultural Tour as item 2.c

**b. The Minutes from the previous meeting were approved.**

### 2. Business Agenda

**a. Discussion of the County Executive’s veto of the Stormwater Management Program capital budget approved by County Council:**
- Capital budget includes eight (8) projects and the County Executive vetoed three (3) [Miscellaneous Stream Valley Improvements, Stormwater Management Retrofit - Roads, and Stormwater Management Retrofit - Countywide].

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**Member and affiliation**

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• WQAG discussed whether to draft a letter addressing concerns of not being consulted by the County Executive prior to vetoing the Stormwater Management Program capital budget approved by the County Council.

• Based on current knowledge, WQAG moved to support override of the veto with a letter regarding Stormwater Management capital program to the County Council.
  o A courtesy copy of the letter to be sent to the County Executive.

**ACTION ITEM from discussion:** Keith to draft a letter to the County Council requesting to override the veto.

b. Viewing and discussion of Councilman Rice’s Chesapeake Bay Awareness Week video and Breewood Tributary Restoration Project:
  • Councilman Rice’s video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w33J6sQTiT4
  • Breewood Tributary Restoration Project: https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/water/restoration/breewood.html
    o Montgomery County DEP is now controlling significant amount of the impervious surfaces in the Breewood watershed through installation of bioretention, raingardens, and pervious pavement; DEP restored 1,200 linear feet of stream; the only area not controlled with stormwater management practices is University Blvd, which is state highway property.
    o DEP will be monitoring the site in the fall.

c. Harris Tobing shared information with the WQAG on his business, Global Aquaponic Systems Corporation, which will be one of the stops on this year’s Montgomery County Farm Tour. They are the first owner-operated Aquaponic farm in Maryland and their Silver Spring facility includes a 3,500 gallon tank with fish and plants. Rainwater is being collected and a spring will be installed. Part of collecting rainwater includes the use of an FDA-approved tank. An underground container keeps the water at certain temperature. The 2018 farm tour will take place on July 28 and 29, and the Global Aquaponic Systems open house is scheduled for Saturday, July 28 from 10 am to 4 pm. Curriculum being created to educate the
public, school systems (high schools), and will be taken overseas. The products include fish and produce and no chemicals are used. There are about 7,000 gallons of water going through.

- Additional information on Global Aquaponic Systems Corporation can be found at: [http://globalaquaponic.com/](http://globalaquaponic.com/)
- 2018 Maryland Farm Tour information can be found at: [http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/AGServices/agfarmtour.html](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/AGServices/agfarmtour.html)

3. **Committee Business**

   a. **Status of Vacancies**
      - There is a preliminary listing with 8-10 applicants, up from last year.
      - The vacancy announcement closed on June 1, 2018.
      - If there are any existing WQAG members who wish to remain in the group, they should send their resume to Beth Gochrach.

   b. **Discussion of any topics from May meeting**
      - No discussion.

4. **Updates & Announcements**

   a. **The WQAG will not have a meeting in August 2018.**

   b. **There will be a presentation on Enforcement at the September meeting.**

5. **Confirm Next WQAG meetings and Future Speakers**

   The next meeting will be July 9, 2018 – Green streets’ tour with Kit Gage.
   - Everyone will meet at Kit’s house and she will begin the tour at 7:00pm.
   - The meeting location will be sent to the group.

6. **Adjourn**

   The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.
Action Item Registry:

1. Philip Brown will take minutes for the September meeting.
2. DEP staff will find out if there has been any feedback from the County Executive on the communications memo sent in March – WQAG chairs to follow-up as needed.
3. Set-up future speaker’s topics:
   - July – Rainscapes site visit
   - August – No meeting
   - September – Enforcement

Collection of Suggested Topics/Tours/Guests for Future WQAG Meetings:

- 10-Year Water and Sewer Plan (Winter 2018)
- Educational Outreach – Other Organizations
- Blue Plains and Seneca Treatment Plants Tours
- Rainscapes Update
- Geese and deer management (Potential speakers from DNR)
- Expert panel on water quality benefits on stream restorations (Tom Schueler &/or Pamela Parker)
- Community gardening
- E&S plan transparency – Dan [On Hold]
- Chesapeake Bay TMDL, nutrient trading, and growth offsets
- Mont. Co. Sustainability Committee report & water related issues [TBD]
- WSSC discharges from Potomac Filtration Plant and the ensuing litigation [TBD]
- WSSC drinking water testing for EPA unregulated contaminants - Annette [On Hold]
- Quantitative approaches to stormwater management