

## **Middlesex County Wetlands Board**

### **Minutes**

**September 11, 2012**

#### **Call to Order**

The September 11, 2012 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  
John Boyd  
Monica Sanders  
Wesley Dolezal (Alternate)

Staff present: Dave Kretz, Planner

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

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Chairman Smither asked for a moment of silence to commemorate the events of September 11, 2001.

#### **Minutes**

The Board considered the minutes of the August 14, 2012 meeting. The motion to approve the minutes was made by Mrs. Sanders and seconded by Mr. Armstead and carried unanimously.

#### **Public Hearings**

- A. Wetlands Application # 2012-1140** submitted by Mid-Atlantic on behalf of Joseph Ingold. This request is to construct 142' of timber bulkhead with a 15' return wall. Site will be accessed from water & upland with minimal clearing or grading required within the Wetlands Board's jurisdiction. The proposed project is located on Robinson Creek, at Tax Map Parcel # 19-16-21.

Karla Havens (Agent) was present to represent the application and to explain the proposed project.

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. Discussion centered on the proposed location of the bulkhead and its impact on the vegetated wetlands.

There being no further questions or comments from the Board, Chairman Smither asked for disposition of the application. The motion to table the application as submitted, until the October 9, 2012 Public Hearing,

was made by Mr. Hawksworth and seconded by Mrs. Sanders and carried unanimously, with the following condition: Meet with staff, Agent & Board prior to October Public Hearing.

**B. Wetlands Application # 2012-1141** submitted by Shores & Shores, Inc. on behalf of John O'Briant. This request is to install a new 4'x65' vinyl bulkhead in front of existing failed bulkhead within the Wetlands Board's jurisdiction. The proposed project is located on Piankatank River, at Tax Map Parcel # 36B-1-B-3.

Lance Shores (Agent) was present to represent the application and to explain the proposed project.

Chairman Smither opened the hearing for comments from the public.

Karla Havens, speaking as an at-large member of the public, questioned The Board on their interpretation of how vegetated wetlands would have higher priority than non vegetated wetlands. Chairman Smither indicated that The Board had been consistent with their decisions concerning vegetated versus non-vegetated wetlands and had always placed a high priority on vegetated wetlands. Jay Woodward (VMRC) spoke and concurred with Chairman Smither's statement that The Middlesex County Wetlands Board has in fact placed a high priority on vegetated wetlands and has voted consistently since his association with The Board.

There being no further 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 Mrs. Sanders and carried unanimously with an 18 month time limit.

**Old Business:**

**New Business :** Permit extension request for Wagner Holdings, LLC (Regent Point Marina) JPA #2011-0259: The motion to approve the extension request as submitted was made by Mr. Hawksworth and seconded by Mr. Armstead and carried unanimously with an 18 month time limit.

**Adjournment**

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Wetlands Board Chair

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Date