Chatham County Environmental Review Committee (ERC)

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: April 11, 2013

Location: Dunlap Classroom

Committee Members Present:

Mary Beth Koza

Robert Soots

Victor D'Amato

David Mattison

Dan LaMontagne County Director of Environmental Quality

Delonda Alexander (?)

No attendees from the public were present

Chair Vic D'Amato called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm

1: Selection of recording secretary – Vic D'Amato

2: **Approval of January 3, 2013 meeting minutes** – Draft minutes were reviewed and approved. Motion for approval by Bob Soots and seconded by Dave Mattison. Motion passed unanimously.

3: **Annual report to Board of Commissioners** – Dan LaMontagne handed out the form for the ERC to use to provide its annual report to the BOC (attached). This is typically accompanied by a presentation at a BOC meeting, which are held on the third Monday of each month.

The following report amendments were suggested:

- Add Jerry's mining and energy meeting to accomplishments and activities
- Add staff delegation of allowable uses in buffers to accomplishments and activities
- The ERC should work on additional recommendations for the next meeting

4: **Upcoming Meetings** – The group discussed potential topics for future meetings. It was suggested to look at collaborating with and getting a speaker from the Planning Board or other related boards or committees. Other ideas include:

- Conservation inventory Allison Weakley
- Mitigation credits ?
- Clean Jordan Lake Fran DiGiano
- Clean Water Education Partnership (http://www.nccwep.org/)

5: **Update from County Staff** – Dan LaMontagne went over the ST Wooton Sugar Lake Road maps and said they had withdrawn their rezoning request.

The remainder of the discussion revolved around legislation being considered in the General Assembly related to reducing local government authority (SB 612), land application of sludge (SB 372), EEP/mitigation (HB 938), and water supply watershed protection (SB 229).

Adjournment – Mary Beth Koza motioned to adjourn, which was seconded by Dave Mattison and the meeting was adjourned.