

Middlesex County Wetlands Board Minutes

December 13, 2005

Call to Order

The December 13, 2005 meeting of the Middlesex County Wetlands Board was called to order by Chairman Miller Smither at 9:00 a.m. in the Boardroom of the Woodward Building, Saluda, Virginia.

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

Staff present: Amy Easterbrook, Planner
Cathy Shiflett, Planning Department Secretary

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

Minutes

The Board considered the minutes of the November 8, 2005 meeting. On a motion by Mr. Miller, and a second by Mr. Miller, 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. Harbor House Association – Wetlands Application #2005-2239.

Chairman Smither read the applicant's proposal requesting to extend existing 275' timber jetty with a vinyl jetty. The property for which the application is being made is located on Jackson Creek, Tax Map # 41-72-A. Staff then read the VIMS report for the project.

Mr. Seth Penny, applicant, was in attendance to represent the project.

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. Armstead, and carried by unanimous vote, Application #2005-2239 was approved in accordance with staff recommendation that the riprap revetment must taper into the bank to prevent further "end effect" erosion. This approval is valid for a term of 18 months.

B. Walter C. Palmer - Wetlands Application #2005-2581.

Chairman Smither read the applicant's proposal requesting to install 195' of riprap revetment in front of an existing bulkhead. The property for which the application is being made is located on the Piankatank River, Tax Map #42A-1-1. Staff then read the VIMS report for the project.

Mr. Walter Palmer, applicant, was in attendance to represent the project.

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. Brooks, and carried by a unanimous vote, Application #2005-2581 was approved with staff recommendation for a 6' base width. This approval is valid for a term of 18 months.

Old Business

A. John Koedel - Wetlands Application #2005-2346.

Chairman Smither read the applicant's proposal requesting to install 40' of riprap revetment to connect two existing sections of revetment. The property for which the application is being made is located on Healy's Creek, Tax Map #39A-5-4. Staff then read the VIMS report for the project.

Mr. Herbert Davis, neighbor to the applicant, was in attendance to represent the project.

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. Taylor, and carried by a unanimous vote, Application #2005-2346 was approved with staff recommendation to taper the revetment into the bank to prevent 'end effect' erosion. This approval is valid for a term of 18 months.

B. Jerry Lester – Wetlands Application #2005-2347.

Chairman Smither read the applicant's proposal requesting to install 100' of riprap revetment for erosion control. The property for which the application is being made is located on the Piankatank River, Tax Map #45-11-5. Staff then read the VIMS report for the project.

Mr. Jay Foster, agent, was in attendance to represent the project. Mr. Foster stated agreement with VIMS recommendations.

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. Miller, and carried by a unanimous vote, Application #2005-2347 was approved as submitted. This approval is valid for a term of 18 months.

C. William Gieg. – Wetlands Application #2005-2373.

Chairman Smither read the applicant's proposal requesting to install 70' of timber bulkhead with a 2' and 5' return wall. The property for which the application is being made is located on Jackson Creek, Tax Map #41-63. Staff then read the VIMS report for the project.

Christine Breddy, agent, was in attendance to represent the project. Ms. Breddy explained that the project had been revised in accordance with VIMS recommendations.

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 a unanimous vote, Application #2005-2373 was approved based on revised drawings dated 12/12/05. This approval is valid for a term of 18 months.

New Business

A. Thurston Properties – Wetlands Application #2005-2563 – Commercial Permit Site Visit.

Remove existing marina pier and reconstruct in same footprint, 172’ channelward of MHW with a 6’ x 67’ T-head, 24 slips each 30’ x 13.8’. Proposed pier will reconnect with existing ‘new’ section of pier.

Mrs. Easterbrook stated that Application #2005-2563 would not require a Wetlands Board Public Hearing.

B. Ken Schmalenberger – Wetlands Application #2005-2629 – Commercial Permit Site Visit.

Install a total of 278’ of vinyl bulkhead immediately in front of existing failing bulkheads in three locations.

Mrs. Easterbrook stated that Application #2005-2629 would require a Wetlands Board Public Hearing.

C. Fishing Bay Yacht Club – Wetlands Application #2005-2712 – Commercial Permit Site Visit.

Install a 355’ timber bulkhead in front of an existing failing bulkhead.

Mrs. Easterbrook stated that Application #2005-2629 would not require a Wetlands Board Public Hearing.

D. Fishing Bay Harbor Marina – Wetlands Application #2005-2832 – Commercial Permit Site Visit

Install a 457’ x 6’ commercial pier with nine 40’ x 4’ finger piers and three 50’ x 4’ finger piers to create 25 slips and dredge 1000 cubic yards.

Mrs. Easterbrook stated that Application #2005-2832 would not require a Wetlands Board Public Hearing.

E. Wetlands Forum sponsored by VIMS – General

Mrs. Easterbrook stated that VIMS is sponsoring a new “Wetlands Board Forum” website to allow Board members and staff to exchange questions, ideas, or general comments regarding tidal wetlands regulation. Mrs. Easterbrook encouraged Board members to sign up to exchange ideas and information.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

Wetlands Board Chair

Date