

Middlesex County Wetlands Board

Minutes

August 10, 2010

Call to Order

The August 10, 2010 meeting of the Middlesex County Wetlands Board was called to order by Chairman J. Miller Smither at 9:00 A.M. in the Boardroom of the Historic Courthouse, Saluda, Virginia. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Tom Hawksworth.

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

Staff present: Tripp Little, Wetlands Planner

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

Minutes

The Board considered the minutes of the July 13, 2010 meeting. On a motion by Mr. Hawksworth and seconded by Mr. Brooks, the minutes were approved as corrected.

Public Hearings

The following applications were considered by the Board:

A. Clyde N. Gauldin – Application # 2010-0763.

The Application is to install 150' of marsh toe sill and backfill the area with clean sand. The proposed project is located on Sturgeon Creek, at Tax Map Parcel #40-13-7.

Mr. Little read the VIMS Summary and then read the Staff report recommending the application be approved as submitted with clarification of stone size.

Karla Havens – Mid Atlantic Resource Consultants was present as Agent.

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

Chairman Smither began a brief period of questions and comments between the Board and the Agent.

There being no further questions or comments from the Board, Chairman Smither asked for disposition of the application.

The motion to approve the application as submitted with staff recommendations was made by Mr. Hawksworth and seconded by Mr. Armstead, and carried unanimously. The permit will be good for 18 months.

B. James Bateman – Application # 2010-0860.

The Application is to construct 80' of marsh toe sill and backfill the area with clean sand. The proposed project is located on Sturgeon Creek, at Tax Map Parcel #40-13-6.

Mr. Little read the VIMS Summary and then read the Staff report recommending the application be approved as submitted with the clarification of stone size.

Karla Havens – Mid Atlantic Resource Consultants was present as Agent.

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

Chairman Smither began a brief period of questions and comments between the Board and the Agent.

There being no further questions or comments from the Board, Chairman Smither asked for disposition of the application.

The motion to approve the application with Staff recommendations was made by Mr. Armstead and seconded by Mr. Brooks, and carried unanimously. The permit will be good for 18 months.

C. Raymond Baldacci – Application # 2010-0962

The Application is to construct a 54' vinyl bulkhead. The proposed project is located on Hunton Creek, at Tax Map Parcel # 40-69-4.

Mr. Little read the VIMS Summary and then read the Staff report recommending the application be approved with the stipulation that any tree removal or grading will require an RPA Modification Permit.

Mr. Jay Foster of R&W Marine Construction was present as Agent.

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

Chairman Smither began a brief period of questions and comments between the Board and the Agent.

There being no further questions or comments from the Board, Chairman Smither asked for disposition of the application.

The motion to approve the application with staff recommendations was made by Mr. Brooks and seconded by Mr. Hawksworth, and carried unanimously. The permit will be good for 18 months.

D. S.A. GiGaetano – Application # 2010-1014.

The Application is to construct a 157' vinyl bulkhead, channelward of the existing bulkhead, and to install a 6' return wall. The proposed project is located on Robinson Creek, at Tax Map Parcel # 19C-1-B-4.

Mr. Little read the VIMS Summary and then read the Staff report recommending the application be approved with the stipulation that the outer bulkhead first be removed and the replacement bulkhead be constructed as near to the inner bulkhead as is practically possible.

Mr. Andy Thorndike of Dock Masters Marine Construction was present as Agent.

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

Chairman Smither began a brief period of questions and comments between the Board and the Agent.

There being no further questions or comments from the Board, Chairman Smither asked for disposition of the application.

The motion to approve the application with staff recommendations and that Owner ensures that the retaining wall is on his property was made by Mr. Hawksworth and seconded by Mr. Brooks, and carried unanimously. The permit will be good for 18 months.

Old Business

Harvey's Tree Service – Mike Hurd, Commonwealth Attorney, called to ask if staff would be present in court. Staff had not been notified of any court date and Mike Hurd said the hearing would be rescheduled and that Staff would be notified of new date.

New Business

Robert Neikirk of VMRC stated he had been promoted and introduced Mr. Jay Woodward as the new contact person.

Adjournment

Mr. Armstead made a motion to adjourn the meeting, it was seconded by Mr. Hawksworth, and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Wetlands Board Chair

Date