

RICHMOND COUNTY WETLANDS BOARD MEETING MINUTES

November 30, 2016

The Richmond County Wetlands Board held a meeting on November 30, 2016 in the Public Meeting Room, Warsaw, Virginia.

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

Others attending the meeting were: Richard English (Environmental Compliance Agent), Randy Owen (VMRC), Robert “Curly” Lewis, Roberta B. Key, J. Lee Poates, III, Craig Palubinski (Bayshore Design, LLC), Vanelia Gallagher and Hope Mothershead.

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

MINUTES

“On a motion made by Bobby Yeatman, seconded by Greg Gruner, the Board unanimously approved the May 26, 2016 meeting minutes as written.”

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- (1) Shannon C. Conner, 311 Granite Avenue, Richmond, VA 23226, has applied for permission to construct two low-profile timber groins with beach nourishment along her Rappahannock River shoreline, located at 26 Milden Lane and further identified as Parcel 57 of Tax Map 42. (VMRC#16-1754)

Mr. Robert “Curly” Lewis, Agent for the project, explained the Applicant’s desire to install two low profile groins 48’ in length from mean high water. Mr. Lewis indicated that 6’ tiebacks to the existing bank would also be installed and beach nourishment of sand would be placed on the groins.

Mr. Gallagher directed Mr. English to present his staff’s opinion and recommendations. Mr. English read the staff report which ultimately supported the project as proposed.

There being no further questions or discussion, Mr. Lewis requested a permit that would be good for a period of two years.

“On a motion made by Michael Sisson, seconded by Greg Gruner, the Board voted unanimously to approve VMRC application #16-1754 with an expiration date of November 30, 2018.”

- (2) Roberta B. Key, 43941 Tavern Drive, Ashburn, VA 20147, has applied for permission to construct 95 linear feet of rip-rap sill with beach nourishment and wetlands vegetation plantings along her Rappahannock River shoreline, located at 3971 Hales Point Road and

further identified as Parcel 70Q of Tax Map 43. (VMRC#16-1765)

Craig Palubinski from Bayshore Design, LLC, explained that he was working with a shoreline on the Rappahannock River, north of Whelan's Marina, which includes approximately 100 ft. of bank, being severely undercut. Mr. Palubinski also noted that there were a few pine trees close to the bank. The proposed plan to remedy the problem is construction of 95 linear feet of rip rap sill tying into an existing sill installed for Whelan's Marina. The plan will also include 100 cubic yards of beach nourishment and 2000 square feet of wetlands vegetation plantings. Mr. Palubinski shared with the Board Members pictures of a completed project similar to this project.

Mr. Gallagher asked about the pine tree close to the shoreline. Mr. Paulubinski noted that they would work around the tree in an effort to leave in place.

Mr. Palubinski notified the adjacent property owners and provided the members with copies of responses.

Mr. Gallagher directed Mr. English to present his staff report. Mr. English read the staff report which ultimately supported the project as proposed.

Nancy Finnegan asked when the plantings would begin. Mr. Palubinski noted that the ideal planting time would be late February to June, primarily April.

Michael Sisson added that he felt some of the undermining action currently happening will be corrected with the proposed beach nourishment.

There being no further questions or discussion, Mr. Palubinski requested a permit that would be good for a period of three years.

“On a motion made by Bobby Yeatman, seconded by Greg Gruner, the Board voted unanimously to approve VMRC application #16-1765 with an expiration date of November 30, 2019.”

OTHER BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

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

Submitted as observed,

Hope Mothershead
Acting as Secretary