

Middlesex County Wetlands Board

Minutes

December 12, 2017

Call to Order

The December 12, 2017 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: Marc Longest, Environmental & Codes Compliance Officer

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

Minutes

The Board considered the minutes of the November 14, 2017 meeting. The motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Laughton and seconded by Mr. Boyd and carried unanimously.

Public Hearings

- A. **Wetlands Application # 2017-1678** submitted by GSC Commercial on behalf of Audrey McClure. This request is to Replace 2 old 48' groins with 2 new timber groins in the same footprint and have 2 spurs at a maximum of 16' long pointing inward within the Wetlands Board's jurisdiction. The proposed project is located on Rappahannock River, at Tax Map Parcel # 19C (1) A 4.

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. Laughton and seconded by Mrs. Saunders and carried unanimously with an 18 Month time limit.

B. Wetlands Application # 2017-1690 submitted by Frank Bishop. This request is to Replace an existing deteriorating bulkhead with a Rip-Rap Revetment constructed on Filter Cloth within the Wetlands Board's jurisdiction. The proposed project is located on Urbanna Creek, at Tax Map Parcel # 20A (9) 2

Roger McKinley 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.

The Board discussed the type of fill dirt proposed, height difference in the grade, impacts of the vegetation on the property, type of stone to be used (Class I), and this site will need a RPA Modification Permit. Will need VMRC permits also.

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.

C. Coastal Primary Sand Dune Application # 2017-1694 submitted by GSC Commercial on behalf of Michael Brice. This request is to Repair and lengthen 6 groins, install 3 new groins and move (2) 64' Concrete Breakwaters out 40' within the Wetlands Board's jurisdiction. The proposed project is located on Rappahannock River, at Tax Map Parcel # 29 (11) 3&2.

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.

The Board discussed footprint loss of dune vegetation versus the projected creation from the project that would generate more than the loss would cause (Jay Woodward).

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.

- D. Wetlands Application # 2017-1708** submitted by GSC Commercial on behalf of John Morecock. This request is to Construct 149' vinyl Sealock 9000 bulkhead in front of and 18" higher than existing bulkhead within the Wetlands Board's jurisdiction. The proposed project is located on Sturgeon Creek, at Tax Map Parcel # 40 (18) 5.

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.

The Board discussed the type of fill dirt proposed, height difference in the neighboring bulkhead, and this site will need a RPA Modification Permit. The Board wants to decrease the impact on the wetland grasses by keeping the new proposed Vinyl bulkhead in the same location as the existing bulkhead. There are no places to mitigate the loss of wetlands and the board wants to avoid the loss, and in doing so the best option is to replace the bulkhead in the same footprint as the current one. VMRC will need permit due to sub-tidal bottom.

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

The motion to approve the application pending revisions was made by Mr. Laughton and seconded by Mrs. Saunders and carried unanimously with an 18 Month time limit with the following condition: Modification to replace the bulkhead in the same footprint. Revisions will be sent to VMRC by agent Gary Cosby.

Old Business:

- 1. Coastal Primary Sand Dune Application # 2017-1589** submitted by Dock Masters on behalf of David Clark. This request is to Construct a 75'x7' Timber Bulkhead and grade bank within the Wetlands Board's jurisdiction. The proposed project is located on Rappahannock River, at Tax Map Parcel # 40-2-E-14.

Henry Thorndike 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.

The Board discussed possibility of moving the dune grasses or making it a condition of the permit. Stated that a RPA Modification Permit will be needed to slope the hill to the contour desired and could be obtained from the county planning office. Dune Grasses will not be a condition of the permit.

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. Boyd and carried unanimously with an 18 Month time limit.

New Business:

Mr. Dolezal passed out review sheets of the Living Shoreline Group 2 General Permit and asked for review and corrections to help consolidate a check list. Also, we discussed the ease of using the worksheet versus flipping through the ordinance to see if application meets policy during the review process. Question of the State in-lieu-of fee was proposed to Mr. Woodward (stated no fee has been established), but would look into this. The localities have their own fees, unless there are no Wetlands Boards, but Mr. Woodward would look into this question and get back to the board. No Net Loss Policy was proposed in 2005 for non-vegetated and vegetated. Loss versus impact if filling in or placing stone. Announced the meeting for visits would be on January 3, 2018 and board meeting on the 9th.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,



Wetlands Board Chair

1-9-18
Date