

Middlesex County Wetlands Board

Minutes

February 10, 2009

Call to Order

The February 10, 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).

Minutes

The Board considered the minutes of the January 13, 2009 meeting. On a motion by Mr. Hawksworth and seconded by Mr. Armstead, the minutes were approved unanimously.

Public Hearings

The following applications were considered by the Board:

A. Stingray Harbor Marina – Application No. 2008-2144

The application to: install a 140' long marsh toe sill with a bottom width of 6' and an height of 2'-9" to be placed 8' channelward of shoreline and using class A1 rock, filter cloth, and clean sand for backfill. The proposed project located on Broad Creek, at Tax Map Parcel No. 41-1656 was heard before the board.

Mr. Halpin read the VIMS report and then gave the staff recommendations that the property owners should consider steps to recreate the Riparian Buffer in addition to this application; and that the Board should consider the application as submitted.

Mrs. Michelle Meredith 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 the agent a question concerning the footing.

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. Armstead, and carried unanimously. The permit will be good for 18 months, expiring August 10, 2010.

B. Tri County Farms – Application No. 2008-2273

Mr. Halpin gave the Staff Report that after review and consultation with VMRC, the Wetlands Office has determined that this application will fall under the Beaches and Dunes regulations. Since the County does not currently have a Beaches and Dunes Ordinance; the application has been deferred to Virginia Marine Resources Commission.

C. Regent Point Marina – Application No. 2008-2297

The application to: demolish and dispose of the existing 14' x 150' boat ramp and replace with a 14' x 150' boat ramp in the same footprint. The proposed project located on Locklies Creek, at Tax Map Parcel No. 30-7-8A 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. Brian Fletcher 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. Armstead, seconded by Mr. Hawksworth, and carried unanimously. The permit will be good for 18 months, expiring August 10, 2010.

D. Donald Perry – Application No. 2008-2046 Revised

The application to: reconstruct the existing rip rap revetment 8' x 45' and 4' in height; construct a new rip rap revetment 8' x 35' and 4' in height that will extend from existing revetment. Construct a 10' x 85' marsh toe sill with a height of 1' above MHW; construct a 10' x 45' marsh toe sill with a height at MHW, add 200 cu. yds. of beach nourishment and plant approximately 600 sq. ft of wetlands vegetation. The proposed project located on Montgomery Cove, at Tax Map Parcel No. 41-14-A-7 was heard before the board.

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

Mr. Jeff Watkins 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 stated his concerns that this project could cause sand to push on to other peoples properties.

Mr. Brooks stated his concerns that this project could have the potential to move sand further down the cove onto other peoples properties.

There was a period of comments and concerns made by the Board Members.

There being no further questions or comments from the board, the motion to approve the application, as submitted was made by Mr. Hawksworth, seconded by Mr. Armstead and approved by a 4 to 1 vote; Mr. Brooks voting in dissent. The permit will be good for 18 months, expiring August 10, 2010.

Old Business

None discussed.

New Business

None discussed.

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