

Middlesex County Wetlands Board

Minutes

December 13, 2011

Call to Order

The, December 13, 2011 meeting of the Middlesex County Wetlands Board was called to order by J. Miller Smither (Chairman) at 9:00 A.M. in the Boardroom of the Historic Courthouse, Saluda, Virginia.

Present: J. Miller Smither – Chairman
Tom Hawksworth - Vice Chairman
Woodson Armstead
Dale Taylor
Archie Brooks
Wesley Dolezal (alternate)

Staff present: Dave Kretz, Planner

Also present was Mr. Jay Woodward from the Virginia Marine Resources Commission (VMRC).

Minutes

The Board considered the minutes of the November 8, 2011 meeting. The motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Armstead and seconded by Mr. Brooks and carried unanimously.

Public Hearings

1. Wetlands Application # 2011-1314 submitted by R&W Marine Construction, Inc. on behalf of Douglas McPherson. This request is to construct a groin to allow sandy material to accumulate and increase protection of the existing revetment within the Wetlands Board's jurisdiction. The proposed project is located on Piankatank River, at Tax Map Parcel # 46-2-21.

Jay Foster of R&W Marine Construction, Inc. was present to represent the applicant and to explain the proposed construction.

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 was made by Mr. Hawksworth and seconded by Mr. Brooks and carried unanimously with an 18 month time limit.

2. Wetlands Application # 2011-1466 submitted by Delta Marine Construction on behalf of Lance Eubank. This request is to install 250' of rip rap revetment within the Wetlands Board's jurisdiction. The proposed project is located on Parrots Creek, at Tax Map Parcel # 9B-4-213.

Brian Fletcher was present to represent the applicant and to explain the proposed improvements.

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 was made by Mr. Armstead and seconded by Mr. Taylor and carried unanimously with an 18 month time limit.

3. Wetlands Application # 2011-1483 submitted by Michelle Meredith on behalf of Stingray Harbor LLC c/o James Rogers. This request is to install 537' of new vinyl bulkhead along "D" dock directly in front (channelward) of the existing timber bulkhead with old bulkhead to remain in place. Existing slips are 13.75'-14'x31'. New slips to be 16'x31'. Mooring piles to be moved 1' channelward within the Wetlands Board's jurisdiction. The proposed project is located on Broad Creek, at Tax Map Parcel # 41-165.

Michelle Meredith was present to explain the proposed improvements.

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 was made by Mr. Brooks and seconded by Mr. Armstead and carried unanimously with an 18 month time limit.

4. Wetlands Application # 2011-1485 submitted by Delta Marine on behalf of Charles Leftwich. This request is to install 120' of rip rap revetment on a 2:1 slope at 2 tons per foot within the Wetlands Board's jurisdiction. The proposed project is located on Rappahannock River, at Tax Map Parcel # 28B-4-11.

Brian Fletcher was present to represent the applicant and to explain the proposed improvements.

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 was made by Mr. Hawksworth and seconded by Mr. Taylor and carried unanimously with an 18 month time limit.

5. Wetlands Application # 2011-1500 submitted by Michelle Meredith on behalf of David Taylor. This request is to install an 88' long retaining wall 5' above substrate at the bottom of the failing cliff. The first 44' of cliff will be graded back on a 2:1 slope while leaving the remaining 44' undisturbed. Backfill behind retaining wall to be clean sand within the Wetlands Board's jurisdiction. The proposed project is located on Meachim Creek, at Tax Map Parcel # 30A-6-3.

Michelle Meredith was present to explain the proposed improvements.

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 was made by Mr. Armstead and seconded by Mr. Taylor and carried unanimously with an 18 month time limit.

6. Wetlands Application # 2011-1505 submitted by Michelle Meredith on behalf of Harrison Hubard. This request is to add an additional 5 tandem loads of Class I and II rip rap to an existing permitted rip rap revetment. Rip rap will maintain a length of 172', bottom width of 8', height of 3' and a slope of 2:1. All work to be done in the permitted footprint within the Wetlands Board's jurisdiction. The proposed project is located on Fishing Bay, at Tax Map Parcel # 46-2-34.

Michelle Meredith was present to represent the applicant and to explain the proposed improvements.

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 was made by Mr. Brooks and seconded by Mr. Hawksworth and carried unanimously with an 18 month time limit.

7. Wetlands Application # 2011-1524 submitted by Mid-Atlantic Resource Consulting on behalf of Howard A. Nelson. This request is to construct 99' of Class I & II Granite Quarry Stone Revetment on the landward side of an existing failed bulkhead, which will be removed. All construction to take place from the upland within the Wetlands Board's jurisdiction. The proposed project is located on LaGrange Creek, at Tax Map Parcel # 14A-1-1.

Karla Havens was present to represent the applicant and to explain the proposed improvements.

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 was made by Mr. Taylor and seconded by Mr. Brooks and carried unanimously with an 18 month time limit.

8. Wetlands Application # 2011-1559 submitted by Mid-Atlantic Resource Consulting on behalf of Charles J. Gallagher. This request is to construct 196' of quarry stone revetment. Site is to be accessed from the upland. All activities to be conducted landward of mean high water within the Wetlands Board's jurisdiction. The proposed project is located on Meachim Creek, at Tax Map Parcel # 30A-1-38.

Karla Havens was present to represent the applicant and to explain the proposed improvements.

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 was made by Mr. Hawksworth and seconded by Mr. Armstead and carried unanimously with an 18 month time limit.

9. Wetlands Application # 2011-1599 submitted by Mid-Atlantic on behalf of Mary Gauldin. This request is to construct 286' of Class II Quarry Stone revetment and remove existing failing timber bulkhead. Revetment to tie in to existing upland revetment with all construction to be conducted from the upland within the Wetlands Board's jurisdiction. The proposed project is located on Rappahannock River, at Tax Map Parcel # 40-78-1.

Karla Havens was present to represent the applicant and to explain the proposed improvements.

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 was made by Mr. Armstead and seconded by Mr. Brooks and carried unanimously with an 18 month time limit.

Old Business
Wetlands Board By-Law revisions

After a brief discussion regarding final revisions, Chairman Smither asked for disposition of the By-Law revision approval.

The motion to approve the By-laws with final revisions as submitted was made by Mr. Hawksworth and seconded by Mr. Brooks and carried unanimously.

New Business

None

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

Wetlands Board Chair

Date