

August 6, 2015

The regular monthly meeting of the Oxford Board of Port Wardens was called to order by the chairman, Thomas Campbell, on Thursday, August 6, 2015, at 7:00 p.m., in the meeting room of the Oxford Community Services Building.

The only other board member in attendance was Larry Murray.

The minutes of the meeting of February 5, 2015 were approved and accepted as distributed.

Mr. Campbell announced that the board had a new member, John Pepe.

One mooring permit application was reviewed by the board members. The application was submitted by Edward McElhinny, requesting an mushroom anchor mooring. Mr. Campbell stated that he had met with Administrator Cheryl Lewis earlier in the day and was given a map pointing out the existing moorings and their locations. The office provided a suggestion as to where a new mooring could be place. Both members present agreed that the proposed location would be a suitable place for a new mooring. They requested that once the mooring has been installed that they be notified to verify the latitude and longitude.

A request was received from Walter Patton, property owner of 104 Sinclair Street, with a request to replace 15 existing old pilings with new ones in the same location. Mr. Campbell noted that the site plan provided did not show all the pilings to be replaced. He also expressed concern with three (3) of the existing pilings which are non-conforming and sit right on the property line. Mr. Campbell read aloud from the Oxford Zoning Ordinance which states, under Section 9.02.B., "No such structure mayh be moved by its owner for any reason for any distance whatever, unless it shall thereafter conform to the regulations for the district in which it is located after it is moved." He also quoted, in part, Section 9.02.C with states, "Should such structure be damaged or destroyed by any means to an extent of more than 50 percent of its replacement cost at the time of destruction, unless by malicious act, it shall not be reconstructed or restored except in conformance with the provisions of this ordinance." Both board members agreed that if Mr. Patton were to obtain a letter from his neighbor at 102 Sinclair Street stating that they were agreeable to the request to replace the pilings in the same location, then the Board of Port Wardens would also be in favor of granting the request. In closing, the board asked that a letter from the adjoining property owner be sent acknowledging that they were in favor of Mr. Patton replacing his pilings in kind in the same location.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Willoughby

Assistant Clerk