Draft Meeting Minutes

DATE: January 14, 2015
TIME: 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
LOCATION: Center for the Inland Bays Indian River Inlet Facility
MEETING CALLED BY: Ed Lewandowski, Chair
Next meeting: March 11, 2015 at 6:00 pm

Attending: Ed Lewandowski, Chair; Trent Batson, Ariane Nichols (DNREC, Waterways Section), Dave Ritondo, Chief Michael Kristiansen (USCG), Larry Tush, Tom Fowler, Bill Baker, Neil Baker (representing Jen Mitchell), Doug Long (DNREC, Division of Parks and Recreation), Bob Collins (CIB)

Call to Order at 6:00 pm; Meeting Agenda Review by the Chair

Approval of November 12, 2014 Meeting Minutes, motion by Dave Ritondo, second by Ariane Nichols.

Old Business

Delaware Waterways Management and Financing Advisory Committee Report: Ms. Nichols gave brief comments on the report, and distributed three copies. (She noted that the electronic copy is soon forthcoming). She noted that an in-house, post card survey will be mailed to approximately 1000 Delaware registered boat owners about financing the waterways management plan.

Hazardous Debris Removal Update- Whitehouse Beach: Ms. Nichols noted that the purchase order for the project is currently being written by DNREC to CIB, who will then select the contractor and supervise completion of the work. Cost is $12,445.

Inland Bays Cleanup is scheduled for June 13, 2015. Detailed planning will take place at the next WUPIC meeting.

Brief discussion of Summary of Accomplishments- Wrap-up from November meeting.

New Business

Projects/Activities for 2015: In order to facilitate this discussion, the Chair split the committee into three groups and issued flip charts to each. The groups were asked to list ideas to answer the questions: What can the WUPIC do? What should the WUPIC do? What will the WUPIC do? When?

The three groups then came up with areas of focus:
    Batson, Kristiansen, Ritondo, Nichols: trash cleanup program
    B. Baker, Fowler, Tush, Collins: waterways finance
    N. Baker, Long, Lewandowski; aquaculture issues education
The chair then assigned each group to do a little research on each focus area, creating an implementation plan. To that end, the staff liaison will provide contact information for each group so that such planning can happen. Each group will report back at the next WUPIC meeting.

Open Forum:

Dave Ritondo requested that the staff liaison look into the possibility of purchasing more of the yellow signs.

Chief Kristiansen answered several questions about US Coast Guard/Indian River Station activities. Of particular WUPIC importance was discussion of Aids to Navigation, and of particular note was that he was “90% certain” that markers removed by USCG for winter would be replaced in the spring.

Adjourn at 7:30 pm.