

MINUTES
JAMES CITY COUNTY WETLANDS BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
County Government Center, Building F
101 Mounts Bay Road, Williamsburg, VA 23185
May 11, 2016
7:00 PM

A. CALL TO ORDER

The Wetlands Board meeting for May 11, 2016 was called to order.

The responsibility of this Board is to carry out locally the Commonwealth policy to preserve the wetlands and to accommodate economic activity so as to prevent their despoliation.

B. ROLL CALL

Board Member Present:

John Hughes - Chair
Larry Waltrip
Charles Roadley
David Gussman

Absent:

William Apperson

Others Present:

County Staff (Staff):

Michael Woolson, Senior Watershed Planner
Maxwell Hlavin, Assistant County Attorney
Melanie Davis, Secretary to the Board
Mark Eversole, Virginia Marine Resource Commission (VMRC)

C. MINUTES

1. Minutes from 4/13/16 Meeting

Approved as written.

D. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. W-14-16 / VMRC 16-0313 : 3018 and 3020 North Riverside Drive

Michael Woolson presented this wetlands permit request submitted by Karla Havens, Mid-Atlantic Resource Consulting, on behalf of Mr. Henry S. Branscome, II, to construct three stone stills totaling 186 linear feet and associated beach nourishment. The property is located within the Chickahominy Haven subdivision, directly on the Chickahominy River. The project impacts 2,400 square feet of Type XIV Sand Flat Community. This wetland impact is non-vegetative and requires no compensatory mitigation. Mr. Woolson's presentation described the current site conditions and the proposed project. Staff recommended approval of the application with the conditions specified in the Resolution.

Mr. Roadley asked if the proposed density of wetlands plantings would provide full coverage within one year.

Mr. Woolson replied that in Staff's opinion it would not however, as mitigation was not required these plantings were offered to keep the sand in place. If the Board desired full coverage in one year the planting would need to be denser.

Mr. Waltrip asked if there were other projects like this in the area.

Mr. Woolson said this type of shoreline project was one of the first in this area. Most of the other properties were bulk heads or riprap.

Mr. Hughes asked what will happen if pickerelweed grows in this area.

Mr. Woolson explained that it is an aquatic plant that might naturally occur and neither it nor the proposed spartina could be removed.

Mr Hughes opened the public hearing.

A. Ms. Karla Havens with Mid-Atlantic Resource Consulting, explained the advantage of this project in that the site is currently a non-vegetated sand flat and when complete will be fully vegetated.

Mr. Hughes closed the public hearing as no one else wished to speak.

Mr. Roadley stated he appreciated the proposal for this type of project.

Mr. Gussman made a motion to adopt the resolution granting the permit for wetlands board case W-14-16/VMRC 16-0313 at 3018 and 3020 N Riverside Drive.

A motion to Approve was made by David Gussman, the motion result was .

AYES: 4 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 1

Ayes: Gussman, Hughes, Roadley, Waltrip

Absent: Apperson

E. BOARD CONSIDERATIONS

None

F. MATTERS OF SPECIAL PRIVILEGE

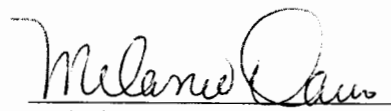
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G. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm



John Hughes
Wetlands Board Chair



Melanie Davis
Secretary to the Board