**Avalon Environmental Commission**

**August 18, 2020**

The meeting was called to order at 4pm by Chairman Reynolds

Flag salute. Roll call.

**Present:** Kevin Coyle, Joe Dvorak, Steve Malyszka, Brian Reynolds, Donna Rothman, Claire Driscoll

**Absent:** Beth Tipping

A motion to approve the minutes from the January 21, 2020 meeting was made by Steve Malyszka and seconded by Joe Dvorak. Approved by all.

Presentation by Business Administrator, Scott Wahl, on the Bayside Marina Project. The project would include a new handicap accessible kayak ramp, replacement of the existing boat ramp, new pier, and replacement of the timber bulkhead. The replacement of the boat ramp will allow a more gradual incline that will help keep some of the bay water back. Steve recommended that a flood gate be installed at the boat ramp. Elevating the area to 7.1 ft is inadequate to protect area From flooding. The cost to do so is small compared to the overall cost of the project. Part of the Open Space application will be for a new entrance way. The project will also include a sidewalk to prevent pedestrians from walking in the street. A new no-see turtle barrier will help block the turtles and act as a small bulkhead. Relocating the marina building will allow for three additional boat slips. Brian expressed concerns for water to flood through exit ramp into Ocean Drive. Scott stated the new elevation will stop the minor flooding during high tide, but it will not prevent flooding from stormwater flooding. Steve suggested a floating dock, railing and tie-offs on the boat ramp to assist boaters. The handicap accessible kayak ramp can be used by seniors but cannot prevent others from using it.

Update on the Butterfly Garden at Armacost Park. Scott Wahl had a meeting with Bayshore Landscaping and was told they had fallen behind on work due to COVID-19 and not having workers. The landscaping company is now back to work and will begin at the Butterfly Garden, weeding it out.

Brian Reynolds is stepping down as Chairman and Donna Rothman will take over at Chairwoman. Brian will remain on the Environmental Commission Board.

Adjournment at 5:08.