

# **RICHMOND COUNTY WETLANDS BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

January 24, 2019

The Richmond County Wetlands Board held a meeting on January 24, 2019 in the Public Meeting Room, Warsaw, Virginia.

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

Others attending the meeting were: Richard English (Environmental Compliance Agent), Hope Mothershead (Planning & Zoning Administrator), Craig Palubinski, Robert Lewis, Mr. & Mrs. Johnny Whelan, Keith Whelan, Vanelia Gallagher, Lynnae Squires, and Natalie Mothershead.

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

## **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

*“On a motion made by David Gallagher, the Board unanimously voted to elect Michael Sisson as Chairman of the Wetlands Board.”*

*“On a motion made by David Gallagher, the Board unanimously voted to elect Greg Gruner as Vice-Chairman of the Wetlands Board.”*

## **MINUTES**

*“On a motion made by Greg Gruner, seconded by David Gallagher, the Board unanimously approved the November 29, 2018 meeting minutes as written.”*

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- Michael J. Faust, 11 Halstead Drive, Fredericksburg, VA, has applied for permission to construct a riprap revetment along his Morattico Creek shoreline, located at 317 Indian Banks Road, and further identified as Parcel B4 of Tax Map 43(2). (VMRC#18-1940)

Chairman Sisson read the notice of public hearing.

Mr. Robert Lewis, agent for the applicant, explained the proposed project and the current bank conditions.

Chairman Sisson said he has some concerns about the wetlands vegetation and suggested a sill at the toe at the vegetation to help protect the bank.

Ms. Finnegan asked if a sill was installed, how many linear feet would it have to be. Mr. Lewis responded approximately 200 feet, along the front of the property. Chairman Sisson asked Mr.

Lewis if the property owner has considered a sill. Mr. Lewis said he doesn't feel that a sill would protect the bank during storms.

Chairman Sisson opened the floor to the public. After no public comments, Chairman Sisson closed the public comment period.

***“On a motion made by Nancy Finnegan, seconded by David Gallagher, the Board voted unanimously to approve VMRC application #18-1940, as presented, with an expiration date of January 24, 2021.”***

- Whelan's Marina & Campground, LLC, John M. Whelan, 3993 Hales Point Road, Farnham, VA, has applied for permission to construct a vinyl bulkhead sill with associated beach nourishment and wetlands plantings, replacement jetties, replacement vinyl spur, extension of existing armor stone breakwater, replacement vinyl bulkhead, replacement timber wharf and two boat lifts along their Rappahannock River shoreline, located at 3993 Hales Point Road, and further identified as Parcel 69, 70, 70A and 70C of Tax Map 43. (VMRC#18-1828)

Chairman Sisson read the notice of public hearing.

Craig Palubinski, agent of the applicant, explained the application drawings and summarized the proposed project.

Chairman Sisson said that he likes the living shoreline approach.

Chairman Sisson opened the floor to the public. After no public comments, Chairman Sisson closed the public comment period.

***“On a motion made by Greg Gruner, seconded by David Gallagher, the Board voted unanimously to approve VMRC application #18-1828, as presented, with an expiration date of January 24, 2022.”***

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. English told the Board that he received a letter requesting a permit extension for the Shandy Hall shoreline project (VMRC#12-1362) which was permitted in 2016 and will expire on January 28, 2019.

Ms. Finnegan asked Mr. English what the process is to request an extension. Mr. English said as long as the request is submitted before the expiration date, no public hearing is required.

Ms. Finnegan discussed with the Board the neighbor's concerns about the access to the property during the project. She asked if the Board could hold off on extending the permit until the neighbors could get answers about the access.

Mr. English said that the request could be tabled since the extension request was received before the expiration date. He said the applicant would not be able to proceed with the project until the extension is approved by the Board.

Ms. Finnegan said it may be best for the neighbors to contact the owners to discuss the access and for the Board to move forward with the extension request.

*“On a motion made by David Gallagher, seconded by Greg Gruner, the Board voted unanimously to grant a one-year extension on VMRC application #12-1362, with an expiration date of January 24, 2020.”*

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted as observed  
Hope Mothershead  
Acting as Secretary