

RICHMOND COUNTY WETLANDS BOARD MEETING MINUTES

November 29, 2018

The Richmond County Wetlands Board held a meeting on November 29, 2018 in the Public Meeting Room, Warsaw, Virginia.

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

Others attending the meeting were: Richard English (Environmental Compliance Agent), Liz Hylan, Jay Woodward (VMRC), and approximately 3 others.

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 Greg Gruner, seconded by Michael Sisson, the Board unanimously approved the October 25, 2018 meeting minutes as written.”

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- Charles and Sara Spivey, 181 Crab Pot Lane, Warsaw, VA has applied for permission to construct a low-profile timber groin along their Rappahannock River shoreline, located at 181 Crab Pot Lane, and further identified as Parcel 35 of Tax Map 29. (VMRC#18-1663)

Mr. Charles Spivey presented the board with his proposal to construct a new low-profile timber groin 40 linear feet in length along his high energy, sandy shoreline of the Rappahannock River. Mr. Spivey mentioned putting in new timbers to improve the existing groins and retain the sand on the beach.

Mr. English read the report and noted it is recommended that the groin be low-profile as designed. Mr. English also noted he recommends approval of the proposed project.

Mr. Spivey clarified that he is leaving what is in the sand in place since it is not deuterated, and putting a brand new set of groins alongside the existing.

There is no public comment.

“On a motion made by Greg Gruner, seconded by Michael Sisson, the Board voted unanimously to approve VMRC application #18-1663 with the recommendation that the groin be low-profile, with an expiration date of November 29, 2020.”

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Woodward presented the board with a slideshow on the new living shoreline Group 2 General Permit for certain living shoreline treatments.

Mr. Woodward explained if applicants meet the criteria, the application will not have to go through the Wetlands Public Hearing process if approved by the Chairman and Mr. English. Mr. Woodward mentioned the permit will be issued through VMRC only. Mr. Woodward also mentioned if during this process once the neighbor(s) are notified if one objects, the project will then have to be presented at a public hearing.

Mr. Woodward noted this new process a permit will be issued a little quicker within one week to a month versus 60 days if it were to go through the process of the Wetlands Board public hearing.

Mr. Sisson noted he thinks this is a good incentive for the property owner to avoid going through a contractor making it a quicker, easier, and cheaper process.

Mr. English mentioned there will be a Public Hearing for Whelan's Marina coming up in January after the Holidays.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted as observed
Liz Hylan
Acting as Secretary