

***STAFFORD COUNTY
Wetlands Board Minutes
March 19, 2012***

The regular monthly meeting of the Stafford County Wetlands Board of March 19, 2012, was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Wetlands Board staff member, Amber Forestier, in the Board of Supervisors Chambers of the County Administrative Center.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mary Rust, Ben Rudasill, Andy Pineau and Jim Riutta

MEMBERS ABSENT: Sam Hess

STAFF PRESENT: Amber Forestier and Denise Knighting

A. Call to Order

Mrs. Forestier called the first Stafford County Wetlands Board meeting of 2012 at 7:02

B. Determination of a Quorum

Mrs. Forestier called the roll and determined there was a quorum present.

C. Public Presentations

Mrs. Forestier open the floor for public presentations. Seeing no one approaching the podium, she then closed public presentations.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mrs. Forestier stated the first order of business would be the election of a Chairman for the Wetlands Board. She stated following the election, the Chairman would preside over the meeting and conduct the elections for Vice-Chairman. She asked for nominations for Chairman.

Mr. Rudasill nominated Andy Pineau and Mrs. Rust seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations.

Mrs. Forestier called for the vote for Mr. Pineau as Chairman, the motion passed 4-0 (Mr. Hess was absent).

Mr. Pineau asked for nominations for Vice-Chairman.

Mr. Rudasill nominated Jim Riutta and Mrs. Rust seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations.

Mr. Pineau called for the vote for Mr. Riutta as Vice-Chairman, the motion the motion passed 4-0 (Mr. Hess was absent).

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APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

August 15, 2011

Mr. Pineau asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes of August 15, 2011.

Mr. Rudasill made a motion to approve the minutes. Mrs. Rust seconded, the motion passed 4-0 (Mr. Hess was absent).

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

Mr. Pineau stated as there were no public hearings or old business the Board would move on to new business, which was a request for an extension on an existing permit.

NEW BUSINESS

3. Wetlands Permit WB12-01 [11-03 (R) – A request for an extension to a wetlands permit for George and Nancy Duffield, applicants, to construct a bulkhead 1269 feet in length on Assessor's Parcels 49C-2-1-1A, 49C-2-1-1B, 49C-2-1-1C and 49C-2-2-1A, Accokeek Creek.

Mrs. Forestier presented the staff report, stating the application was approved on February 28, 2011 to construct a vinyl bulkhead approximately 169 feet in length. She stated the original expiration date was February 28, 2012 and staff sent the applicants a letter dated January 3, 2012 to inform them of the expiration date and asked if they wanted to extend the permit. She stated the applicants did respond with an email dated February 15, 2012 requesting an extension. She stated staff recommends approval of the request for then extension. The applicants applied for a building permit in October of 2011 and it was approved by the Department of Public Works on February 13, 2012. She stated the proposed bulkhead would serve a dual purpose by stabilizing the shoreline and decreasing erosion and there were no impacts to tidal wetlands because it was replacing an existing, damaged structure.

Mrs. Rust asked if any work had been done on the bulkhead.

Mrs. Forestier stated no work had been done.

Mr. Pineau opened the floor for discussion.

Mr. Riutta asked if anything had changed on the application.

Mrs. Forestier stated the original permit was to replace an existing wooden bulkhead that was starting to deteriorate, but stated by the time they applied last year it was undercut and rotted along the bottom. She stated it was definitely necessary on that site.

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With no further discussion, Mr. Pineau asked for a motion for approval.

Mr. Rudasill made a motion for approval. Mrs. Rust seconded, the motion passed 4-0 (Mr. Hess was absent).

4. Review of Recently submitted applications.

Mr. Pineau stated the next item on the agenda was the review of recently submitted applications and asked staff to review.

Mrs. Forestier stated VMRC 11-1529 which was for Prospect and Associates for Lake Estates, which was non-tidal impacts and not of interest to this Board. VMRC 11-1522 for Westlake Development, for the Westlake Development out on Route 17 which is also for non-tidal impacts. VMRC 11-1789 for 7K Investments for Sycamore Hills, non-tidal as well. VMRC 12-0007 for Aquia Bay Marina to enclose a structure after the fact as they were not given permission by the Marine Resources Commission, and we do not have any jurisdiction. VMRC 12-0029 Jeffrey Scott for the bulkhead/riprap which we will be discussing for the site visit for the next Board meeting. VMRC 12-0120 for Mr. and Mrs. Marvin D. Wilson, who enclosed a structure on the end of a pier as well. VMRC 12-0246 Rodney Hoioos, there are no impacts. It was emergency stabilization. He is next to Mr. and Mrs. Allen where they were doing the riprap to shore up their property and it starting sliding on one side. VMRC 12-0312 Poplar Road/Seven Lakes Estates, non-tidal impacts again. VMRC 12-0328 for the Ward Corporation for Sherwood Estates Section 4, non-tidal impacts. VMRC 12-0351 for James Moncure for Moncure Subdivision, non-tidal impacts.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr. Pineau stated as the new Chair he had nothing to discuss at this time and asked staff about their report.

STAFF REPORT

5. Finalize site visit for VMRC 12-0029

Mrs. Forestier stated she sent out an email concerning times and dates for a site visit for the next application. She stated the property was probably one of the only sites in Stafford County that could be a living shoreline and the applicants want to put a bulkhead on it. She stated it was somewhat difficult to understand because there are not many sites like that and stated the Board would need to see the site.

After a short discussion it was decided the Board would schedule a site visit March 30, 2012, and would meet at 8:30 a.m. in front of the Administration Center.

Mrs. Forestier stated she would email information to the Board and include a map for their review before the site visit. She stated it was located at the end of Wood Landing Road on Potomac Creek. She stated the property was in the big arch in the corner where they do not get a lot of waves. She stated it was sheltered and very shallow, and it takes a thousand feet out to get to two feet depth.

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ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Riutta made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Rust seconded, the motion passed 4-0 (Mr. Hess was absent).

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.