



# PATUXENT RIVER COMMISSION

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**Councilman Michael Leszcz, Co-Chairman**  
**Christopher Perry, Vice Chairman**

*We, the Patuxent River Commission, envision a Patuxent River ecosystem as vital and productive in 2050 as it was in the 1950s. We therefore commit to be stewards and advocates for the Patuxent River and to lead and inspire actions to protect, enhance, and restore living resources and the natural, cultural, economic, and recreational values of the Patuxent River and its watershed.*

☀ Please call Daniel Rosen at MDP 410-767-4577 if you have any questions or comments.

## MEETING SUMMARY September 11, 2019 Maryland Department of Agriculture Annapolis, MD 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

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- Members:** Michael Leszcz, Chair; Christopher Perry, Vice-Chair; Steve Shofar; Joanna Smith; John Hartline; Sandy Spencer; Fred Tutman; Albert Tucker; Andrew Der; Barbara Sollner-Webb; John McCoy; Guy Curley; Scott Knoche; Thomas Miller; Luis Dieguez; Robert Brown, Sr.; Byron Petrauskas; Alison Santoro; Jason Dubow; John Denniston
- Attendees:** Paul Cucuzzella, Udeni Leanage, Kim Finch
- Staff:** Dan Rosen, Debbie Herr Cornwell, Jason Dubow

### **Election of Chair and Vice-Chair**

Jason Dubow reminded the Commission of the voting rules as stated in the by-laws. An affirmative vote by 16 members currently is needed to elect the Chair and Vice-Chair (Article IV of the Commission's by-laws require "an affirmative vote of a majority of the entire Commission required to elect officers" and "designees may not vote to select officers of the Commission". As of the date of the September 11, 2019 meeting, there were 30 of 34 Commission members appointed; a majority of 30 members is 16). The floor was opened for nominations: John Hartline and Mike Leszcz were nominated for Chair and Chris Perry for Vice-Chair.

Ballots were cast with Mike Leszcz receiving 13 votes and John Hartline 7 votes; Chris Perry received 19 votes and was elected as Vice Chair. Since neither of the Chair candidates received the necessary 16 affirmative votes, the Commission decided to vote a second round. Prior to the second vote, John Hartline stated his support of Mike Leszcz and suggested that the Commission elect Mr. Leszcz. In the second round of voting, the results were 14 for Mike Leszcz and 5 for John Hartline. Since the second round of voting did not result in the required 16 votes, the election for Chair was tabled until the November meeting.

**Update: Monitoring Stations on the Upper Patuxent**

Chairman Leszcz provided the update and Tom Miller offered to host the monitoring station data on the Chesapeake Biological Lab website.

**Update: Patuxent River restoration by MDA and Fort Meade**

Mike Leszcz will follow up and provide an update for the November meeting.

**Presentation on the RAND Corporation's "Managing Water Quality in the Face of Uncertainty" Report**

Tom Johnson, EPA provided a presentation on the report that included the RBM – “robust decision making” process. This is an exploratory, not a predictive, process and can be used to identify in a quantitative way what the best BMPs are, based on targets.

**Discussion on Draft By-Laws**

The workgroup will move forward with reviewing the draft bylaws and comparing the existing with the proposed. An update will be provided at the November meeting.

**Update: October's Field Trip**

Alison Santoro provided information on the October 9<sup>th</sup> field trip to the Manning Hatchery at Cedarville State Forest. The field trip will be from 4 to 5 pm and an RSVP will be sent to Commission members.

**Discussion and Vote on Draft 2019 Annual Action Plan**

The Commission discussed a few minor text changes: rewording “in 2020” to acknowledge that work is also being done in 2019 and to remove the words “parking lot” from the items being held for later implementation. The Commission voted to approve the Plan with the noted changes.

**Open Floor**

Items for the November meeting include: workgroup update on the bylaws and approval of the July minutes.