

Middlesex County Wetlands Board

Minutes

January 13, 2009

Call to Order

The January 13, 2009 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 Historic Courthouse, Saluda, Virginia.

Present: J. Miller Smither – Chairman
Tom Hawksworth – Vice Chairman
Archie Brooks
Dale Taylor
Woodson Armstead

Staff present: John Halpin, Wetlands Planner

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

Election of Officers

Mr. Halpin advised the Board that officers were to be elected at the meeting. Mr. Halpin opened the floor for nominations for Chairman.

On a motion by Mr. Hawksworth, seconded by Mr. Taylor, and carried by unanimous vote, Mr. Smither was reelected Chairman.

On a motion by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Brooks, and carried by unanimous vote, Mr. Hawksworth was reelected Vice Chairman.

Minutes

The Board considered the minutes of the December 9, 2008 meeting. On a motion by Mr. Taylor and seconded by Mr. Brooks, the minutes were approved unanimously.

Public Hearings

The following applications were considered by the Board:

A. Patricia Ferguson – Application No. 2008-2109

The application to reconstruct 281' rip rap revetment in the same footprint as the existing rip rap. The proposed project located on the Rappahannock River, at Tax Map Parcel No. 41-106 was heard before the board.

Mr. Halpin read the VIMS report and then gave the staff recommendations that the board should consider the application as submitted.

Ms. Alicia Goodwin was present as the agent.

Chairman Smither opened the hearing for comments from the public. There being no comments, the public portion of the hearing was closed and opened for questions and comments from the Board.

Mr. Hawksworth and Mr. Brooks spoke with the agent of their concern that Larger stone should be used in the process of reshaping the revetment.

There being no further questions or comments from the board, the motion to approve the application with staff recommendations was made by Mr. Armstead, seconded by Mr. Taylor, and carried unanimously. The permit will be good for 18 months, expiring July 13, 2010.

B. Patricia Moore – Application No. 2008-2110

The application to install 119' of rip rap along the bank of the property as a marsh toe sill. The proposed project located on Montgomery Cove, at Tax Map Parcel No. 41-17-1 was heard before the board.

Mr. Halpin read the VIMS report and then gave the staff recommendations that the board should consider the application as submitted.

Ms. Alicia Goodwin was present as the agent.

Chairman Smither opened the hearing for comments from the public. There being no comments, the public portion of the hearing was closed and opened for questions and comments from the Board.

There being no further questions or comments from the board, the motion to approve the application with staff recommendations was made by Mr. Brooks, seconded by Mr. Hawksworth, and carried unanimously. The permit will be good for 18 months, expiring July 13, 2010.

C. Stanley Tucker – Application No. 2008-2171

The application to install a new revetment along 90' of existing timber wall and continue 53' to edge of the yard. Remove existing 12' x 80' of revetment, replace filter cloth, and reinstall revetment in the same footprint. The proposed project located on the Rappahannock River, at Tax Map Parcel No. 41-14A-1 was heard before the board.

Mr. Halpin read the VIMS report and then gave the staff recommendations that the board should consider the application as submitted.

Mr. Jay Foster was present as the agent.

Chairman Smither opened the hearing for comments from the public. There being no comments, the public portion of the hearing was closed and opened for questions and comments from the Board.

Mr. Hawksworth asked if the existing rubble would be removed during the project. Mr. Foster answered that yes, the rubble would be removed.

There being no further questions or comments from the board, the motion to approve the application with staff recommendations was made by Mr. Hawksworth, seconded by Mr. Taylor, and carried unanimously. The permit will be good for 18 months, expiring July 13, 2010.

D. Villas at Wilton Creek – Application No. 2008-2209

The application to install 350' of rip rap revetment along shoreline in seven sections, using geo-textile cloth and armor rock. The proposed project located on Wilton Creek, at Tax Map Parcel No. 43C-21-27 et al was heard before the board.

Mr. Halpin read the VIMS report and then gave the staff recommendations that the steep hillside was having trouble with soil sloughing off and that the owners should also review erosion control measures and submit an RPA Modification Application in addition to this application. Staff recommended that the Board should consider the application as submitted.

Mr. Tim Rohmoser was present as the agent.

Chairman Smither opened the hearing for comments from the public. There being no comments, the public portion of the hearing was closed and opened for questions and comments from the Board.

Mr. Taylor asked how far the slips were from shore.

Mr. Rohmoser and Mr. Halpin stated that the slips were approximately thirty feet from the shoreline.

Mr. Rohmoser also stated that there is further consideration for a marsh toe in the future.

Mr. Hawksworth asked what would be done to protect the grass areas.

Mr. Rohmoser stated that they plan to avoid any vegetation as much as possible; and to replant anything that is disturbed.

There being no further questions or comments from the board, the motion to approve the application, as submitted was made by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Armstead and approved by unanimous vote. The permit will be good for 18 months, expiring July 13, 2010.

Old Business

None discussed.

New Business

Mr. Halpin reported that the Urbanna Yachting Center would come before the Commission during the January hearing, and that Mr. Halpin plans to attend.

Mr. Halpin reported that in the future, due consideration would be given to weather forecasts, and would move Board site visit dates, time permitting, to avoid foul weather.

Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, the motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Armstead, seconded by Mr. Brooks and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Wetlands Board Chair

Date