

County Wetlands Board Minutes

October 9, 2007

Call to Order

The October 9, 2007 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. Tom Hawksworth – Vice Chairman
 Mr. Woodson Armstead
 Mr. Archie Brooks
 Mr. M. Dale Taylor

Staff present: Matt Kraegel, Planner

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

Minutes

The Board considered the minutes of the September, 2007 meeting. On a motion by Mr. Smither, and a second by Mr. Brooks, 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. Mill Creek Harbor Assn., c/o Bruce Lee - Application #2007-1949

Chairman Smither read the applicant's proposal requesting to install 255' of rip rap revetment. The property for which the application is being made is located on a dredged canal at Tax Map # 41-64-A. Staff then read the VIMS report for the project.

Joey Scott was in attendance to represent the project. Mr. Scott stated that Mr. Lee had contacted Amy and said that he wanted to do a natural shoreline, but it was three times more expensive, therefore he decided to do rip rap. He also stated that some trees need to be taken out and some trees could be worked around, however the applicant is worried about the trees falling into the water.

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

Mr. Hawksworth asked how much wetlands would be effected and why the point would need to be graded.

Mr. Kraegel stated that there would be 40 sq. feet would be impacted.

Mr. Scott stated that this is simply what the homeowner had requested and that he did not know hwy Mr. Lee wanted the point graded. He also stated that he could create more wetlands somewhere else on the property, perhaps near the floating dock system.

Mr. Taylor asked if Mr. Scott knew how many trees would be affected and what he would do to compensate for the trees taken out.

Mr. Scott said that he would need to go over the restoration with Mr. Kraegel on the site.

On a motion by Mr. Hawksworth, seconded by Mr. Brooks, and carried by unanimous vote, Application #2007-1949 was approved in accordance with staff recommendation that: 1) a restoration plan needs to be submitted with a price estimate so they know how much it will cost, each non hazardous tree would need to be replaced within the RPA buffer along with additional vegetation, 2) an RPA permit will be required. This approval is valid for a term of 18 months.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

Wetlands Board Chair

Date