

June 1, 2017

The regular monthly meeting of the Oxford Board of Port Wardens was called to order by the chairman, Thomas Campbell, on Thursday, June 1, 2017, at 6:00 p.m., in the meeting room of the Oxford Community Services Building.

Also in attendance were members Larry Murray, John Pepe, and Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer, Cheryl Lewis.

The minutes of the last meeting of the board on September 1, 2016 were approved and accepted as distributed.

REQUEST FOR MAINTENANCE

The members reviewed a request for maintenance from Pier Street, LLC, located at 104 W. Pier Street. A gentleman by the name of Greg from Fink, Whitten, and Associates, LLC was present to address the application. Greg explained that the request was to replace a damaged pier using the same footprint. He added that the request for maintenance was still in the hands of the MDE but that notice had been received that there were no issues with the request as long as it was to be rebuilt exactly as it was before, and, as such, could be treated as a maintenance request. Mr. Murray asked if there would be any addition or redesign of the pier or if it would remain the same. Greg responded that in order for it to be treated as a maintenance repair with the MDE, it had to go back in the exact same footprint and built exactly as it had been. Mr. Pepe asked what the number of slips would be. Greg replied that the State was looking at it as having 8 but that they do not think of them as slips. He noted that the important aspect to the project was that if they were to add a finger pier, thus creating 2 more slips, the request would become much more complex. He also added that the State did not consider the poles already in this area as slips. Mr. Campbell reminded Greg that any approvals of requests by the Board of Port Wardens were based on approval by the State and Federal Government. Mr. Campbell made a motion to approve the request as submitted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Pepe and unanimously carried with all in favor. Mr. Campbell asked Greg if the State would fine any pumping station having over 10 slips. Greg responded that was correct and that it did not matter what kind of place it was – commercial, marina, or otherwise. Mr. Pepe asked Greg if he had looked into any grants dealing with pump out stations through the State of MD. Greg responded that he had not. Administrator Lewis asked the board if they knew who was handling the grants for pump-outs. Mr. Pepe responded that his wife (who works for the DNR) may know the answer to that question but that he thought it was under the Clean Marinas Program. Commissioner Abruzzese, who was also in attendance at the meeting, spoke suggesting that several long ladders be placed around the dock for the safety of the people tying up and getting off their boats to go onto the pier in order to go to the restaurant located on this property. Mr. Campbell added that he too would recommend that several ladders be placed on the dock along with a couple of throw rings, which is typical on any public landing.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Willoughby

Assistant Clerk