

## **RICHMOND COUNTY WETLANDS BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

December 4, 2014

The Richmond County Wetlands Board had a meeting on December 4, 2014 in the Public Meeting Room, Warsaw, Virginia.

Wetlands Board Members Present: David Gallagher (Chairman), Greg Gruner, Bobby Yeatman, and Nancy Finnegan.

Wetlands Board Member Absent: Billy Walker (Vice-Chairman)

Others attending the meeting were: Richard English (Code Compliance Officer), Denise Dunaway (Development Services Manager), Randy Owen (VMRC), Vanelia Gallagher, Craig Palubinski (Agent), Robert Lewis (Agent), Stan Terhune, and Elizabeth Terhune.

Chairman Gallagher called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., read an opening statement, and welcomed members and guests.

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

*“On a motion made by Bobby Yeatman, seconded by Nancy Finnegan, the Board unanimously voted to elect David Gallagher as Chairman of the Wetlands Board.”*

*“On a motion made by Nancy Finnegan, seconded by David Gallagher, the Board unanimously voted to elect Greg Gruner as the Vice-Chairman of the Wetlands Board.”*

### **MINUTES**

Minutes from the June 26, 2014 meeting were unanimously approved as written.

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- Anne B. Terhune, 10 Suffolk Road, Wellesley, Massachusetts 02481, has applied for permission to install a rip-rap revetment and low-profile timber groins along her Rappahannock River shoreline located at 52 Mildens Lane and the properties in question are further identified as Tax Map 42 Parcels 57B and 58. VMRC #14-1611

Mr. Robert Lewis, agent for Ms. Terhune, explained proposed project to the Board, which includes a 160' rip-rap revetment from MHW and installation of 2-low profile groins, 48' from MHW.

Mr. Lewis informed the Board that Mr. Stan Terhune, property owner just up-river from this property, will have an application with the Board next month for a groin project and the two adjacent property owners have also showed interest in the same type of project.

Mr. English read the staff report which recommended approval of the project with the following conditions: (1) recommends that the groins be artificially nourished initially and maintained as necessary, to lessen the interruption of sand transported along the shoreline and the potential erosion of neighboring properties. The material used for artificial nourishment should be clean sand of a particle size and composition similar to that currently existing on the beach; and (2) remove dead, diseased and dying upland vegetation as necessary and supplement the remaining vegetation by planting native woody shrubs in the riparian buffer area adjacent to the shoreline as mitigation of impacts from converting the natural buffer area to rock. The mitigation of these impacts would be appropriately addressed by the submittal of a Water Quality Impact Assessment/Landscape Plan for staff approval.

Chairman Gallagher asked if the agent if he was okay with the staff recommendation. Mr. Lewis said it would not be a problem to plant grasses behind the rip rap revetment.

***“On a motion made by Greg Gruner, seconded by Bobby Yeatman, the Board unanimously voted to approve VMRC application #14-1611, as presented, with an expiration date of December 4, 2017.”***

- Riverdale Farm, Inc., John O. Long, 105 Hancock Crossing, Lake Wylie, SC 29710, has applied for permission to install rip-rap revetments and low-profile groins along his Rappahannock River shoreline located at 931 Riverdale Road, and the property in question is further identified as Tax Map 35 Parcel 33. VMRC #14-1612

Mr. Craig Palubinski, agent for Riverdale Farm, Inc., explained the proposed project to the Board, which includes constructing 447 linear feet of rip-rap revetment over two sections along the shoreline. This project also consists of replacing a total of 9 (40 linear feet) low profile groins.

Chairman Gallagher said he hadn't seen this type of groin in Richmond County.

Mr. Owen, VMRC representative, said that one was just constructed at the Carters Wharf boat ramp by the Game Department and it is working.

Mr. Yeatman questioned if anything would be done in between the two sections. Mr. Palubinski said there is approximately 800 feet in length between the sections without any active erosion.

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mitigation of these impacts would be appropriately addressed by the submittal of a Water Quality Impact Assessment/Landscape Plan for staff approval.

Ms. Finnegan asked how long the project would take to complete. Mr. Palubinski asked for a 3-year permit.

***“On a motion made by Greg Gruner, seconded by Bobby Yeatman, the Board unanimously voted to approve VMRC application #14-1612, as presented, with an expiration date of December 4, 2017.”***

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. English informed the Board they will have a public hearing on January 29, 2015.

### **AJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Submitted as observed,

Richard English  
Acting as Secretary