

President Charles Costello opened the October 12, 2005 meeting with approximately 40 members present. The first item discussed by Mr. Costello is the pending proposal for a Public Service Authority (PSA). The item is tabled in White Stone & Lancaster County and will be the subject of a meeting tomorrow in Irvington.

Friends of Lancaster now have 183 paid members. Mr. Costello has been invited on October 25th to speak to the lions Club.

The first speaker for the evening was Beth Baldwin, a Senior Planner with the Chesapeake Bay Local Assistance Board (CBLAB). This agency provides assistance to local governments and citizens implementation of the Chesapeake Bay Act, which dates back to 1986-1987. The Act covers 84 local governments East of I-95. The act defines RPA's (Resource Protection Areas) and RMA's (Resource Management Areas). The RPA provides for a buffer area to filter sediment and nutrients from surface water before it reaches tidal waters. Agriculture is allowed to go 75 feet into the RPA.

Beth also discussed how complaints concerning the Bay Act are handled. These can either be formal or informal.

The second speaker was Dr. Lynton land, President of NAPS. Dr Land focused his discussion on wastewater treatment. He pointed out a very good web site concerning these issues in smaller communities at <http://www.nsfrc.wvu.edu> called the Small Flows site.

In discussing wastewater treatment he notes the primary treatment removes solids. Secondary treatment provides oxidization. Tertiary treatment, which is rare, removes other chemicals and nutrients. The best way to remove nutrients that are not handles in the septic tank is with deep rooted trees in the buffer.

Turning to sludge application on farm fields Dr. Land noted that normal application rates are 30-35 lbs per acre of nitrogen, but sludge provides up to 100 lbs per acre, which then runs off!!

Water supply is another concern for the area. The deep aquifer is dropping 1 foot per year. This aquifer is not recharged from the surface Dr. Land made available a 1969 report showing reservoir sites in the county that should be protected from development..

Following Dr. Land's presentation, Bill Warren presented the need in the county for a Timbering Ordinance to prevent clear cutting up to the roads as taking place near Christ Church. A motion to move forward with presenting this to the County Supervisors was made by Ken Julian, seconded by Jack Chamberlain and passed by the members present.

Being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Joe Urban, Secretary, 10/13/2005