

Middlesex County Wetlands Board Minutes

October 13, 1998

Call to Order

The October 13, 1998 meeting of the Middlesex County Wetlands Board was called to order by Chair Sherman T. Holmes at 9:00 A.M. in the Boardroom of the Woodward Building, Saluda, Virginia.

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

Staff present: Thomas Jordan, Planner

Also present was Mr. Chip Neikirk from the Virginia Marine Resources Commission.

Minutes

The Board considered the minutes of the September 8, 1998 meeting. On a motion by Mr. Miller and a second by Mr. Reed, the minutes were approved unanimously.

Public Hearing

Chairman Holmes opened the public hearing, and the Middlesex County Wetlands Board took action on the following applications:

A. Marian Walter – Application #98-1395

Chairman Holmes read the proposal of Mrs. Walter to construct 62' of riprap revetment channelward of existing bulkhead for erosion control. This project is located on the Rappahannock River, Tax Map #41 15&16.

Mrs. Walter was not present to represent herself.

Mr. 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 #98-1395 was approved as submitted for a term of 18 months.

B. William Rock – Application #98-1445

Chairman Holmes read the proposal of Mr. Rock construct a 16' spur from existing jetty to help control beach erosion. This proposed project is located on the Chesapeake Bay, at Tax Map #41 (37) 2.

Mr. Rock was present to represent himself. He explained his erosion problem and offered to answer any questions that the board may have.

Mr. Taylor questioned the fact that the proposed spur would be pointing in the opposite direction of the existing spur.

Mr. Holmes opened the public hearing.

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

On a motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Armstead, and carried by unanimous vote, Application #98-1445 was approved as submitted for a term of 18 months.

C. Thomas Samuel – Application #98-1575

Chairman Holmes read the proposal of Mr. Samuel to construct a 26' X 12' open pile boat ramp. This proposed project is located on Dragon Run, at Tax Map #35-28A.

Mrs. Lucille Morelli was present as agent for Mr. Samuel. She explained that Mr. Samuel needed a private boat ramp because no public ramps are in the area. She also went on to explain they prefer a timber structure rather than concrete to lessen impact.

Chairman Holmes opened the public hearing.

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

On a motion by Mr. Taylor seconded by Mr. Reed, and carried by unanimous vote, Application #98-1575 was approved as submitted for a term of 18 months.

D. Bruce Innes – Application #98-1390

Chairman Holmes read the proposal of Mr. Innes to construct two sections of riprap revetment, one 96' and the other 168' in length for shoreline erosion control. This proposed project is located on the Cove at Wilton Creek, at Tax Map #43 (2) 1A & 1B.

Alor Grantham Traywick was present as agent to represent Mr. Innes. She explained the project and noted that the new riprap will adjoin up to the existing riprap. She also mentioned that extensive landscaping would be done above the riprap around the pool area.

Chairman Holmes opened the public hearing.

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

On a motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Armstead, and carried by unanimous vote, Application #98-1390 was approved as submitted for a term of 18 months.

E. Elvin Miller – Application #98-1391

Chairman Holmes read the proposal of Mr. Miller to construct 105' of timber bulkhead with a 23' return wall channelward of existing bulkhead for repair and erosion control. This proposed project is located on Locklies Creek, at Tax Map #30E (2) 6.

Alor Grantham Traywick was present as agent to represent Mr. Miller. She explained the project and noted the VIMS report stating "minimal impact as long as proposed bulkhead is located within 2 feet channelward of existing bulkhead" which it would.

Chairman Holmes opened the public hearing.

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

On a motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Reed, and carried by unanimous vote, Application #98-1391 was approved as submitted for a term of 18 months.

F. Fred Warne – Application #98-1404

Chairman Holmes read the proposal of Mr. Warne to construct 90' of riprap at toe of bank for erosion control. This proposed project is located on Healy Creek, at Tax Map #44-9.

Alor Grantham Traywick was present as agent to represent Mr. Warne. Also, present was David Warne, son of the applicant. Mr. Traywick explained the project was staked and flagged where the revetment would end in a Holly bush.

Mr. Reed stated that his only concern was that the project stay behind the wetland grasses.

Chairman Holmes opened the public hearing.

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

On a motion by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Miller, and carried by unanimous vote, Application #98-1404 was approved as submitted for a term of 18 months.

G. Ramon Hite – Application #98-1480

Chairman Holmes read the proposal of Mr. Hite to dredge sand filled boat slip, repairing storm damage. This proposed project is located on Broad Creek, at Tax Map #41 (52) 74-77.

Alor Grantham Traywick was present as agent to represent Mr. Hite. She stated that VIMS report noted minimal impact.

Mr. Reed and Mr. Taylor both questioned the location of the spoils site. Alor stated a RPA Permit is needed for the proposed spoil site.

Chairman Holmes opened the public hearing.

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

On a motion by Mr. Reed, seconded by Mr. Miller, and carried by unanimous vote, Application #98-1480 was approved as submitted for a term of 18 months.

Old Business

A. Charles Silver – Application #98-1284

Chairman Holmes read the proposal of Mr. Silver (which was continued from last month) to construct 100' jetty at inlet to tidal pond, construct four 48' (from MHW) low profile timber groins with riprap at heads, construct 130' of marsh toe riprap, and construct three 30' sections with 20' spacing of riprap. This proposed project is located on La Grange Creek, at Tax Map #19 (19) 1, 19-274B, & 19-25.

Alor Grantham Traywick was present as agent to represent Mr. Silver. She stated that she had not submitted a revised site plan because it would probably have to be revised after this meeting. She stated that after the Wetlands Board site visit, with VIMS, and the VMRC, Mr. Silver and herself had decided to reduce the scope of the project. The marsh-toe breakwaters would be turned into scouring protection, with the same alignment – to protect toe of marsh, decreasing the structure with a lower height. That they felt the existing groin has been effective, but would like to relocate existing spur to MLW to better protect the on-going scouring. He would like to keep the next two groins proposed and delete the remainder of the project.

She questioned, with these changes would the VMRC need to readvertise the project? Mr. Neikirk stated “No, because the revised plans reduce the impacts from the original project” and “some of the project was covered under general permits”

Chairman Holmes opened the public hearing.

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

On a motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Reed, and carried by unanimous vote, Application #98-1284 was approved pending submission of revised drawings for a term of 18 months.

New Business

A. Request for extension – John D. Miller, Jr. – Application #97-0336

Chairman Holmes read the letter requesting an extension until April 8, 2000 on the permit to construct a 25' low profile timber groin with a 20' T-Head. This project is located on the Rappahannock River, at Tax Map #39-2 & 3.

On a motion by Mr. Armstead, seconded by Mr. Reed, and carried by a 4-0-1 vote with Mr. Ulman Miller abstaining due to the applicant being his nephew, Application #97-0336 was extended for a term of 18 months.

Adjournment

With no further business to discuss. Mr. Armstead moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Reed, the meeting was adjourned unanimously.

Respectfully submitted.

Wetlands Board Chair

Date