

January 4, 2007

The regular monthly meeting of the Oxford Board of Port Wardens was called to order by the chairman, Tom Campbell, at 7:00 p.m., in the meeting room of the Oxford Community Services Building.

Other board members in attendance were Harwood "Woody" Martin and Richard Johnson.

The minutes of the meeting of December 7, 2006 were approved and accepted as distributed.

A consultation was held with Attorney Bruce Armistead, who was representing the contract purchaser of 308 Tilghman Street. According to Mr. Armistead, the purchase of the property is contingent on a variety of things, one of which concerns a basin on the property. The contract purchaser is interested in restoring the basin by repairing and replacing an existing bulkhead. This would not include extending, going out further channelward, or enlarging the basin. The buyer would simply want to just repair the existing structures that are there, and, if possible, to dredge the basin. Mr. Martin asked how much they would want to dredge and if that would include and necessitate dredging the channel to access the basin. Mr. Armistead replied that they would probably want to dredge about 5 or 6 feet and that though the basin is almost at the channel, they would probably have to dredge to that point as well.

Mr. Campbell noted that several months ago, at a past Port Wardens meeting, he and Larry Murray (the only Port Wardens in attendance at that meeting) were approached by Realtors Jane McCarthy and Eddie Matthews who were also representing the same property and, according to Mr. Armistead, the same interested purchaser. At that time, Mr. Campbell and Mr. Murray both questioned why the prospective new owner would want to rehabilitate the existing pier on the property when it was already in good condition. Apparently, the individual interested in purchasing the property has a fairly large boat and they would like to have some birth and extra depth in the area for a boat that may draw a fair amount of water. At that time, both Mr. Campbell and Mr. Murray said that as far as they could tell, they did not see a problem with that but did express concerns as to whether or not the new owner would want to extend further channelwards.

All the Port Wardens present were in agreement that it would be hard for them to make any recommendations without having proper drawings to refer to and asked if Mr. Armistead could find the answers to certain questions such as: 1) how deep was the basin originally, 2) would the dilapidated bulkhead be extended out any further, and 3) would any construction take place further out into the creek. Mr. Armistead agreed to come back later with more details, and if given enough information, the Port Wardens agreed they could approve something subject to the purchase of the

actual purchase of the property.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Assistant Clerk