

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY WETLANDS BOARD
FEBRUARY 14, 2023
MINUTES

At the regular monthly meeting of the Northumberland County Wetlands Board held on February 14, 2023 in the Sheriff's Office in Heathsville, Virginia at 7:00 PM:

Present

Albert Fisher
Robert Vanlandingham
Lewis Howard

Absent

Harry Towne – Chairman
George Rew – Vice-Chairman

No one was present online.

Albert Fisher, acting Chairman, called the meeting to order.

On a motion by Robert Vanlandingham, seconded by Lewis Howard, the minutes of the January 10, 2023 meeting were unanimously approved.

Application No. 23-0137

Robert W. Chewning – to install 687 linear feet of riprap sill along the shoreline of the Great Wicomico River and Tax Map Parcel #37-(1)-42-B on Wicomico View Lane.

Roger McKinley, agent for the owner, described the project. He noted a long fetch. A three-year permit was requested.

Albert Fisher said that this would be a good living shoreline project.

Roger McKinley said that the difference is that the sill will not be beyond MLW with fill and plantings. “We have marsh vegetation growing along the shoreline and hopefully this will stabilize that.

Jeff Madden asked that Mr. McKinley confirm that the footprint of the project would not cover any wetland vegetation. Mr. McKinley confirmed that statement.

Jeff Madden asked if the fetch is so great, what makes you think Class A1 will work. Mr. McKinley said he thought it would work. “If not, they can go to Class 1 or Class 2.”

Jeff Madden said the Board could then entertain a modification.

Robert Vanlandingham then made a motion to approve the application for three years with the stipulation that the structures not cover any wetland vegetation. Lewis Howard seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

Application No. 22-2847

Edward Tuttle – to construct 177 linear feet of timber bulkhead and install two (2) 45-foot riprap groins along the shoreline of Cod Creek and Tax Map Parcel #11-(1)-15 on Walnut Point Road.

Roger McKinley, Sr., agent for the owner, said that the owner originally wanted a riprap revetment and riprap groins but changed his mind and now wants a timber bulkhead up against the bank landward of MHW and two groins with sand fill.

Albert Fisher asked if a living shoreline was discussed.

Roger McKinley said that this is almost like a living shoreline. “Because it is so far on the upland, way landward of MHW, I didn’t feel that it was applicable. And if he did a living shoreline, he still had to do something with the bank.”

Jeff Madden said, “If the bulkhead is landward of MHW, then it is out of the Wetland Board’s jurisdiction with the exception of the groins. If the sand fill is not going over the wetlands, it does not have to be an issue.”

A three-year permit was requested.

Albert Fisher made a motion to approve that portion of the application within the Board’s jurisdiction for three years. Lewis Howard seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

There being no further business to come before the Board, on a motion by Robert Vanlandingham, seconded by Lewis Howard, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn.

