

Middlesex County Wetlands Board Minutes

June 13, 2000

Call to Order

The June 13, 2000 meeting of the Middlesex County Wetlands Board was called to order by Chairman 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. M. Dale Taylor
Mr. Elliott Reed

Absent: Mr. B. Ulman Miller

Staff present: Thomas Jordan, Planner
Carrie A. Nicholas, Recording Secretary

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

Minutes

The Board considered the minutes of the May 9, 2000 meeting. On a motion by Mr. Reed and a second by Mr. Armstead, 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. Harry S. Terry - Application #2000-0611.

Chairman Holmes read the proposal of Mr. Terry, to permit the after-the-fact placement of 56' of rip rap revetment. This project is located on Robinson Creek, at Tax Map #19-16-51. Staff then read the VIMS report for the project.

Mr. Terry was present to represent the project. He explained that all work stopped on the project when he received notice to do so. Mr. Terry added that 2 to 3 inches of topsoil still needs to be added as backfill, which will be followed by the planting of azaleas and grass.

Mr. Reed questioned whether the after-the-fact fees had been taken care of? Mr. Jordan responded in the affirmative.

Mr. 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. Armstead, and carried by unanimous vote, Application #2000-0611 was approved as submitted for a term of 18 months.

B. Mary Anne B. Campbell - Application #2000-0820

Chairman Holmes read the proposal of Mrs. Campbell, to construct 175' of timber bulkhead. This project is located on Whiting Creek, at Tax Map #29D-1-23. Staff then read the VIMS report for the project.

Karla Havens was present as the agent for Mrs. Campbell. She explained the project and offered to answer any questions that the Board may have.

Mr. Taylor questioned whether the applicant intended to backfill the area behind the bulkhead? Mrs. Havens responded in the affirmative

Mr. 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. Armstead, and carried by unanimous vote, Application #2000-0820 was approved conditioned upon obtaining a Land Disturbing Permit.

C. Dick Huffman - Application #2000-0581

Chairman Holmes read the proposal of Mr. Huffman, to place 140' of rip rap revetment. This project is located on the Rappahannock River, at Tax Map #28B-4-12. Staff read the VIMS report for the project.

Alor Grantham-Traywick was present as the agent for Mr. Huffman. She explained the project and offered to answer any questions that the Board may have.

Mr. 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. Armstead, and carried by unanimous vote, Application #2000-0581 was approved for a term of 18 months conditioned upon submission of a revised site plan showing all existing and proposed marine structures.

D. Fishing Bay Yacht Club - Application #2000-0690

Chairman Holmes read the proposal of Fishing Bay Yacht Club, to dredge 400 sq. ft. This project is located on Jackson Creek, at Tax Map #40-394 & 41-66,67. Staff then read the VIMS report for the project.

Alor Grantham-Traywick was present to represent the project. She explained the project and offered to answer any questions that the Board may have.

Mr. Taylor questioned where the dredged material would be deposited? Mrs. Traywick responded that the dredged material would be deposited in a contractor approved off-site spoils area.

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. Reed, and carried by unanimous vote, Application #2000-0690 was approved as submitted for a term of 18 months.

E. G.M. Ager - Application #2000-0773

Chairman Holmes read the proposal of Mr. Ager, to place 90' of rip rap revetment. This project is located on Whiting Creek, at Tax Map #29D-1-22. Staff then read the VIMS report for the project.

No one was in attendance to represent the project.

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. Taylor, and carried by unanimous vote, Application #2000-0773 was approved as submitted for a term of 18 months.

Old Business

A. David Warne - Application #2000-0380 (continuation)

Chairman Holmes reintroduced the proposal of Mr. Warne, to place 179' of rip rap revetment. This project is located on Healy's Creek, at Tax Map #44-9 & 44A-3-1A.

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

Alor Grantham-Traywick was present to represent the project. She explained the revisions to the project. She then added that the portion of the proposed rip rap, which the Board expressed a concern about impacting the existing vegetation, has been removed from the project.

On a motion by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Armstead, and carried by unanimous vote, Application #2000-0380 was approved as shown in revised drawings (dated 5/2000) for a term of 18 months.

New Business

A. Extension Request, John McPherson – Permit #1995-0109

Chairman Holmes introduced the proposed extension request of Mr. McPherson, to maintenance dredge 2,100 cu. yrds. of an existing channel in Fishing Bay.

Don Caskie and Dawn McElligott, both of Bay Designs, were present as agents for Mr. McPherson.

Mr. Taylor questioned who had dredged the channel in the past? Ms. McElligott, responded that the applicant was responsible for having dredged the channel in the past. Mr. Taylor further questioned whether the sand had been deposited on the lot on the opposite side of the channel? Mr. Caskie responded in the affirmative, and added that the spoils site on the other side was available for use as fill material.

On a motion by Mr. Reed, seconded by Mr. Armstead, and carried by unanimous vote, the extension request to Application 1995-0109 was approved with a three year time limit.

B. July Site Visits

Mr. Jordan reported to the Board that the next regularly scheduled day for site visits (July 4th) falls on Independence Day, a legal holiday.

On a motion by Mr. Reed, seconded by Mr. Armstead, and carried by unanimous vote, the Board approved the moving the July site visit date to Wednesday July 5, 2000.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted.

Wetlands Board Chair

Date