

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY WETLANDS BOARD
MARCH 12, 2024
MINUTES

At the regular monthly meeting of the Northumberland County Wetlands Board held on March 12, 2024 in the Sheriff's Office in Heathsville, Virginia at 7:00 PM:

Present

Absent

Albert Fisher – Vice Chairman
George Rew
Robert Vanlandingham

Lewis Howard - Chairman

Albert Fisher, Vice-Chairman, called the meeting to order.

On a motion by George Rew, seconded by Robert Vanlandingham, the minutes of the February 13, 2024 meeting were unanimously approved.

Application No. 24-0383

William Atwill – to install 190 linear feet of riprap revetment along the shoreline of Barnes Creek and 89 Barnes View Lane.

Joseph Scott, agent for the owner, described the project. He stated that the bank is rather tall with water running out of it. He also noted that the water depth drops off quickly and did not think a living shoreline would work.

Both George Rew and Robert Vanlandingham agreed that the project looks good.

Albert Fisher stated that a living shoreline has been considered and it connects to revetments on both sides. "I think it's appropriate for the area."

There being no objections, Robert Vanlandingham made a motion to approve the application as submitted for three years. George Rew seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

Application No. 24-0383

Sam & Linda Chancellor – to install 34 linear feet of riprap revetment along the shoreline of Cod Creek and 239 Muriel Drive in Bay Quarter Shores Subdivision.

Craig Palubinski, agent for the owner, described the project. He then requested a three-year permit. He noted that a living shoreline would be unlikely to work due to northeast exposure, a lot of canopy and a higher water level.

Albert Fisher noted that even if a living shoreline were created, it would be very small.

After review of the project, George Rew made a motion to approve the application for three years. Robert Vanlandingham seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved

Application No. 24-0366

Carl Johnson – to install 120 linear feet of riprap revetment along the shoreline of Ellyson Creek and 993 Ferry Road.

Joseph Scott, agent for the owner, was present and described the project. He then requested a three-year permit. He said the north facing tall bank was undercut and even if a sill was installed, the undercutting would continue.

It was noted that the house is located close to the bank.

Albert Fisher said, “With that high bank, that is their only option.”

Robert Vanlandingham said that this is a good project.

After review of the project, Robert Vanlandingham made a motion to approve the application for three years. George Rew seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

Application No. 24-0352

Debra & James Melisi – to rebuild two (2) timber groins each 48 feet from MHW from the shoreline of the Potomac River and 145 Riverside Court.

Martin Hinson, contractor for the owner, was present and described the project. He then requested a three-year permit.

Albert Fisher noted that the groins are required to be low-profile.

After consultation with the Board and Jeff Madden, the contractor agreed to revise the drawing.

Albert Fisher then made a motion to approve the application in modified form based on testimony before the Board and receipt of revised to scale drawing clearly showing low-profile groins for three years. Robert Vanlandingham seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

Application No. 23-2870

TIG Advisors, LP et al– to repair an existing timber bulkhead and install armor stone protection and to add armor stone protection for two (2) existing timber groins along the shoreline of the Potomac River and 356 Devils Wood Yard Road.

Claudette Lajoie, agent for the owner, was present online.

Philip Marston stated that there was confusion regarding the adjoining property owners and that now all appropriate adjoining property owners have been contacted.

Jeff Madden noted that since the project extends to both adjoining properties, the owners need to sign Property Owner Signature sheets. He asked if that had been done.

Ms. Lajoie said she had sent those signatures but would resend them as soon as she could get to her computer.

Jeff Madden asked if the adjoining property owners to the new owners involved have been notified.

Both Philip Marston and Claudette said they have all been notified.

There being no objections, Robert Vanlandingham made a motion to approve the application, upon receipt of owner signatures, for three years. George Rew seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

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

