

Middlesex County Wetlands Board Minutes
April 14, 1998

Call To Order

The April 14, 1998, meeting of the Middlesex County Wetlands Board was called to order by Chairman Sherman T. Holmes at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room of the Woodward Building, Saluda, Virginia.

Present: Chairman Sherman T. Holmes
Mr. Woodson Armstead
Mr. B. Ulman Miller
Mr. M. Dale Taylor

Absent: Mr. Elliot Reed

Staff present: Tim Wilson, Planning Director and Mac McMurtrie, Building Inspector.
Chip Neikirk from the Virginia Marine Resources Commission was also present.

Minutes

The Board considered the minutes of the March 10, 1998 meeting. On a motion by Mr. Armstead and a second by Mr. Miller, the minutes were approved unanimously.

Public Hearings

1. Mr. Kenneth Risser - Application #98-0186

Chairman Holmes read the proposal of Mr. Risser to install 280 linear feet of rip rap. This project is located on the Piankatank River, Tax Map 37A-6-188.

Chairman Holmes opened the public hearing.

With there being no comment from the public, the hearing was closed.

On a motion by Mr. Armstead, seconded by Mr. Miller, and carried by unanimous vote, Application #98-0186 was approved for 18 months.

2. Lorraine Hooper and Mark Hooper - Application #98-0362

Chairman Holmes read the proposal of Lorraine Hooper and Mark Hooper to construct 90 feet of timber bulkhead a maximum of two feet channelward of and existing, failing wall and to replace a 10 foot cutback and two existing wooden groins. This project is located on the Rappahannock River, Tax Map 41-1-8.

Chairman Holmes opened the public hearing.

After Mr. Armstead asked for a more detailed explanation of the project, Ms. Carol Collier, agent for the applicant, presented the project.

With there being no further comment from the public, the hearing was closed.

On a motion by Mr. Armstead, seconded by Mr. Taylor, and carried by unanimous vote, Application #98-0362 was approved with the following conditions: 1) The debris, consisting of wood and tires, behind the existing structure be removed before the proposed project is backfilled, 2) The Wetlands Board will inspect the site before it is backfilled.

3. Mr. Walter Thomas Davis- Application #98-0361

Chairman Holmes read the proposal of Walter Thomas Davis to install 121 feet of rip rap in front of a failing wall. This project is located on the Chesapeake Bay, Tax Map 41-49-16.

Chairman Holmes opened the public hearing.

Mr. Taylor asked what size rip rap stone would be used on the project. Ms. Carol Collier, agent for the applicant, did not know.

Mr. Taylor asked Chip Neikirk of VMRC if Class II stone would be appropriate. Mr. Neikirk indicated that Class II stone should be the minimum size used.

With no further public comment, the public hearing was closed.

On a motion by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Armstead, and carried by unanimous vote, Application #98-0361 was approved with the following condition: Class II or larger rip rap stone will be used.

4. Robert W. Scherrer – Application #98-0236

Chairman Holmes read the proposal of Robert W. Scherrer to allow for an after-the-fact misalignment of bulkhead. The bulkhead was constructed at mean low water instead of mean high water, as permitted in VMRC #96-0008. This project is located on the Piankatank River, Tax Map 443A-6-12.

Chairman Holmes opened the public hearing.

Planning Director Tim Wilson explained that he had a direct interest in this case because of erosion and sediment control measures requiring immediate attention on the property. Mr. Wilson explained that Mr. Scherrer was not present because he was told by former Wetlands staff person Olivia Wilkinson that his case would be postponed until the May 1998 Wetlands Board meeting.

Building Inspector Mac McMurtrie explained that the bulkhead was constructed incorrectly.

With no further public comment, the public hearing was closed.

On a motion by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Miller, and carried by unanimous vote, a decision on Application #98-0236 was deferred until the May 1998 Wetlands Board meeting. The Wetlands Board will revisit the site before the May meeting.

5. Victor P. Morrissette - Restoration Plan

Chairman Holmes read the Restoration Plan of Victor P. Morrissette to restore a 30' x 60' area of vegetated wetlands as a result of impacts from a fill violation. This project is located on a tidal cove that is a tributary to the Chesapeake Bay, Tax Map 41-44-132.

Chairman Holmes opened the public hearing.

With no public comment, the public hearing was closed.

On a motion by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Miller, and carried by unanimous vote, a decision on this Restoration Plan was deferred until the May 1998 Wetlands Board meeting. The Wetlands Board will revisit the site to determine whether the applicant has taken any action before the May meeting.

New Business

Planning Director Tim Wilson discussed the use of a written bond document and policy.

The Board questioned Chip Neikirk of the VMRC as to bond policies used by other wetland boards.

On a motion by Mr. Holmes, seconded by Mr. Miller, and carried by unanimous vote, it was decided that a bond policy would be established for the Wetlands Board.

Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Armstead moved to adjourn the meeting. With a second by Mr. Miller the meeting was adjourned unanimously at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted.

Sherman T. Homes, Chairman

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