



**WETLANDS BOARD
VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES**

CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH

DUE TO COVID 19 THE MEETING NORMALLY HELD
IN CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER WAS MOVED TO THE
VIRGINIA BEACH CONVENTION CENTER

JANUARY 19, 2021
10:00 AM

MEMBERS PRESENT:
CHAIRMAN, JOASHUA SCHULMAN, PRESIDING
VICE CHAIR, JASON BARNEY

STEPHEN BALLARD
KATIE CRUM
CINDY HAWKS WHITE
EMILY STEINHILBER
JAMES T. VAIL

MEMBERS ABSENT:

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**WETLANDS BOARD
VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA
PUBLIC HEARING MEETING MINUTES**

The January 2021 Virtual Public Hearing Meeting for the Virginia Beach Wetlands Board was called to order by the Chair, Joashua Schulman, in the Virginia Beach Convention Center located at 1000 19th Street, Suite 5, Virginia Beach, Virginia at 10:10 AM, January 19, 2021, while all other members participated virtually.

Chair Schulman welcomed all, stated the responsible charge of the Wetlands Board, as delineated in the Virginia State Code and announced appeals are available through the Virginia Marine Resources Commission (VMRC) within ten (10) days of this Board's decision.

Approval expires one (1) year from the date it is granted. A permit is normally extended, but not an approval. Applicants are advised to obtain their permit within no more than thirty (30) days of their Hearing. Extensions must be requested before the expiration date.

The Chair administered the oath of truth and honor to staff.

The Chair stated that as required by law four (4) affirmative votes are required for an approval of a permit application. The Clerk called on the seven (7) Board members and the members signified their presence verbally. The Clerk announced that quorum was present.

Ms. Whitney McNamara, Staff Liaison, thanked everyone for their participation stated that this meeting is being conducted electronically in accordance with Virginia Code § 2.2-3708.2, Virginia Code § 15.2-1413 and the City's Continuity of Government Ordinance adopted on September 15, 2020, and Chapter 1289 of the 2020 Acts of Assembly as amended.

Ms. McNamara administered the oath of truth and honor to each applicant and/or agent for the applicant during the meeting. Chair Schulman confirmed there were no changes to the agenda.

The slide presentation for each application site was rendered by Ms. Whitney McNamara.

**DEPARTMENT OF NAVY
APPLICATION No.: 2020-WTRA-00269**

PROJECT: Temporary excavation of the beach for fixed or floating piers at the Anzio, Omaha & Utah Beach training Areas involving Coastal Primary Sand Dune/Beach

PROJECT LOCATION: Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek-Fort Story, Contiguous to Chesapeake Bay

SPEAKER: FOR – Kristina Witter, NAVFAC

Upon Motion by Mr. Barney, seconded by Mr. Vail, the application of **Department of Navy** was **APPROVED, AS SUBMITTED.**

VOTE: 6-0 (VERBAL VOTE)

MEMBERS VOTING AYE:

Stephen Ballard, Jason Barney, Cindy Hawks White, Joashua Schulman,
Emily Steinhilber and James T. Vail

MEMBERS VOTING NAY:

MEMBERS ABSENT:

MEMBERS ABSTAINING:

Katie Crum

(Ms. Katie Crum disclosed that her husband works for NAVFAC)

JAMES J. JAMISON
APPLICATION No.: 2020-WTRA-00281

PROJECT: To rework rip rap and plant vegetation involving wetlands

PROJECT LOCATION: 1508 Duke of Windsor Road, contiguous to Linkhorn Bay

SPEAKER: **FOR** – Robert E. Simon, Waterfront Consulting, Inc.

Upon Motion by Mr. Barney, seconded by Ms. White, the application of **James J. Jamison** was **APPROVED, AS MODIFIED, WITH THE FOLLOWING CONDITION:**

1. The rip rap sill from points R1 to R4 shall be toed in on the seaward edge. Revised plans shall be submitted to the Virginia Marine Resource Commission (VMRC) and ultimately approved by the Department of Planning and Community Development prior to the issuance of a building permit.

No Net Loss of wetlands on this project was achieved by the use of on-site compensation.

VOTE: **7-0 (VERBAL VOTE)**

MEMBERS VOTING AYE:

Stephen Ballard, Jason Barney, Katie Crum, Cindy Hawks White,
Joashua Schulman, Emily Steinhilber and James T. Vail

MEMBERS VOTING NAY:

MEMBERS ABSENT:

MEMBERS ABSTAINING:

JUSTIN JOHN
APPLICATION No.: 2020-WTRA-00270

PROJECT: To construct a bulkhead, rip rap and marsh sill and plant vegetation involving wetlands

PROJECT LOCATION: 896 Windwood Drive, contiguous to Linkhorn Bay

SPEAKER: **FOR** – Richard Calvert, Calvert Marine

Upon Motion by Mr. Barney, seconded by Ms. White, the application of **Justin John** was **APPROVED, AS SUBMITTED.**

No Net Loss of wetlands on this project was achieved by the use of on-site compensation.

VOTE: 7-0 (VERBAL VOTE)

MEMBERS VOTING AYE:

Stephen Ballard, Jason Barney, Katie Crum, Cindy Hawks White,
Joashua Schulman, Emily Steinhilber and James T. Vail

MEMBERS VOTING NAY:

MEMBERS ABSENT:

MEMBERS ABSTAINING:

CHERYL McLESKEY
APPLICATION No.: 2020-WTRA-00271

PROJECT: To construct a bulkhead, rip rap and plant vegetation involving wetlands

PROJECT LOCATION: 501 Virginia Dare Drive, contiguous to Atlantic Ocean

SPEAKER: FOR – Richard Calvert, Calvert Marine

Upon Motion by Mr. Barney, seconded by Ms. White, the application of **Cheryl McLeskey** was **APPROVED, AS MODIFIED, WITH THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:**

1. The existing bulkhead shown in cross section 5 of the proposed plans received by the Virginia Marine Resources Commission (VMRC) on December 16, 2020, shall be cut at the Mean High Water line.
2. Plans shall be revised to reflect that *Spartina Patens* shall be planted in all areas above Mean High Water, while *Spartina alterniflora* shall be planted in areas below Mean High Water.
3. Revisions plans shall be submitted to the Virginia Marine Resources Commission (VMRC) and ultimately approved by the Department of Planning and Community Development prior to the issuance of a building permit.

No Net Loss of wetlands on this project was achieved by the use of on-site compensation.

VOTE: 7-0 (VERBAL VOTE)

MEMBERS VOTING AYE:

Stephen Ballard, Jason Barney, Katie Crum, Cindy Hawks White,
Joashua Schulman, Emily Steinhilber and James T. Vail


MEMBERS VOTING NAY:

MEMBERS ABSENT:


MEMBERS ABSTAINING:

At 10:53 AM, the January 19, 2021, Public Hearing of the Virginia Beach Wetlands Board was adjourned by the Chair, Joashua Schulman.

The comments of the Planning Department are on file with the City of Virginia Beach Planning Department.



Jennifer A. Grundler
Deputy City Clerk II



Joashua Schulman, Chair
Wetlands Board