



STAFFORD COUNTY CHESAPEAKE BAY BOARD

Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 16, 2019 at 7:00 pm
Board Chambers of the George L. Gordon, Jr. Government Center

A. Call to Order

B. Roll Call

Members Present: Mary Rust, Dan Adams, Ben Rudasill, Sue Henderson

Members Absent: Anthony Pineau, Frank Rubio, Jim Riutta

Staff Present: Trent Funkhouser, Scott Rae, Joe Fiorello, Ben Foster, Cindy Bush

C. Determination of a Quorum

A quorum was established with 4 of the 7 members present.

D. Public Presentations

There were no presentations by members of the public.

E. Public Hearings

1. 97 Indian Pointe Road Stafford, VA 22554 (Parcel# 49C-2-1-13 A) Special Exception Request Application #19152873

Staff stated that the applicant was requesting a Special exception to allow for the approximate 250 square foot replenishment of beach sand within the 100 foot Critical Resource Protection Area buffer. The beach sand will cover existing vegetation. Mr. Fiorello stated this request is not permissible use within the CRPA buffer. Mr. Thomassen is proposing to replant five Blue Spruce trees two flowering Dogwood trees two Boxwood two Azaleas one Rose. Mr. Fiorello explained that Mr. Thomassen's proposed mitigation surpassed the required planting of one planting unit to compensate for the loss of 250 square feet of herbaceous vegetation. The proposed plantings will prevent degradation of water quality.

If the Board chooses to approve the Special Exception Request the following Approval Conditions would be placed upon Mr. Thomassen.

1. The beach sand placement shall be installed within the location shown on the plan in the application (Attachment 2), with a maximum encroachment within the CRPA buffer of 250 square feet.
2. The limits of the 250 square foot beach sand placement area shall be clearly marked on-site and driftwood barriers/borders put in place prior to placement of beach sand.
3. There shall be no grading or excavation within the CRPA including the area of beach sand placement.
4. The 250 square feet of CRPA impact shall be mitigated by the planting of at least one canopy tree, two understory trees and three shrubs prior to work within the CRPA in accordance with Appendix D, Table A in the Riparian Buffer Modification and Mitigation Manual. These plantings must be maintained in perpetuity and replaced if dead, dying or diseased.
5. The applicant shall contact Stafford County Environmental Planner for a post construction site inspection.

Mr. Rudasill asked if the applicant would be putting some sort of filter cloth or weed cloth under the sand. Mr. Fiorello stated he plans to put sand down with no type of cloth under it.

Ms. Rust explained her concern about the rain and flooding that occurs and the probability of the sand washing away. Mr. Fiorello expressed he has made Mr. Thomassen aware of the rain events and surges that occur and the sand may wash away, however Mr. Thomassen insists he has very little concern of the sand washing away due to the fact this area is above where it has flooded previously.

Ms. Rust has concerns about putting drift wood in that area. Mr. Fiorello explained the drift wood he has is about a foot in diameter and placing the logs in that area. He also feels the vegetation is so thick that the sand is not going to move even without the logs in place.

Ms. Rust stated she had concerns about the plants that are proposed by Mr. Thomassen, these are not native plants to the area. Mr. Fiorello explained he had sent Mr. Thomassen a list of the native plants. Ms. Rust explained this is one of the conditions if he is going forward with his application he is going to have to follow the rules of the native plants. Mr. Fiorello confirmed.

Ms. Henderson inquired about the distance between the sand and dock. Mr. Fiorello confirmed it was about two feet. Ms. Henderson asked if there is going to be a slope at the edge of the sand and then if there is a barrier there then you will step down and then step up. Mr. Fiorello confirmed. He would protect the Wetland with the placement of the drift wood.

Mr. Rudasill suggested that pressure treated 6x6 to secure the sand instead of using driftwood, driftwood comes and goes. Mr. Fiorello stated the 6x6 can be secured and may be a better way to hold the sand inside the parameter. Mr. Adams suggested that Mr. Thomassen resubmit his application to the Board with the modifications incorporated into his request.

The conditions are as follows:

1. Place the 6X6 posts directly on the ground and use 3 ft. pieces of rebar to secure them.
2. Must only plant native plants not the proposed plants.
3. A barrier on the NE and South side leaving the West side open.

Mr. Rudasill made a Motion to continue forward with the conditional approval for the Special Exception Request with the recommended conditions of the Board, which was seconded by Ms. Henderson. The motion passed 4-0.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:46 pm.