

The Franklin County Advisory Board of Adjustment met in regular session on Wednesday, September 5, 2012, at the Franklin County Courthouse Annex. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Vance Millender, who thereafter presided.

Attendance was as follows:

PRESENT:

Vance Millender ---- Chairman
Joe Hambrose -----Member
Gill Autrey -----Member
Mitch Griner -----Member
Michael Shuler -----Attorney
Rachel Ward----- Zoning Director

ABSENT:

Larry Hale ----- Member

The first item on the agenda was approval of the minutes of the meeting held July 11, 2012 as mailed. On motion by Member Griner, seconded by Member Autrey, and by unanimous vote, it was agreed to approve the minutes as mailed.

The second item on the agenda was for consideration of a request for a variance to construct a rip rap revetment within the Critical Habitat Zone on property described as Lot 7, Kinja Bay Subdivision, St. George Island, Franklin County, Florida. The request was submitted by Dan Garlick of Garlick Environmental Associates, Inc. as agent for Paul Aughtry, III, owner.

Ms. Rachel Ward informed the members that she had received numerous objections for the project from other home owners in the Cara Bay Estates, an adjacent Subdivision.

Mr. Dan Garlick said he was surprised by the objections because he had installed the existing breakwater 3-4 years ago and now there is a problem which is causing erosion. Mr. Garlick stated that Mr. Vester, the neighbor to the East of Mr. Aughtry, had already spoken with him about doing this same type project on his property. He said the property to the west is a common marsh area. He did not know why they would object.

The members discussed the request in some length. Member Mitch Griner inquired about the objections regarding the lot. Ms. Ward explained that the letters of objection had not given reason for the objections. Ms. Ward suggested that the request be tabled until such time that Mr. Garlick could meet with the adjoining property owners to see if they could come to an agreement. She noted that Mr. Vester was the only one with a legitimate objection.

Mr. Garlick said he had been working with Mr. Vester to do the same thing on his lot next door. Mr. Garlick stated that time is of the essence because the erosion is getting worse and we are in the middle of hurricane season.

Member Autry made a motion to recommend the Board of County Commission approve the request on condition that Mr. Garlick talk to neighbors and come to an agreement before commencing with the project. The motion was seconded by Member Mitch Griner and approved by unanimous vote of the members present.

The third item on the agenda was a request for a variance to construct a rip-rap revetment within the Critical Habitat Zone on property described as Lot 9, BRE, Inc., Alligator Point, Franklin County, Florida. The request was submitted by Randy Taylor, agent for Pier 9, LLC.

Rachel Ward explained that the lot is an unbuildable lot with an existing dock. She noted that the request is to preserve and protect what remains of the lot and road and to protect the existing dock. The lot was purchased in 2006 and already has lost 6-8 feet to erosion since purchased.


Ms. Ward inquired of Mr. Taylor as to whether he understood that the lot would still be an unbuildable lot. Mr. Taylor said he did realize this and his intent was to protect what was left of the lot and dock.

Member Autrey noted that although he had the same last name (spelled differently), he is in no way related to the property owner.

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On motion by Member Joe Hambrose, seconded by Member Gill Autrey and by unanimous vote, it was agreed to recommend to the Board of County Commission that the request be approved as submitted.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.



Vance Millender, Chairman

ATTEST:

Rachel L. Ward, Zoning Director