

Cheverly Green Infrastructure Committee  
Minutes of meeting of **January 6, 2020** 7:30 PM  
Cheverly Community Center, 6401 Forest Rd, Cheverly MD 20785

*Present: Steve Brayman, Dave Kneipp, Laila Riazzi, Matt T Salo, Sheila Salo, Dan Smith*

***Old Business and reports***

1. Town Park stormwater management project and grant proposal.

Emily Clifton, Low Impact Design Center sent updates to the proposal, based on the committee's comments, and December 2 and 3; these have been distributed. The committee's letter of support was sent to the Mayor and Council on December 3. The committee's letter of commitment was sent to Clifton on December 4.

The application was submitted on or before the deadline, Awards will be announced in February.

2. The mayor confirmed that Neighborhood Design Center results will also be reported in February.

3. Tree planting, 6301 Kilmer Park.

Mr. Brayman reported that the trees have been planted, possibly 29. Dan took pictures of the planting. Tolbert Feather and Nate surveyed trees along Cheverly avenue and Kilmer Park. Feather will have a report.

4. Science Advisory Committee (Matt). Written report.

Laila reported a buck with a limp in and near Nature Park.

5. Friends of Lower Beaverdam Creek (Dan).

Dan submitted questions to County Council members regarding climate change on January 6.

Gabe Horschler has obtained a license to apply herbicides. Mr. Brayman is interested in talking to him.

In a further discussion of invasive plants, Mayor Riazzi requested information regarding Lesser Celandine and the time window for its control. Mr. Brayman wants to control the kudzu in the alley north of the Methodist church.

In further discussion, the mayor asked how to get the spring cleanup back, and requested contact information for Students Today, Leaders Forever, and the EEC. It was pointed out that the county requires that trash be kept out of the waterways.

A response to a question about a bag fee, it appears that the state must grant authority to the county to levy such a fee. No authority is needed for an outright ban. Will the county consider funding a "big belly" trash container?

6. Air Quality Monitoring (Karen).

Karen reported via e-mail that she had received word from Jan Archer at UMD on December 20. Karen asked him to check with Dr. Wilson on receipt of a letter in support of a grant he was seeking. Karen also suggested meeting dates in mid-January, but has not heard back.

Laila reported that the letter referred to had gone out and receipt was confirmed.

7. Water Woes Workshop (Work Group: Laila, Dave, Karen, Sheila)

Plans for the Spring workshop were outlined, see work group meeting minutes below.

8. Cheverly Day Photo Contest (Dave)

Publicity for the contest will begin with the March Newsletter.

#### New business

##### 1. Neighborhood Meet and Greet, Saturday, January 25, 2020 (Dave)

The event will take place from 1 PM to 4 PM. The cost is \$25 per table. Laila donated the fee for the committee's table.

##### 2. Composting issues (Laila)

Sheila will ask Doug Alexander for a list of compost bins purchased and will send other contact lists to Laila. It is envisioned to survey purchasers about whether they are using their bins, whether they would be interested in a compost buddy program. The idea is for the Green Infrastructure Committee to gauge the need for such a program.

Spellman may be interested in worm composting.

A "big belly" for community composting with a weekly pickup from Town Park would be a CIP issue.

##### 3. Alley parallel to Belleview from Kilmer north, planting by Pepco. (Steve Brayman).

Pepco has clearcut the alley with vehicles, and has agreed to replace vegetation. The alley will be evaluated for invasive species, the clearcut giving an opportunity for removal. There is bamboo on private property.

##### 4. Wayne Street Pepco right of way meadow management update (Steve Brayman)

Cody Hesseltine will not work if the ground does not freeze.

##### 5. Updates on town projects (Mayor Riazi)

a. Fuel tank leakages. A fuel tank at Public Works failed a tank leak test. A vacuum test showed ground water. No monitoring wells showed diesel or gas.

The next meeting will be **February 3, 2020**.

#### **Water Woes Workshop Committee**

Meeting of December 10, 2019

#### Meeting notes and tasks

##### Planning for H2O II.

Hoped-for dates are Saturday, April 18 or 25th, *Sheila to contact Barbara P for possible conflict with basketball.*

Limit event to 2 hours.

Event content:

##### *Presentations:*

Pavao Zuckerman  
Mike Clar

*Laila to reach out to both.*

Need for continual reminders reiterated.

*Literature and displays:*

Handouts from DoE, CBT.

Simplify, with specifics about what residents can get help on.

Poster/trifold with completed projects in Cheverly -- Driveways, cisterns, rain gardens. *Dave, I know we didn't talk about this, but can you be in charge of gathering these photos?*

Have Bre'Anna's talk on laptop.

Have Bre'Anna's PowerPoint on laptop? *Sheila to ask if it is available.*

Contact Marian to see whether she will do the display on multi-household projects.

Practitioners? Ciminelli, Emerald...

Pre-event research:

1. Collect the questions that have been coming to the mayor, council members, Mr. Brayman and town office, then look for clusters.

*Laila will collect this information.*

2. Create on-line survey along the lines of the paper survey used at H2O I.  
*Sheila to do.*

Follow-ups from H2O I:

1. *Laila to ask Antoine, through Mr. Galloway, to burn a copy of the tape to DVD. Laila also to speak to Mr. Galloway about getting the panel posted on YouTube and the town website, like Town Meetings, given that the Cheverly Green Infrastructure Committee is a town body.*
2. *Sheila to ask Bre'Anna how many applications were submitted at the event or following it.*
3. Kristi has sold 3 rain barrels since the event. That brings the total sold to 14, and 21 are currently available.