

ACCOMACK COUNTY WETLANDS MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 17, 2016

At a meeting of the Accomack County Wetlands Board held on the 17th day of November 2016, in the Accomack County Administration Building Board Chambers, Room #104, in Accomac, Virginia.

1. CALL TO ORDER

MEMBERS PRESENT AND ABSENT

Planning Commission Members Present:

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

Others Present:

Mr. Rich Morrison, Director of Planning and Community Development
Ms. Jessica Taylor, Administrative Assistant
Mr. Karl Mertig, Consultant, Kimley-Horn

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

There being a quorum, Chairman Frederick called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. MINUTES

A. **October 27, 2016**

On a motion made by Mr. Taylor and seconded by Mr. Ward, the Wetlands Board voted to approve the minutes of the October 27, 2016 meeting.

3. OLD BUSINESS

A. **Steve Miller – VMRC# 2016-0544**

At its previous meeting, the Board discussed denial of the permit due to no return correspondence from the applicant or contractor. Staff mailed a final notice letter on November 3, 2016. After a brief discussion, the Board agreed to deny the permit.

On a motion made by Mr. Taylor and seconded by Mr. Ward, the Wetlands Board voted to deny the application of Steve Miller – VMRC# 2016-0544, due to lack of response to correspondence.

4. NEW BUSINESS - PUBLIC HEARING

A. **David Larson – VMRC# 2016-1542**

Mr. Larson has submitted a Joint Wetlands Application to install an emergency rip-rap seawall – 76 foot long of Class #2 stone on property located on Thicket Creek a tributary of Onancock Creek, 15063 Holly Street – Onancock, VA 23417, Tax Map # 83B-2-A2.

Mr. John Mudd, Mudd Construction, appeared before the Board on behalf of the applicant

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and was sworn in by Chairman Frederick. Mr. Mudd first expressed the urgent need for approval, noting that he had previously installed rip-rap to save this property and would like to continue it around the remainder of the property. He stated that he had no doubt that this is the fix to prevent the breach; the land is currently 15 feet from a complete breach. He also explained the proposed project to the Board and reviewed information and images presented. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Hank Badger, VMRC, had no comments on the application.

On a motion made by Mr. Byrd and seconded by Mr. Getek, the Wetlands Board voted to issue a permit (valid for one (1) year) to David Larson – VMRC# 2016-1542, to install and emergency rip-rap seawall – 76 foot long of Class #2 stone on property located on Thicket Creek a tributary of Onancock Creek, 15063 Holly Street – Onancock, VA 23417.

B. Endless Summer, LLC – VMRC# 16-1621

Mr. Morrison informed members of the Board that on their dais, they would find an email from Mr. Chris McCabe, Coastal Compliance Solutions, requesting to post-pone their hearing for Endless Summer, LLC – VMRC# 16-1621, due to unforeseen requirements by U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Mr. McCabe will notify staff when he and his customer are ready and able to come before the Wetlands Board.

On a motion made by Mr. Taylor and seconded by Mr. Getek, the Wetlands Board voted to post-pone the hearing on Endless Summer, LLC – VMRC# 16-1621, until a later date.

5. OTHER MATTERS

Mr. Morrison informed the Board that an application had been received for a hotel on Chincoteague and that there had been discussion of whether or not the application needed to come before the Board.

Mr. Morrison, Mr. Badger, and Mr. Mertig reviewed processes and jurisdictions with the Wetlands Board. It was clarified that not every application is required to come before the Board; members expressed concern with not knowing of activities in the County. After a lengthy discussion, it was determined that for applications (commercial only) not requiring Board approval, staff will write a brief memo to notify the Board of the application and activity, as well as notify the applicant that they will not need approval from the County Wetlands Board.

6. NEXT MEETING

The next Wetlands Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 26, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. in the Accomack County Board Chambers, Room 104, in Accomac.

This date is contingent upon approval of the 2017 Draft Wetlands Board schedule which will be presented at the December 22, 2016 meeting.

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7. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Mr. Getek and seconded by Mr. Ward, the Wetlands Board voted to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:13 a.m.

Earl Frederick, Chairman

Jessica Taylor, Administrative Assistant