

WETLANDS BOARD

MINUTES

January 11, 1989

A. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Henry Lindsey
Ralph Cobb
Carolyn Lowe
John Hughes
David Gussman

ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT:

Bernard M. Farmer, Jr., Director of Code Compliance

B. MINUTES

The minutes of the December 14, 1988 meeting were approved as presented.

C. OLD BUSINESS

None

D. NEW BUSINESS

1. W-17-88 Jeany V. Murphy

Mr. Farmer stated that Dock Master Marine Construction had applied on behalf of Jeany V. Murphy for a wetlands permit for the construction of approximately 100 linear feet of tongue and groove bulkheading at 3 Lavelle Court in the Powhatan Shores Subdivision. Mr. Farmer further stated that staff recommends that approval be granted with the following conditions:

1. The bulkhead be constructed at mean high water along the toe of the bank.
2. The applicant must contact the Code Compliance Office at least two days prior to construction for staff to stake the alignment in accordance with the Board's recommendation.
3. An inspection of the filter cloth and tiebacks must be made and approved by staff prior to backfilling.
4. A building permit must be obtained prior to

construction.

5. This permit shall expire on January 11, 1990.

Mr. Lindsey opened the public hearing.

No one wished to speak.

Mr. Lindsey closed the public hearing.

Mr. Cobb motioned to grant the permit with the staff recommendation.

Ms. Lowe seconded the motion.

The motion was carried unanimously.

2. W-18-88 Anna Gillions

Mr. Farmer stated that Dock Master Marine Construction on behalf of Anna Gillions had applied for a wetlands permit to construct approximately 150 linear feet of tongue and groove bulkheading at 121 Branscome Boulevard located in the Powhatan Shores Subdivision. Mr. Farmer further stated that staff recommends the approval be granted with the following conditions:

1. The bulkhead be constructed at mean high water at the pine tree)so as to keep the bulkhead away from all vegetated wetlands areas.
2. The height of the bulkhead must not exceed the height of existing ground level.
3. The applicant must contact the Code Compliance Office at least two days prior to construction for staff to stake the alignment in accordance with the Board's recommendation.
4. An inspection of the filter cloth and tiebacks must be made and approved by staff prior to backfilling.
5. A building permit must be obtained prior to construction.
6. This permit shall expire on January 11, 1990.

Mr. Farmer also stated that it is the staffs belief that this bulkhead is to be used for recreational purposes and not for control of erosion.

Mr. Lindsey opened the public hearing.

No one wished to speak.

Mr. Lindsey closed the public hearing.

The Board discussed the reasons for the Wetlands Board and why bulkheads are built and approved by the Board. Discussion occurred concerning the need to limit use of wetlands areas and preserve them, unless the use met the test outlined in the standards. If the bulkhead is to be used primarily for recreational use and involves any wetlands area, it should not be permitted. Piers can be built without the need of a wetlands permit and achieve the same purpose.

Ms. Lowe motioned to deny the permit stating no erosion problems exist at this location. She further stated that she saw no justification for placing the structure in vegetated wetlands area except the private recreational benefit to the applicant. Ms. Lowe stated she did not feel that was sufficient benefit outweighing the loss of the wetlands.

The motion was carried 3 to 1; with Mr. Hughes in favor of the applicant request with staff's recommendations, and Mr. Lindsey abstaining.

E. DETERMINATION OF SCHEDULE

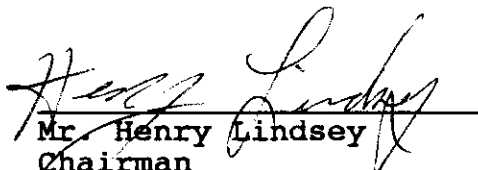
The 1989 schedule was approved. The meeting scheduled date will be the second Wednesday of each month.

F. MATTERS OF SPECIAL PRIVILEGE

None

G. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 P.M.


Mr. Henry Lindsey
Chairman


Mr. Bernard M. Farmer, Jr.
Secretary