

Middlesex County Wetlands Board

Minutes

October 11, 2016

Call to Order

The October 11, 2016 meeting of the Middlesex County Wetlands Board was called to order by Wesley Dolezal (Chairman), at 9:00 A.M. in the Boardroom of the Historic Courthouse, Saluda, Virginia.

Present: Wesley Dolezal – Chairman
Monica Sanders-Vice Chairman
Woodson Armstead
John Boyd
David Laughton

Staff present: Dave Kretz, Zoning and Environmental Officer,

Also present was Mr. Jeffrey Madden from the Virginia Marine Resources Commission (VMRC).

Minutes

The Board considered the minutes of the September 13, 2016 meeting. The motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Armstead and seconded by Mr. Boyd and carried unanimously.

Public Hearings

- A. Wetlands Application # 2016-1284** submitted by GSC Commercial Services on behalf of Richard Skeppstrom. This request is to Remove an old wooden boat ramp, add two wood groins, 42' and 24'. Sand will then be placed in between the groins for a small boat ramp and safe access to the water within the Wetlands Board's jurisdiction. The proposed project is located on Chesapeake Bay, at Tax Map Parcel # 46-3C.

Gary Cosby was present to represent the application and to explain the proposed project.

Chairman Dolezal opened the hearing for comments from the public.

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

Chairman Dolezal 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 Dolezal asked for disposition of the application.

The motion to approve the application as submitted was made by Mr. Armstead and seconded by Mr. Boyd and carried unanimously with an 18 month time limit.

B. Wetlands Application # 2016-1288 submitted by R & W Marine Construction on behalf of Garland Garrett. This request is to Install a 150' x 4' vinyl wall 2' in front of existing wall. Add 15' wing wall and backfill. Replace one 130' jetty with an 80' jetty and one 60' jetty with an 80' jetty within the Wetlands Board's jurisdiction. The proposed project is located on Piankatank River, at Tax Map Parcel # 46-6-48..

Richard Callis was present to represent the application and to explain the proposed project.

Chairman Dolezal opened the hearing for comments from the public.

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

Chairman Dolezal began a brief period of questions and comments between the Board and the agent.

Board members noted that the project was not staked at the time of the site visit. Mr. Callis indicated that he was unable to perform the staking prior to the scheduled site visit, but that the project is now staked. Chairman Dolezal noted that it was a Board policy that all projects should be staked prior to site visitation.

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

The motion to Table the application as submitted was made by Mrs. Sanders and seconded by Mr. Laughton and carried unanimously.

C. Wetlands Application # 2016-1293 submitted by GSC Commercial Services on behalf of David Huff. This request is to Top off an existing rip-rap- breakwater with class III stone and pull up loose stone to better secure the breakwater within the Wetlands Board's jurisdiction. The proposed project is located on Rappahannock River, at Tax Map Parcel # 41-18-9.

Gary Cosby was present to represent the application and to explain the proposed project.

Chairman Dolezal opened the hearing for comments from the public.

Dennis Mann indicated that he didn't specifically object to the project, but did have concerns about additional encroachment onto the beach area owned by Timberneck, LLC.

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

Chairman Dolezal 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 Dolezal asked for disposition of the application.

The motion to approve the application as submitted was made by Mrs. Sanders and seconded by Mr. Laughton and carried unanimously with an 18 month time limit with the following condition: Submit corrections to impacts acceptable to staff.

D. Wetlands Application # 2016-1294 submitted by GSC Commercial Services on behalf of James Traylor. This request is to Top off an existing rip-rap breakwater with class III stone continuing across to tie into rip-rap at the north and place fill dirt behind the revetment and at the sand beach

within the Wetlands Board's jurisdiction. The proposed project is located on Rappahannock River, at Tax Map Parcel # 41-18-7A & 8.

Gary Cosby was present to represent the application and to explain the proposed project.

Chairman Dolezal opened the hearing for comments from the public.

Dennis Mann reiterated that he didn't specifically object to the project, but did have concerns about additional encroachment onto the beach area owned by Timberneck, LLC. He also requested that the loose and dislodged rock be removed from the beach area.

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

Chairman Dolezal 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 Dolezal asked for disposition of the application.

The motion to approve the application as submitted was made by Mr. Boyd and seconded by Mr. Laughton and carried unanimously with an 18 month time limit with the following condition: Submit revision to encroachment and impact, clean displaced rock and move project back from staked toe to heel.

E. Wetlands Application # 2016-1327 submitted by Mid-Atlantic Resource on behalf of Joseph C. Fears Jr.. This request is to Construct a 78' quarry stone spur and place approximately 45 cubic yards of beach nourishment landward of mlw with spartina patens & alterniflora sprigging within the Wetlands Board's jurisdiction. The proposed project is located on Rappahannock River, at Tax Map Parcel # 30-94A & 30-19-2.

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

Chairman Dolezal opened the hearing for comments from the public.

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

Chairman Dolezal 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 Dolezal asked for disposition of the application.

The motion to approve the application as submitted was made by Mr. Boyd and seconded by Mrs. Sanders and carried unanimously with an 18 month time limit.

Old Business:

New Business:

Dave Kretz briefed the board on the current staff changes occurring within the Planning Department.

The Board and VMRC Representative, Jeff Madden, discussed VIM's decision to eliminate the CCRM recommendations.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

Wetlands Board Chair

Date