

Middlesex County Wetlands Board Minutes

November 13, 2001

Call to Order

Present: Mr. J. Miller Smither – Chairman
Mr. B. Ulman Miller – Vice Chairman
Mr. M. Dale Taylor
Mr. Woodson Armstead
Mr. Archie Brooks

Staff present: Thomas Jordan, Planner

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

Minutes

The Board considered the minutes of the October 9, 2001 meeting. On a motion by Mr. Miller, and a second by Mr. Armstead, the minutes were approved unanimously.

Public Hearing

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

A. Regatta Point Yacht Club c/o John C. Dozier– Application #2001-1591.

Chairman Smither read the applicant's proposal to place a sewage treatment discharge pipe underneath and attached to an existing pier. This project is located on Broad Creek, at Tax Map #41-59-1, 6. Staff then read the VIMS report for the project.

Donald Caskie, agent, from Bay Design Group, was in attendance to represent the proposed project. He explained the proposal would require some minor excavation along the shoreline during installation and offered to answer any questions the Board may have.

Mr. Miller questioned if the applicant had a Marina Management Plan. Mr. Caskie stated the applicant does have one, but it would need to be updated to include the project included under this application

Chairman Smither 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 #2001-1591 was approved with the condition that a Marina Management Plan is submitted and approved. This approval is valid for a term of 18 months.

B. Miller Marine, Inc. c/o Bryan Miller. – Application #2001-1592.

Chairman Smither read the applicant's proposal to place a sewage treatment discharge pipe underneath and attached to an existing pier. This project is located on Broad Creek, at Tax Map #41-116. Staff then read the VIMS report for the project.

Donald Caskie, agent, from Bay Design Group, was in attendance to represent the proposed project. He explained the proposal would increase the capacity of the current system allowing an increase in the number of employees and offered to answer any questions the Board may have.

Chairman Smither 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 #2001-1592 was approved. This approval is valid for a term of 18 months.

C. Elaine Berry – Application #2001-1621.

Chairman Smither read the applicant's proposal to install a 50' low-profile groin. This project is located on the Rappahannock River, at Tax Map #28-12-3. Staff then read the VIMS report for the project.

Jay Foster, of R&W Construction, was in attendance to represent the proposed project. He explained the proposal and offered to answer any questions the Board may have.

Chairman Smither 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 a unanimous vote, Application #2001-1621 was approved as submitted. This approval is valid for a term of 18 months.

D. Gerald Salmon – Application #2001-1602.

Chairman Smither read the applicant's proposal to place 136' of riprap revetment. This project is located on Whitings Creek, at Tax Map #29D-1-20. Staff then read the VIMS report for the project.

Ms. Alor Grantham Traywick, agent, was in attendance to represent the project. She explained the proposal and then offered to answer any questions the Board may have.

Chairman Smither opened the public hearing.

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

On a motion by Mr. Brooks, seconded by Mr. Armstead, and carried by a unanimous vote, Application #2001-1602 was approved as submitted. This approval is valid for a term of 18 months.

E. Charles R. & Barbara Carmichael – Application #2001-1798.

Chairman Smither read the applicant's proposal to place 175' of riprap revetment. This project is located on Healy's Creek, at Tax Map #39D-1-19. Staff then read the VIMS report for the project.

Angela Pace, of L&M Marine, was in attendance to represent the project. Ms. Pace distributed the revised drawings as requested in letters from the County and the VMRC, to complete the application.

Upon reviewing the revised drawings of the project site, Mr. Smither expressed his opinion that the Wetlands Board should revisit the project site since the required modified drawings had just been received.

Chairman Smither 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. Brooks, and carried by unanimous vote, Application #2001-1798 was continued until the December 11, 2001 meeting.

Old Business

A. Continued - Jeffrey Harrington. – Application #2001-0377.

Chairman Smither reintroduced the applicant’s proposal to dredge a channel (1800 cu/yrds.) and place beach nourishment along 300’ of shoreline in an existing groinfield. This project is located on Surgeon Creek, at Tax Map #40-104-20&21. Staff then read the VIMS report for the project.

Jeff Harrington, applicant, was in attendance to represent the project. He explained that he hoped the Bromley groins, which were recently approved, would hold all the sand, although he cannot guarantee it will not affect the boat Ramp or adjacent marsh vegetation. He then offered to answer any additional questions the Board may have.

Mr. Neikirk stated that the jetty approved in the Bromley application was a continuous height structure, unlike a typical groin.

Chairman Smither stated all the work on the groins/jetties should be finished prior to placement of the beach nourishment.

Chairman Smither opened the public hearing.

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

On a motion by Mr. Brooks, seconded by Mr. Armstead, and carried by a unanimous vote, Application #2001-0377 was approved with the condition that all proposed groin/jetty construction, repair and removal must be completed prior to the placement of beach nourishment. This approval is valid for a term of 18 months.

New Business

A. Extension Request – Moore’s Creek Channel Assoc., L.C., c/o Don Geeson – Application #2000-0210.

Chairman Smither introduced the request to extend a permit to refurbish existing 100’ jetty and extend 166’ channelward and use 3367 cu/yrds. of dredged material as beach nourishment. Originally approved as submitted on April 11, 2000. This project is located on Moore’s Creek, at Tax Map #45-2.

On a motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Brooks, and carried by a unanimous vote, Application #2000-0210 was extended for a term of 18 additional months.

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