

May 6, 2010

The regular monthly meeting of the Oxford Board of Port Wardens was called to order by the chairman, Thomas Campbell, on Thursday, May 6, 2010, at 7 p.m., in the meeting room of the Oxford Community Services Building.

Other board members in attendance were Larry Murray and Nancy Cook.

The minutes of the meeting of March 4, 2010 were approved and accepted as distributed.

The board met with Tom Lane from Lane Engineering, who came before the board to represent Cynthia Egan, contract purchaser of the property at 215A and 215B South Street. Ms. Egan was seeking permission from the board to do repair work to the existing bulkhead on both properties. Mr. Lane verified that the bulkhead was failing due to rot and deterioration and presented pictures to the board, provided by Ms. Egan's building contractor, Delbert Adams, showing the extent of the rot. Mr. Campbell noted that if the owner was looking to put in riprap or a "tow in", either of those items would require a permit application. However, if they are planning to work within 18" of the existing bulkhead in an effort to make repairs to it, this would come under maintenance and repair and would not require a permit application. Mr. Campbell added that he would like whomever was going to be doing the repair work to notify Oxford's Public Works Superintendent, Scott Delude, prior to the start of work to check that the storm sewer drain, which discharges off from this property, is addressed correctly as well as inquiring with the MDE to ensure no permits need to be filed with them.

Mr. Campbell announced, for the record, that the board had received a letter from Robert Odle, Jr., property owner of 204 S. Morris St., who wrote with concerns regarding a possible Port of Port Wardens application for Kimberly Investments, LLC, who own the property at 200 S. Morris Street. Mr. Odle voiced concerns that their house project had taken a couple of years to complete and that he did not want the same thing to happen should they take on a project involving the water in front of their property. Mr. Campbell stated that Kimberly Investments had not filed for an application at this time, but if they do, Mr. Odle's letter would be attached to the application when it is received. At this time, there is no action that the Port Wardens can take.

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A brief discussion ensued regarding the rules for a live aboard permit for a vessel to be moored or berthed in the municipal waters of Oxford. A couple of changes were discussed and made which Mr. Murray offered to correct and to put in document form. He will then give a copy to Lillian Lord, Town Administrator, for her to pass on to the town attorney, David Thompson.

Mr. Murray reported on a recent meeting of the Maryland Department of Environment, DNR, ferry captain Thomas Bixler, and Public Works Superintendent, Scott Delude, who met with various architects in a pre-bid meeting to discuss the timber dock engineering services at the ferry (Town Bid #10-02). Some of the ideas which were brought forth at this meeting included the building of a dinghy dock and expansion of the dock.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Willoughby
Assistant Clerk