

Middlesex County Wetlands Board

Minutes

May 10, 2011

Call to Order

The, May 10, 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
Wesley Dolezal

Absent: Archie Brooks

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 April 12, 2011 meeting. The motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Armstead and seconded by Mr. Taylor and carried unanimously.

Public Hearings

- A. Wetlands Application # 2010-1636** submitted by SBH on behalf of Paul Longest. This request is to install 115 linear feet of vinyl bulkhead within the Wetlands Board's jurisdiction. The proposed project is located on Jackson Creek, at Tax Map Parcel # 40-139.

Betty Pugh of SBH 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 was made by Mr. Hawksworth and seconded by Mr. Dolezal and carried unanimously with an 18 month time limit with the following conditions:

- 1) Remove Bulkhead and replace in existing footprint and not 1 foot in front of existing Bulkhead.

B. Wetlands Application # 2011-0328 submitted by Michelle Meredith on behalf of Richard E. Dougherty. This request is to install a 20' long x 8' wide x 3' high marsh sill toe. This marsh sill toe would join the existing rip rap that is currently protecting the neighboring marsh area. Backfill with 8.3 cubic yards of sand and plant with 150 *Spartina Altemiflora* plugs within the Wetlands Board's jurisdiction. The proposed project is located on Piankatank River, at Tax Map Parcel # 42A-3-1.

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

C. Wetlands Application #2011-0355 submitted by James Hughes. This request is to install approximately 75 linear feet of new bulkhead in front of an old bulkhead. Access will be from bank of yard from owners property. Proper backfilling, grading and stabilization immediately upon completion within the Wetlands Board's jurisdiction. The proposed project is located on Sturgeon Creek, at Tax Map Parcel # 40-16-6.

James Hughes 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. Hawksworth and seconded by Mr. Dolezal and carried unanimously with an 18 month time limit.

D. Wetlands Application #2011-0372 submitted by R & W Marine Construction, Inc. on behalf of Christopher Coffing. This request is to grade bank and install a 50 ft. quarry stone revetment adjacent to the existing pier and elevate approximately 20 ft. of existing marsh sill 2 ft with all work being done from barge within the Wetlands Board's jurisdiction. The proposed project is located on Piankatank River, at Tax Map Parcel # 43A-7-19.

Jay Foster 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.

E. Wetlands Application # 2011-0395 submitted by Peter & Judith Mansfield. This request is to stabilize approximately 58 feet of sheer earth embankment and install approximately 58 linear feet of 4' high bulkhead with filter cloth within the Wetlands Board's jurisdiction. The proposed project is located on Urbanna Creek, at Tax Map Parcel # 27-14-1.

Peter Mansfield 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. Taylor and seconded by Mr. Dolezal and carried unanimously with an 18 month time limit with the following conditions:

- 1) Remove old crates and clean up trash and debris.

F. Wetlands Application # 2011-0459 submitted by Water Front Construction & Design, Inc. on behalf of Sandra Neumann. This request is to install 100 linear feet of Rip Rap Revetment and slope stabilization within the Wetlands Board's jurisdiction. The proposed project is located on Rappahanock River, at Tax Map Parcel # 28B-4-3.

Joseph Foulis of Water Front Construction & Design, Inc. 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. Armstead and carried unanimously with an 18 month time limit.

Old Business

New Business

Discussion – Contractor notification upon completion of projects and follow up field verification: Board decided to visit select sites on a case by case basis.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

Wetlands Board Chair

Date