

County Wetlands Board Minutes

December 11, 2007

Call to Order

The December 11, 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 October, 2007 meeting. On a motion by Mr. Armstead, and a second by Mr. Hawksworth, 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 c/o Seth Penney - Application #2007-2316

Chairman Smither read the applicant's proposal requesting to replace 182 feet of failing wooden breakwater in existing footprint and replace 115' of failing wooden bulkhead located on either side of a of a concrete boat ramp. The property for which the application is being made is located on Mill Creek at Tax Map # 41-72-A. Staff then read the VIMS report for the project.

Seth Penney 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.

Mr. Hawksworth asked are your going to need to rip up part of the boat ramp to install a new bulkhead?

Mr. Penney said that ideally he would not want to touch the boat ramp but some of it might break up during the process.

On a motion by Mr. Armstead, seconded by Mr. Taylor, and carried by unanimous vote, Application #2007-2316 was approved in accordance with staff recommendation that: 1) All demolition debris must be disposed of properly This approval is valid for a term of 18 months.

New Business

A. County employees will not be working on Tuesday January 1st, which is the day we would normally go on our site visits. Staff suggests that we meet on Wednesday, January 2, 2008.

B. Decide whether or not to press criminal charges against Krumbein.

On a motion by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Hawksworth, and carried by unanimous vote, the Wetlands Board has decided to press criminal charges against Mr. Krumbein. This will be carried out by Mr. Kraegel.

C. Discuss how we should go after contractors and how the fees/fines should be distributed between homeowners and contractors.

After much debate the Wetlands Board has decided to continue discussion on this matter on January 8, 2008 at 8:00 AM in its regular meeting place before the 9:00 AM Public Hearing.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

Wetlands Board Chair

Date