

CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH WETLANDS BOARD MINUTES

September 19, 2022

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER BUILDING 1 2401 COURTHOUSE DRIVE VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA 23456

SEPTEMBER 19, 2022 10:00 AM

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Stephen Bailard	Board Member	Present	9:46 AM
Jason Barney	Vice Chairman	Present	9:46 AM
Cindy Hawks-White	Board Member	Absent	
Joashua Schulman	Chairman	Present	9:47 AM
James Vail	Board Member	Present	9:47 AM
Katie Crum	Board Member	Present	9:47 AM
Emily Steinhilber	Board Member	Present	9:46 AM
Ben McFarlane	Board Member (Alternate)	Excused	
SunTemple Helgren	Board Member (Alternate)	Present	9:46 AM

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WETLANDS BOARD VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA PUBLIC HEARING MEETING MINUTES

The September 2022, Public Hearing Meeting for the Virginia Beach Wetlands Board was called to order by the Chair, Joashua Schulman, in the Council Chamber, 2401 Courthouse Drive, Virginia Beach, Virginia 23456 at 10:01AM, September 19, 2022.

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 two (2) years 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

Chair Schulman acknowledged each applicant and/or agent for the applicant and administered the oath truth and honor.

The Chair stated that as required by law four (4) affirmative votes are required for an approval of a permit application. The Clerk announced that quorum was present and that the Wetlands Minutes of August 15, 2022, was approved, as distributed.

The slide presentation for each application site was rendered by Ms. Heaven L. Manning

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Upon Motion by Mr. Barney seconded by Ms. Crum, the August 15, 2022, Minutes was **APPROVED**, **AS DISTRIBUTED**.

RESULT: APPROVED [5 TO 0]

MOVER: Jason Barney, Vice Chairman SECONDER: Katie Crum, Board Member

AYES: Ballard, Barney, Schulman, Vail, Crum

ABSTAIN: Steinhilber, Helgren

ABSENT: Hawks-White, McFarlane

(For disclosure, during the vote, the Deputy City Clerk inadvertently called out the vote as 6-0, with Steinhilber abstaining, when in fact the vote was 5-0, with Ms. Steinhilber and Mr. Helgren abstaining due to not being present at the last meeting)

HAVERSHAM CLOSE, LLC; ROBERT & RENEE BROERMANN; BARBARA J. & ALLEN M. LARAR; JEANNE P. WEST TRUST & MAYNARD D. WEST TRUST 2022-WTRA-00062

PROJECT: To dredge involving wetlands

LOCATION: 2385, 2389, 2393, and 2397 Haversham Close contiguous to Dey Cove

REQUEST: Reconsideration of Wetlands Mitigation

SPEAKER: FOR – David Harmeyer, Waterfront Consulting, Inc., Agent for Applicant

Upon motion by Mr. Barney, seconded by Ms. Crum, the Reconsideration of Wetlands Mitigation for Haversham Close, LLC; Robert & Renee Broermann; Barbara J. & Allen M. Larar; Jeanne P. West Trust & Maynard D. West Trust was DEFERRED INDEFINITELY.

RESULT: APPROVED [6 TO 0]

MOVER: Jason Barney, Vice Chairman

SECONDER: Katie Crum, Board Member

AYES: Barney, Schulman, Vail, Crum, Steinhilber, Helgren

ABSTAIN: Ballard

ABSENT: Hawks-White, McFarlane

(Ms. Victoria R. Eisenberg, Counsel for the Wetlands Board, informed the Board that Mr. Ballard has an abstention letter on file due to being a managing member of the applicant, Haversham Close, LLC)

HAVERSHAM CLOSE, LLC 2022-WTRA-00078

PROJECT:

To construct a bulkhead and groin wall involving wetlands

LOCATION:

2393 Haversham Close contiguous to Dey Cove

REQUEST:

Reconsideration of Wetlands Mitigation

SPEAKER:

FOR - David Harmeyer, Waterfront Consulting, Inc., Agent for Applicant

Upon motion by Barney, seconded by Ms. Crum, the Reconsideration of Wetlands Mitigation for Haversham Close, LLC, was DEFERRED INDEFINITELY.

RESULT:

APPROVED [6 TO 0]

MOVER:

Jason Barney, Vice Chairman **SECONDER:** Katie Crum, Board Member

AYES:

Barney, Schulman, Vail, Crum, Steinhilber, Helgren

ABSTAIN:

Ballard

ABSENT:

Hawks-White, McFarlane

(Ms. Victoria R. Eisenberg, Counsel for the Wetlands Board, informed the Board that Mr. Ballard has an abstention letter on file due to being a managing member of the applicant, Haversham Close, LLC)

CHRISTOPHER R. MADDEN AND RAYA L. THOMAS 2022-WTRA-00176

PROJECT:

To construct a bulkhead and return wall involving wetlands

LOCATION:

2308 Windward Shore Drive contiguous to Canal to Broad Bay

SPEAKERS:

FOR – David Harmeyer, Waterfront Consulting, Inc., Agent for Applicant

Upon motion by Mr. Barney, seconded by Ms. Crum, the application of Christopher R. Madden and Raya L. Thomas was APPROVED, AS MODIFIED, WITH THE FOLLOWING CONDITION:

1. The pier, boat lift, and floating pier aspects of this project require an encroachment agreement with the City of Virginia Beach. Such an agreement shall be obtained prior to issuance of a building permit.

No Net Loss of wetlands on this project was achieved by the payment of an inlieu fee.

RESULT:

APPROVED [7-0, UNANIMOUS]

MOVER:

Jason Barney, Vice Chairman **SECONDER:** Katie Crum, Board Member

AYES:

Ballard, Barney, Schulman, Vail, Crum, Steinhilber, Helgren

ABSENT:

TIAN FEI AND DEQING LI 2022-WTRA-00179

PROJECT:

To construct rip rap revetment involving wetlands

LOCATION:

1052 Ducking Point Trail contiguous to Western Branch Lynnhaven

River

SPEAKER:

FOR – Billy Garrington, Governmental Permitting Services, Agent for Applicant

Upon motion by Mr. Barney, seconded by Ms. Crum, the application of Tian Fei and Deging Li was Approved, as Modified, with the following conditions:

- 1. The wingwalls at both ends of the rip rap revetment shall be removed and rip rap tapered from the property line inward in a manner that is consistent with the rip rap section provided in the Joint Permit Application (JPA).
- 2. Revised 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.

RESULT:

APPROVED [7-0, UNANIMOUS]

MOVER:

Jason Barney, Vice Chairman SECONDER: Katie Crum, Board Member

AYES:

Ballard, Barney, Schulman, Vail, Crum, Steinhilber, Helgren

ABSENT:

KYLE AND HEIDI SALWAY JOINT REVOCABLE TRUST 2022-WTRA-00186

PROJECT:

To construct rip rap revetment and return walls involving wetlands

LOCATION:

356 South Newtown Road 1609 contiguous to Canal to Eastern

Branch of Elizabeth River

SPEAKER:

FOR – David Harmeyer, Waterfront Consulting, Inc., Agent for Applicant

Upon motion by Mr. Barney, seconded by Ms. Crum, the application of Kyle and Heidi Salway Joint Revocable Trust was APPROVED, AS MODIFIED, WITH THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

- 1. The rip rap revetment shall be relocated 4.5 feet landward while maintaining the same design.
- 2. Canopy trees removed for the construction of the improvements shall be replaced at a 1 to 1 canopy tree replacement ratio.
- 3. Revised 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.

RESULT:

APPROVED [7-0, UNANIMOUS]

MOVER:

Jason Barney, Vice Chairman

SECONDER: Katie Crum, Board Member

AYES:

Ballard, Barney, Schulman, Vail, Crum, Steinhilber, Helgren

ABSENT:

AAM, LLC / PAMELA A. MORGAN TRUST 2022-WTRA-00187

PROJECT:

To construct rip rap revetment, coir logs, and plant vegetation involving

wetlands

LOCATION:

837 Coverdale Lane contiguous to Western Branch Lynnhaven

River

SPEAKER:

FOR – Billy Garrington, Governmental Permitting Services, Agent for Applicant

Vice Chair Barney requested that *Spartina alterniflora* be planted below MLW elevation and *Spartina patens* be planted above mean high water (MHW) elevation. Mr. Garrington informed Vice Chair Barney that they could take a look at that and note that on the revisions.

Upon motion by Mr. Barney, seconded by Ms. Crum, the application of **AAM**, **LLC** / **Pamela A. Morgan Trust** was **APPROVED**, **AS MODIFIED**, **WITH THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS**:

- 1. Following the installation of the wetland vegetation, an annual vegetation monitoring report shall be submitted to the Department of Planning & Community Development in mid-August for three (3) years. The annual report shall include photographs and a re-vegetation plan for any areas of where the vegetation has failed to establish.
- 2. The proposed coir log, as specified on the Joint Permit Application (JPA) shall be extended to the north under the existing wood pier at a suitable elevation terminating at the edge of the existing vegetated wetlands along the north side of the lot.
- 3. The proposed coir log shall be relocated seaward of the existing wetland vegetation at or above mean low water (MLW) elevation.
- 4. Specify the proposed rip rap revetment toe width and depth on the JPA.
- 5. Permanent and / or temporary soil stabilization measures shall be applied to all disturbed and denuded areas along the graded bank and landward of the rip rap revetment once the specified grade elevation is achieved. All disturbed or denuded areas shall be stabilized in accordance with the Virginia Erosion and Sediment Control Law and Regulations.
- Mature trees exist adjacent to tidal waters, the select removal of lower tree limbs shall be performed thereby permitting sunlight to interface with tidal fringe marsh.

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7. Revised 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.

RESULT:

APPROVED [7-0, UNANIMOUS]

MOVER:

Jason Barney, Vice Chairman **SECONDER:** Katie Crum, Board Member

AYES:

Ballard, Barney, Schulman, Vail, Crum, Steinhilber, Helgren

ABSENT:

At 10:34 AM the September 19, 2022, 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