

**NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
WETLANDS BOARD**

Minutes

May 20, 2015

16404 Courthouse Road, Eastville, VA

7:00p.m., 2nd Floor Administration Conference Room & Board Chambers

This was the regular meeting of the Northampton County Wetlands Board held on Wednesday, May 20, 2015, in the Board Chambers located at 16404 Courthouse Road in Eastville, Virginia for the purpose of conducting regular business.

Those members present were Chair, Marshall Cox, Bowdoin Lusk, John Chubb, Jr and William Brown, II., Nancy Wells Drury, David Boyd and Dot Field.

Also attending were Hank Badger with the Virginia Marine Resources Commission (VMRC); Melissa Kellam, Zoning Administrator and Agent to the Board Chair; Kelley Lewis, Development Inspector and Nyoka Hall, Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m., and a quorum was established.

Public Hearings

All those wishing to speak at today's meeting were sworn in by the Chair.

Ms. Kellam read the public notice and decision tree details into the record.

VMRC 14-0179: Gary & Ruth Cole wish to construct a revetment and marsh sills along a section of the shoreline along Nassawadox Creek to stabilize an eroding bank. The slope will be re-graded landward and a 124 linear foot stone revetment constructed along the eroding bank. 49 wax myrtle shrubs and approximately 196 beach grass springs will be planted upslope from the new revetment. Stone Marsh sills totaling 223 linear feet will be constructed on either end of the revetment to protect the existing marshes. The property is described as Tax Map 19, double circle 7, parcel 8, located in the Shooting Point Subdivision, near Machipongo.

The Chairman opened the hearing to the public for comments. Jason Barney, agent for the applicant was present and spoke on the behalf of the applicant. He informed the Board that the some changes were made at the advisement of Mr. Scott Hardaway. Mr. Chubb stated that there appears to be an error in regard to the illustrated property. Mr. Barney explained that could be possible, as the data came from the County's GIS maps, which are somewhat skewed. With no further comments from the public, the hearing was closed to the public.

The Board had discussion and then a motion was made by Mr. Chubb to approve the application as presented with stipulations that the property line identification mark on the drawings dated April 6th be removed and place a mark on the site denoting the east and west end of the proposed sill. The motion was seconded by Ms. Drury and carried with all in favor (7-0).

Ms. Kellam read the public notice and decision tree details into the record.

VMRC 2015-0440: James A. Kelly, IV wishes to repair and expand an existing wharf/pier. The wharf area will now consist of a 40-foot long by 5-foot wide walkway, the existing 146-foot long by 4-foot wide T-head, a 101-foot long by 5-foot wide platform channelward of the existing T-head, a 60-foot by 18-foot platform landward of the T-head, two (2) boat slips with mooring poles, and intake and outfall pipes to support aquaculture upwellers and a water pump situated adjacent to the property along Nassawadox Creek. The property is located at 5489 Bayford Road, in Bayford and described as Tax Map 19, double circle A, parcel 28.

The Chairman opened the hearing to the public for comments. The applicant nor an agent was present to speak on the

behalf of the application. The hearing was then closed to the public.

The Board had brief discussion regarding the matter as they had visited the site and viewed the proposed project. It was agreed that since it was a commercial dock they would like to have someone present for the application. A motion was made by Ms. Drury to continue the application until the next Wetlands Board hearing, due to the absence of representation for the application. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lusk and carried with all in favor (7-0).

Old Business:

The Chairman asked that VMRC -0071 James Townsend, be reviewed. Ms. Kellam read the public notice and decision tree details into the record.

The agent for the applicant, Mr. Brian Owen was present and gave a detail of the proposed project with several options he thought the Board might be agreeable to. Mr. Owen was informed that the Board can only make a decision on what is presented and cannot choose a project for the applicant. It was also noted that the proposed project must be in alignment with the advertisement. After some debate, the agent submitted option one from his alternative analysis; which was in alignment with the ad. The Board had some discussion regarding the selection and then a motion was made by Mr. Lusk to accept the application as advertised contingent upon finalized drawings matching the advertisement be submitted to the Zoning Administrator for approval, the bulkhead be front with Iva Shrubs along the marsh, and payment be made into the mitigation fund for the loss of fifty square feet. The motion was seconded by Ms. Field and the motion carried with all in favor (7-0).

Consideration of Minutes

The Board reviewed the minutes of the March 18th, 2015 minutes. A motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by Mr. Brown and the motion was seconded by Mr. Lusk. The motion carried with all in favor (7-0).

The meeting was adjourned.

Chair

Secretary