

RICHMOND COUNTY WETLANDS BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 22, 2015

The Richmond County Wetlands Board had a meeting on October 22, 2015 in the Public Meeting Room, Warsaw, Virginia.

Wetlands Board Members Present: David Gallagher (Chairman), Greg Gruner (Vice Chairman), Bobby Yeatman, Nancy Finnegan, and Michael Sisson.

Others attending the meeting were: Richard English (Code Compliance Officer), Denise Dunaway (Development Services Manager), John H. Morris (Applicant), Robert Lewis (Agent), and Randy Owen (VMRC).

Chairman Gallagher called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., and welcomed members and guests.

MINUTES

“On a motion made by Bobby Yeatman, seconded by Greg Gruner, the Board unanimously approved the August 27, 2015 meeting minutes as written.”

PUBLIC HEARING

- J. H. Morris, IV and Bonnie Y. Morris, P. O. Box 640, Warsaw, VA 22572, has applied for permission to install multiple low-profile timber groins with a spur along their Rappahannock River shoreline, located at 559 Bowen Lane, and further identified as Tax Map 13-3 & 14-6A. VMRC #2015-1441.

Mr. English provided the Board with a revised drawing, which included adding spurs to an existing groin and the three proposed groins.

Chairman Gallagher opened the public hearing.

Mr. Lewis, Agent, explained that Mr. Morris proposes to add spurs to an existing 16' groin and construct three (3) 48' low profile groins with spurs on each side. Mr. Lewis said that the Morris' own 2300' of shoreline to the north and 650' of shoreline to the south; therefore, with the sand movement on the project, he doesn't feel like it is necessary to fill the groins because it should not affect anyone else's property.

Chairman Gallagher said that VIMS recommends breakwaters.

Mr. Lewis said that the VIMS reports seem to be standard and breakwaters are expensive. He said that a lot of breakwaters in certain places are not working like they should be.

Mr. Sisson said what is there now seems to be working by allowing the sand to drift up-river.

Ms. Finnegan asked how long of a permit is he requesting. Mr. Lewis responded that a three (3) years permit will suffice.

Mr. English read the staff report, which recommended approval with no conditions. Mr. English added that the revised drawing submitted, which added timber spurs, are appropriate and he is comfortable with permitting.

Chairman Gallagher closed the public hearing.

“On a motion made by Michael Sisson, seconded by Greg Gruner, the Board unanimously voted to approve VRMC application #15-1441, as shown on the revised drawings, with an expiration date of October 22, 2018.”

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. English told the Board that he and Mr. Owen recently met with Mr. Billy Herbert regarding Accakeek Road. Mr. English reminded the Board that they approved a project earlier this year for Mrs. Anne Warner and the project has not been started; therefore giving the property owners that are using the road to have concerns. Mr. English discussed options with Mr. Herbert and recommended that they focus on the strip along the road first.

Mr. Morris thanked Mr. English and Mr. Owen for all of the advice regarding his project.

Mr. Gallagher said that Mr. Owen has been with the County for a long time and they appreciate him.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Submitted as observed,

Richard English
Acting as Secretary