

Middlesex County Wetlands Board Minutes

January 12, 1999

Call to Order

The January 12, 1999 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. Elliot Reed
Mr. B. Ulman Miller
Mr. Dale Taylor
Mr. Woodson Armstead

Staff present: Thomas Jordan, Planner/Deputy Zoning Administrator

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

Election of Officers

On a motion by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Miller, and carried by unanimous vote, Mr. Holmes was reelected Chairman and Mr. Reed as Vice-Chairman.

Minutes

The Board considered the minutes of the December 8, 1998 meeting. On a motion by Mr. Miller and a second by Mr. Taylor, 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. George Disberger - Application #98-2034

Mr. Holmes read the proposal of Mr. Disberger to construct 110' of vinyl sheeting bulkhead with two return walls. This project is located on Piankatank River, Tax Map #43 (4) 8B.

Alor Grantham-Traywick was present to represent Mr. Disberger as his agent. She noted the VIMS report stated the project would cause minimal impact. She then offered to answer any questions the board might have. Mr. Reed questioned the backfilling of the project. Alor explained it would be seeded, graded, have little to no pressure behind it, and that all the necessary permits from the county had been obtained.

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 #98-2034 was approved as submitted for a term of 18 months.

B. Thaddeus Shelly - Application #98-2129

Mr. Holmes read the proposal of Mr. Shelly to construct 194' of armor stone revetment. This project is located on the Rappahannock River, at Tax Map #40-1.

Alor Grantham-Traywick was present to represent Mr. Shelly as his agent. She explained the project was located above mean high water and a small patch of vegetation brought it into the Wetlands Board's jurisdiction. Mr. Taylor noted his concern about potential to block the drainage from the pond. Alor responded that the proposed project is a low structure and any water it captured would have an area to come out through the filter cloth. Mr. Taylor recommended a ten-inch concrete, eight-foot long be installed, due to the ability of sediment to clog up riprap.

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 #98-2129 was approved with the condition that a 10" x 8' long concrete pipe be installed to allow drainage from the pond, for a term of 18 months.

C. Walter Hooker - Application #98-2131

Mr. Holmes read the proposal of Mr. Hooker to construct 160' riprap revetment at existing bulkhead. This project is located on Fishing Bay, at Tax Map #46 (2) 28.

Alor Grantham-Traywick was present to represent Mr. Hooker as his agent. She explained the riprap would be in front of and over the top of the existing failing bulkhead with no toe. Alor also noted the VIMS report stated the project would cause minimal impact.

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. Reed, and carried by unanimous vote, Application #98-2131 was approved as submitted, for a term of 18 months.

D. Edith Moseley - Application #98-2099

Mr. Holmes read the proposal of Mrs. Moseley to place 60' of riprap with an eight-foot return wall in front of the existing failing bulkhead. This project is located on Jackson Creek, at Tax Map #40-393B.

Carol Collier was present to represent Mrs. Moseley as her agent. Mrs. Collier explained that the project was a resubmission of a previously approved project never undertaken. Mr. Taylor expressed his concern over the height of the failing bulkhead and the pressure placed on it from behind.

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 #98-2099 was approved as submitted for a term of 18 months.

Old Business

None

New Business

A. Paul Shelor - Application #98-0023

Mr. Holmes read the letter from H. Michael Johnson requesting the release of surety.

On a motion by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Miller, and carried by unanimous vote, the request for release of surety was approved.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

Wetlands Board Chair

Date