

Middlesex County Wetlands Board

Minutes

June 11, 2013

Call to Order

The June 11, 2013 meeting of the Middlesex County Wetlands Board was called to order by Tom Hawksworth (Chairman) at 9:00 A.M. in the Boardroom of the Historic Courthouse, Saluda, Virginia.

Present: Tom Hawksworth- Chairman
Monica Sanders
Woodson Armstead
John Boyd
J. Miller Smither
Wesley Dolezal (Alternate)

Staff present: Dave Kretz, Planner

Also present was Mr. Mike Johnson from the Virginia Marine Resources Commission (VMRC).

Minutes

The Board considered the minutes of the May 14, 2013 meeting. The motion to approve the minutes was made by Mrs. Sanders and seconded by Mr. Smither and carried unanimously.

Public Hearings

A. Wetlands Application # 2013-0581 submitted by Delta Marine Construction on behalf of The Roost LLC c/o Kay R. Godbout. This request is to Install 70' of A1 Rip Rap at the base of the hill and install cori logs 1' in front of wetlands vegetation within the Wetlands Board's jurisdiction. The proposed project is located on Fishing Bay, at Tax Map Parcel # 41-70.

There was no one present to represent the application and to explain the proposed project.

With no representative present to speak for and describe the project, Chairman Hawksworth asked for disposition of the application. The motion to Table the application as submitted was made by Mr. Armstead and seconded by Mr. Boyd and carried unanimously.

B. Wetlands Application # 2013-0672 submitted by Mid Atlantic Resource Consulting on behalf of Carole M. Montgomery. This request is to Construct a 195' Class I & II quarry stone revetment against an existing failing timber bulkhead. Construct a 48' Class I quarry stone groin. Backfill void with clean sandy fill from upland. No clearing, grading or tree removal will be required. No vegetated wetlands to be impacted. The site will be accessed from the upland within the Wetlands Board's jurisdiction. The proposed project is located on Piankatank River, at Tax Map Parcel # 44-1-4C.

Kent Trammell was present to represent the application and to explain the proposed project.

Chairman Hawksworth opened the hearing for comments from the public.

There being no additional comments, the public portion of the hearing was closed.

Chairman Hawksworth 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 Hawksworth asked for disposition of the application. The motion to approve the application as submitted was made by Mrs. Sanders and seconded by Mr. Smither and carried unanimously with an 18 month time limit with the following conditions: Remove tires, install filtercloth and preserve as much beach as possible.

Old Business:

The Board considered the final draft of the Wetlands Board response letter to the VIMS report on “Regulatory Fidelity to Guidance in Virginia’s Tidal Wetlands Program”. With a few noted corrections, a motion to send the letter to VIMS was submitted by Mrs. Sanders, seconded by Mr. Armstead and carried unanimously.

New Business:

Permit extension request by Linda McKittrick- JPA 2011-1695. The motion to extend the application as previously approved was made by Mr. Smither and seconded by Mr. Armstead and carried unanimously with an 18 month time limit.

Chairman Hawksworth asked staff the status of the possible violation observed by The Board during the site visits on a property adjoining the Carole M. Montgomery project. Staff noted that a Joint Permit Application had been submitted and authorization in the form of a “No Permit Required” letter had been sent to the applicant from the Wetlands office. It was also noted that a permit was issued by the Virginia Marine Resources Commission in conjunction with the project.

Former Chairman Smither announced that he had not been reappointed to the Wetlands Board by the Board of Supervisors. He indicated that he had enjoyed working with the Board for the past 13 years and was honored to serve as the Board Chairman. He also noted that he would not continue to serve until a replacement was found and that the June meeting would be his last as a Board member. Board members and staff thanked Mr. Smither for his service and indicated that they had also enjoyed working with him.

Staff commented on the check list prepared by Lancaster County Wetlands Staff person Brian Barnes. Staff indicated that the check list was very detailed and was probably best suited for staff review. Appreciation was also extended to Mr. Barnes for taking the time to prepare the check list.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

Wetlands Board Chair

Date