

August 3, 2017

The regular monthly meeting of the Oxford Board of Port Wardens was called to order by the chairman, Thomas Campbell, on Thursday, August 3, 2017, at 6:00 p.m., in the meeting room of the Oxford Community Services Building.

The only other board member in attendance was John Pepe.

The minutes of the meeting of June 1, 2017 were approved as written.

The board members met with Mr. and Mrs. David Crolund, property owners of 103 First Street, to discuss their desire to install a floating dock along their existing pier in order to easily launch their kayak. Mr. Crolund presented the board with a schematic of their existing dock layout. They explained that their desire is to purchase a 6' x 10' or 8' x 10' floating dock that would be tied up to the dock as if it were a boat. The board members reflected that this was more like a request for a utilities float to which the owners agreed. Mrs. Crolund added that the plan would be to remove the float and pull it onshore in the winter. Mr. Campbell explained that floating docks do require permits and applications with the MDE, and the Board of Port Wardens are still investigating the process that applicants need to take as there is a gray area with floats that are tied in slips as opposed to floats which are permanently attached with pilings and rings. Mr. Pepe added that he wanted to do research on his part prior to giving a final recommendation in order to find out the best and easiest way for the applicants to go through this. Mr. Campbell agreed with Mr. Pepe adding that the couple had a good drawing that they could use with their permit and that what they were proposing would be placed within the confines of their existing pier. Because it will not be a dock structure he felt it should be referred to as a floating maintenance platform. It was suggested the couple get their application into the Port Wardens and that they in turn will get back to them on any further information they receive. Mr. Crolund asked a general question about his bulkhead and what steps would be needed when he decides to do work on it. Mr. Campbell responded that he would need to file a Maintenance and Repair form with the Port Wardens as it would fall under that category. Permits are good for three years. Though riprap is more favorable with the MDE, in this case, bulkhead is already in place on the Crolund property and the adjoining neighbors all have bulkheads as well.

The port wardens briefly went over several requests for moorings. These included:

1. Schuyler Benson, resident at 101 Bayview Ave, for a Swan 53' fetch. Mr. Pepe made a motion to approve the application based on a proper location for the mooring to be approved at a later date. The motion was seconded by Mr. Campbell and unanimously carried.
2. Davenport West, resident at 805 S. Morris Street, for a 14' Studycat named Buttercup. Mr. Pepe made a motion to approve the application based on a proper location for the mooring.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Willoughby
Assistant Clerk