

COMMISSIONERS OF RIDGELY
MARCH 23, 2015
MEETING WITH URS

The Commissioners of Ridgely met in the Ridgely House on the above date in the Ridgely House at 3:00 pm. The following were in attendance: President John Hurley, Commissioner Anthony Casey, Clerk-Treasurer Stephanie Berkey, Director of Public Works David Crist, Assistant Clerk-Treasurer Melissa Leonard, URS – Debbie Pfeil, Andy Wishart and Chris Rogers.

Chris Rogers spoke regarding possible funding options for public works projects. MDE has funding for opportunities but our current list of projects is not typically what is funded. MDE application deadline for funding is the end of January each year. MDE will require a rate analysis study to be done. The Commissioners are hesitant to pursue that avenue because typically MDE requires rate increases for the funding and they want to keep the rates the same, but agreed that they would be able to meet with MDE to listen to the different options.

House Bill 156 has been passed in the Senate and has moved over to the House. It is regarding funding 87% of Inflow and Infiltration projects for smaller water and sewer systems like the Town's. Chris will get more information regarding this bill.

Andy Wishart spoke regarding funding for stormwater/watershed funding. Chesapeake Bay Trust grant applications are due in September. There are watershed programs with no match required or "in kind" matches. The potential is there for funding for Martin Sutton Park stormwater issues. They would like to get pictures of the issues at the park during the next rain event.

Debbie Phiel spoke regarding the Tech Park and Economic Development. She wants to meet with Angela Visintainer from CCED to go over the regulations on usage and possibly changing that, as well as marketing. Commissioner Casey agreed to go in April with Debbie,

USDA has a Communities Facilities Grant that may be used for the town hall. The maximum amount would be \$50,000. Debbie would like to set up a meeting in April with Terri Fearins from USDA to come and talk about their programs.

Stephanie Berkey asked URS to provide an estimate of projected prices for their services if funding is attained.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Stephanie Berkey
Clerk-Treasurer