

**Virginia: At a meeting of the Accomack County Wetlands Board, held in the Chambers of the Board of Supervisors on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2015, A.D.**

**Members present:**

Mr. Earl B. Frederick, Chairman  
Mr. George H. Ward, Jr., Vice Chairman  
Mr. Gene Wayne Taylor  
Mr. T. Lee Byrd  
Mr. Timothy Getek

**Staff present:**

Ms. Gracie A. Milbourne, Interim Zoning Administrator &  
Recording Secretary

**Others present:**

Mr. Hank Badger, VMRC

**The meeting was called to order by Chairman Earl B. Frederick, and opened to a public hearing at 10 a.m. All applications are approved for a one-year period from the date of this hearing, unless specifically noted. All applicants, speakers and representatives are sworn in before the Board on the following wetlands applications:**

**This Board is aware of and complies as closely as possible with the objectives of the Virginia Marine Resource Commission's Wetlands Policy of No Net Loss.**

**1). MINUTES**

Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 26, 2015 and April 23, 2015 meeting as circulated. Mr. Ward seconded the motion. Ayes: Mr. Frederick, Mr. Ward, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Byrd and Mr. Getek.

**2). NEW BUSINESS**

**1).\_ An application from George & Cindy LaRock, VMRC# 2015-0488, for the installation of a bulkhead along a manmade canal in Captain's Cove**

**Subdivision, Lot# 1339, Anchor Court, Greenbackville, Virginia. TM# 5A3-1-1339**

Mr. Raymond Britton of BIC Inc appeared before the Board to represent this application. He described the lot situated on a manmade canal and indicated that the proposed 60-foot bulkhead would tie into bulkheads on either side.

Mr. Frederick read the VIMS report for the record and mentioned that he had been to the site and noticed the presence of phragmites.

Mr. Badger appeared before the board and stated that the phragmites are outside this board's jurisdiction.

After a brief discussion, Mr. Getek made a motion to approve this application as presented. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. Ayes: Mr. Frederick, Mr. Ward, Mr. Getek, Mr. Taylor, and Mr. Byrd.

**2). An application from Captain's Cove Golf & Yacht Club, VMRC# 2015-0180, for the installation of three staggered stone vented sills with sand fill, planted with spartina alterniflora and spartina patens in Captain's Cove Subdivision, Lots 760 to 763, Seaview Street, Greenbackville, Virginia. TM# 5A1-1-760-763**

Mr. Chris McCabe of Coastal Compliance Solutions appeared before the Board to represent this application. He described how the roads in the project area are eroding and explained how NE winds could cause further damage. He mentioned that this method of stabilization was chosen rather than rip rap as it is more cost effective, but the Cove has since decided to eliminate the planting of spartina patens in this project.

Further discussion commenced between the board members and Mr. McCabe about how wave energy could affect this project, why the existing gabion baskets would not be removed, and how the VIMS report suggested that the stone sill be lowered and the entire area planted.

Mr. Badger appeared before the board and stated that the fill behind this project falls within the local jurisdiction but the structure itself does not. He also asked Mr. McCabe how the southern end of the property would be stabilized and Mr. McCabe indicated that that area would be a living shoreline.

In conclusion, Mr. McCabe asked for the approval of this application and agreed to submit a revised drawing excluding the spartina patens.

Mr. Raymond Britton of BIC Inc. confirmed that the approval of this project would definitely be an improvement.

Prior to the motion, Mr. Getek stated for the record that although he is a member of the Association, he was not part of the decision process for this application.

After a lengthy discussion, Mr. Getek made a motion to approve this application with the condition that revised drawings must be submitted with the elimination of the spartina patens plantings. Mr. Byrd seconded the motion. Ayes: Mr. Frederick, Mr. Ward, Mr. Getek, Mr. Byrd, and Mr. Taylor.

3). **OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Mr. Chris McCabe gave updates regarding the marsh creations and sills on Lots 781-785 and Lots 1006 and 1009 in Captain's Cove Subdivision, Greenbackville, Virginia.**

Mr. McCabe presented and narrated several slides of the lots above to reveal the progress of the shoreline. The Board expressed gratitude for the updates.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mr. Taylor made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Ward seconded the motion. Ayes: Mr. Frederick, Mr. Ward, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Byrd, and Mr. Getek.

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Earl B. Frederick, Chairman