

**NORTHAMPTON COUNTY  
WETLANDS BOARD**  
Minutes  
December 18, 2013

This was the regular meeting of the Northampton County Wetlands Board held on Wednesday, December 18, 2013, 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, Nancy Wells Drury, Will Brown, , Jr., Dot Field and Vice-Chair Bowdoin Lusk. Absent from the meeting was John Chubb, Jr.

Also attending were Hank Badger with the Va. Marine Resources Commission (VMRC); Kelley Lewis, County Development Inspector; and Nyoka Hall, Zoning Permit Technician.

The meeting was called to order at 10:15 a.m., and a quorum established.

It is noted for the record that those Board members present and Ms. Lewis had conducted a field inspection of the Wright property prior to the meeting today.

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

**Public Hearing:**

- a. **VMRC 2013-1724:** Karen Wright has applied to install a new rip rap revetment placed at the top of the bank waterward at a 2:1 +1 slope and connecting to the existing revetment to property on the north. The toe will be buried below M.L.W. The top of revetment is to be 3' +/- above grade (to serve as splash guard). The revetment is to be constructed using Class III stone. Access will be from the top of the bank, no clearing is necessary. The property is located at 4132 Battle Point Road and is described as Tax Map 6A, double circle 3, parcels 16 and 17 on the Chesapeake Bay.

Decision Tree details on this application were presented by Ms. Lewis.

The application was represented by Mr. Grant Cooley who noted that the goal of the project would be to match up to the northern revetment. When asked by Ms. Field, Mr. Cooley stated that beach nourishment was not a consideration because groins were in place. When asked by the Chair, Mr. Cooley confirmed that the applicant was aware of tiger beetle regulations as notified by the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers.

The Chair called for public comments. There being none, the hearing was closed.

**Action:**

Motion to approve the application as submitted was made by Mr. Lusk with second from Ms. Drury. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

**Old Business**

The Board then reviewed the status of VMRC 2012-1267 for Thomas Hutson. Ms. Lewis noted that the applicant has been filling under the bank due to erosion that occurred after site plan approval. The Board made a request to visit the property on their next meeting day. Mr. Robert Cole, agent with the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers, stated that 2 plans had been submitted - one to cut and another to fill. He added that the Corp approved the plan to cut. Presently the work taking place is in violation of the approved permit and is under the Corp's jurisdiction. According to Mr. Badger the matter was out of the Board's jurisdiction. Mr. Cole also asked for clarification as to which site plan is to be used since he received revisions on a September plan and then a June plan collaborated on by Melissa Kellam, County Zoning Administrator, and Wayne McCoy, agent for the Mr. Hutson.

The Chair concluded that the Board would take no action but would still visit the project area the day of the next regular meeting.

**New Business:** none.

**Statements from the Public:** none.

**Agent to the Board Chair Report:** none.

**Enforcement Agent Report**

The Board had received this report in their agenda packet for information purposes from Ms. Lewis.

**Consideration of Minutes**

The minutes of the November 20, 2013 meeting were unanimously approved as submitted upon motion by Mr. Lusk and second by Ms. Drury.

**Adjournment**

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned.

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Chair

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Secretary