

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY WETLANDS BOARD
NOVEMBER 15, 2022
MINUTES

At the regular monthly meeting of the Northumberland County Wetlands Board held on November 15, 2022 in the Sheriff's Office in Heathsville, Virginia at 7:00 PM:

Present

Absent

Albert Fisher
Lewis Howard
Robert Vanlandingham

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 September 15, 2022 meeting were unanimously approved.

Application No. 22-2244

Blaine Altaffer – to construct a commercial pier from the shoreline of Cockrells Creek and 517 Deep Water Lane.

Roger McKinley, agent for the owner, stated that the owner originally applied for a private pier. He said the owner was approached by a couple of watermen who wanted to rent the pier, so the owner is now applying for a commercial pier. He stated that the property has been used commercially in the past by Mr. Altaffer's father-in-law and that the property is zoned industrial.

Jeff Madden asked if the remains of old piers would be removed.

Roger McKinley said he did not know.

Jeff Madden asked if the 12-foot pier is for a net truck.

Roger McKinley said that it would be used for the net truck, along with loading and unloading fish or crabs etc. He then requested a three-year permit.

Albert Fisher noted that this is clearly a commercial area.

After consideration, Robert Vanlandingham made a motion to approve the application as submitted for three years. Lewis Howard seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

Application No. 22-2037

Linda Duvall – to install 90 linear feet of riprap revetment along the shoreline of Lowes Pond and 328 White Sand Drive in White Sands Harbor Subdivision.

Joseph Scott, agent for the owner, said that due to erosion, the owner wants to put rock directly on the bank rather than clearing or grading. He noted that there is SAV offshore and a muddy bottom.

Albert Fisher asked about the height of the bank.

Joseph Scott said that it is about 8 or 9 feet. He also stated that to do a living shoreline would require lots of grading. A three-year permit was requested.

There being no further questions or concerns, Robert Vanlandingham made a motion to approve the application as submitted for three years. Lewis Howard seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

Application No. 22-2404

Robert Hawkins – to install 110 linear feet of riprap revetment and two 40-foot gapped stone sills along the shoreline of the Great Wicomico River and 53 Knights Run View.

Joseph Scott, agent for the owner, stated that the revetment area is in bad shape as the bank is sliding down. He said that stone would be laid on the bank to stabilize it and two sills to be installed with sand fill. “The bank is steep and heavily vegetated.”

Albert Fisher said it looks like you are making the best use of it. He said the bank looked about 25 feet tall.

Joseph Scott said it is very tall. He noted that a lot of the sloughing is caused by the water coming out of the bank. A three-year permit was requested.

After consideration, Lewis Howard made a motion to approve the application as submitted for three years. Robert Vanlandingham seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

Application No. 22-2234

Timothy Lovain - to install 75 linear feet of riprap revetment along failing timber and stone bulkhead and remove three (3) existing failing groins and replace with two (2) new timber groins,

each 48 feet channelward of MHW along and from the shoreline of the Potomac River and 789 Virmar Beach Road.

Joseph Scott, agent for the owner, stated that there is a lot of scouring and the tides have loosened the base. He said they were applying for riprap as well as groins to protect the toe. He noted that it will take a lot of rock.

Albert Fisher said that if any place needs it, it's here.

A 3-year permit was requested.

Robert Vanlandingham made a motion to approve the application as submitted for three years. Lewis Howard seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

Application No. 22-2330

William P. Rieck, Jr. – to install 65 linear feet of riprap revetment along the shoreline of Owens Pond and 721 Twin Harbor Road.

Joseph Scott, agent for the owner, stated that the bank is approximately 6 to 8 feet high and there is a lot of erosion as far as three feet. “It would require an offshore sill and extensive grading for a living shoreline.”

Albert Fisher noted that a living shoreline is not practical there.

A three-year permit was requested.

There being no further questions or concerns, Lewis Howard made a motion to approve the application as submitted for three years. Robert Vanlandingham 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 meeting was adjourned.

