

December 3, 2009

The regular monthly meeting of the Oxford Board of Port Wardens was called to order by the chairman, Thomas Campbell, on Thursday, December 3, 2009 at 7:00 p.m., in the meeting room of the Oxford Community Services Building.

The only other board member in attendance was Stanley Bright.

It was agreed to dispense with the reading of the minutes of November until the next meeting in January.

A consultation was held with Sean Callahan from Lane Engineering. Mr. Callahan met with the board members on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. John Kimberly, property owners of 200 S. Morris Street. The Kimberlys would like to add on to their existing rip-rap in front of their house which faces onto the Tred Avon River. Currently there is a sea wall on the property having 3' that sticks out of the ground and another 6' below the ground. There is also a 3' cement walkway that is along the top of the existing rip-rap. Mr. Callahan indicated that the sea wall seems to be failing a bit along the top. The owners would like to bring the rip-rap up higher, over the concrete walk and up to a portion of the wall that is deflecting. Mr. Callahan added that he did not think the rip-rap would go out any further channelward then the existing rip-rap, as it would just be stacked on top of what is already there, including the walkway. Since the neighbors on either side have rip-rap, the Kimberlys would keep their rip-rap at the same elevations as their neighbor's rip-rap. He added that Mr. Kimberly had wanted to do the rip-rap work this winter and questioned whether or not he needed a permit to do so.

Mr. Campbell stated that he had gone to the site and noticed a lot of erosion behind the Kimberly's existing wall. In looking at the neighboring properties on either side, it appeared that they both had recently installed rip-rap and that they all seemed to go out the same distance channelward as the existing toe in front of the Kimberly property.

Mr. Bright asked Mr. Callahan to confirm that the Kimberly's did not expect to go further channelward. Mr. Callahan responded that was correct. He added that there were two or three stones that may be a foot or two channelward then the majority of the stones in front of the Kimberly's property, but that they would not be going any further channelward then the most channelward stones already existing on the Kimberly property. The purpose of the rip-rap work was just to stabilize the sea wall and match up to the neighbor's rip-rap.

Mr. Campbell noted that since there was already rip-rap on the Kimberly's property he was looking at this request as a maintenance project, and as such, it could be accepted and approved as maintenance and repair work to existing rip-rap. Though Mr. Campbell did not think it would require any permits he suggested that the contractor make sure that no permits were needed from the Army Corps of Engineers, MDE, etc.

Because this permit did not require a motion, Mr. Campbell told Mr. Callahan that the work could be done and that the board was approving this request under maintenance and repair work. Mr. Bright agreed adding that the minutes could show the conclusion of the board in case

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questions were to arise with regards to the proposed work Mr. Callahan had presented. Mr. Callahan noted that he was still waiting for the Army Corps and DNR to confirm that Mr. and Mrs. Kimberly did not need a permit. He added that if he got the go ahead from the Army Corps and DNR he would document both and submit them to the town. Mr. Campbell added that he would suggest that when George from Apple Marine Construction begins the work on the Kimberly property that he notify the town. He stressed how important it was for Apple Marine to notify the town rather than just going out and beginning a project without doing so.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Willoughby
Assistant Clerk