

Middlesex County Wetlands Board

Minutes

July 13, 2021

Call to Order

The July 13, 2021 meeting of the Middlesex County Wetlands Board was called to order by Chairman Dolezal, at 10:00 A.M. in the Boardroom of the Historic Courthouse, Saluda, Virginia.

Present: Wesley Dolezal

Monica Sanders

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 June 8, 2021 meeting. The motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Boyd and seconded by Mr. Laughton and carried unanimously.

Public Hearings

- A. **Wetlands Application # 2021-1006** submitted by Robert Fitch. This request is construct 205' of riprap revetment along shoreline within the Wetlands Board's jurisdiction. The proposed project is located on Perkins Creek, at Tax Map Parcel # 20C(1)7. 133 Glebe Dr

Joey Scott 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.

Mr. Laughton stated that they made an attempt at the core logs, and they failed, this is a good choice. Mrs. Sanders stated it was the only way to stabilize. Mr. Boyd agreed with Mrs. Sanders and rock was the best solution. Mr. Armstead had no comment. Chairman Dolezal engaged Mr. Woodward with the question of the difference in Loss and Impact. Prior interpretations had shown that stone was an impact and not a loss, this has changed. Agent will mitigate the impacts of the stone with a newly created wetlands area.

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 conditions: submittal of a plan drawing showing the mitigation of vegetated wetlands impact.

- B. **Wetlands Application # 2021-1121** submitted by Miles Vance Saunders. This request is to install 36' of A1A rip rap within the Wetlands Board's jurisdiction. The proposed project is located on Mill Creek, at Tax Map Parcel # 41(64)5. 468 Tranquility Lane

Michelle Meredith 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.

Mr. Boyd question the ramp – inherited from prior owner existing. Mr. Armstead had no comment. Mr. Laughton stated it was needed. Mrs. Sanders had not comment. Chairman Dolezal agreed with the living shoreline statement, manmade area with repairs – agent would fix any damage and use mats to access area. Mr. Woodward stated no permit, above MLW, and private manmade 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 as submitted was made by Mr. Boyd and seconded by Mrs. Sanders and carried unanimously with an 18 Month time limit.

C. **Wetlands Application # 2021-1166** submitted by Robert Montague. This request is for the installation of 108 linear feet of vinyl bulkhead and 2' return wall along with associated backfill along eroded portion of shoreline near the existing gravel access road within the Wetlands Board's jurisdiction. The proposed project is located on Urbanna Creek, at Tax Map Parcel # 20A-15M. 131 Virginia St

Joey Scott 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.

Mr. Armstead had no comment. Mr. Boyd stated the road needed this soon, road would be gone. Mr. Sanders stated it needed it. Mr. Laughton stated it was necessary. Chairman Dolezal that the loss was mitigated for and that this would be a benefit to the public and outweighed the impacts. Mr. Woodward stated that this was above MLW and outside the Jurisdiction of VMRC.

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 Mr. Boyd and carried unanimously with a 3-year time limit.

Old Business:

New Business:

VMRC 2021-1322 & 2021-1323 were a No Permit Needed, boatlifts outside of the Boards Jurisdiction.

Chairman Dolezal stated that staff and himself would review the changes in the new Wetlands Guidance to discuss the changes that were approved. Discussion of the difference of Mitigation requirement for Vegetated and Non-vegetated wetlands and possible compensation.

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