

July 11, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Oxford Board of Port Wardens was called to order by the chairman, Thomas Campbell, on Thursday, July 11, 2019, at 6:00 p.m., in the meeting room of the Oxford Community Service Building.

Other commission members in attendance were Larry Murray and Robert Hyberg.

The minutes of the meeting of April 4, 2019 were approved and accepted as distributed.

#### **REQUESTS FOR MAINTENANCE WORK**

An application was received from Ian Scott, property owner of 213 South Street, to replace a broken piling out by his pier. Chairman Campbell explained that Mr. Scott's neighbor had knocked down the existing piling by accident. The members all agreed they had no problem with the request to replace the piling in the same location. Mr. Murray made a motion that the application be approved as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hyberg and unanimously carried with all in favor.

The Port Wardens next reviewed a maintenance application from Dennis and Gail Jackman, property owners of 110 Richardson Street, with a request to perform dredging. The Jackman's were represented by Dani Walton with Lane Engineering. Ms. Walton explained that the owners have secured their permits from the state to dredge the area which will be tied into the dredging work being done at Jack's Point Marina. Chairman Campbell noted that the applicants had received approval from the Board of Public Works along with a designated spoil site which will be on the Diefenderfer property located on Sanderstown Road in Trappe, MD. Mr. Murray commented that he had no problem with the application and made a motion to accept the maintenance application as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hyberg and unanimously carried with all in favor.

A final maintenance application was reviewed pertaining to the property owner by Herb and Linda Fredeking located at 5012 Hel's Half Acre Road who were requesting to repair existing riprap and replace an existing pier. Dani Walton from Lane Engineering represented the applicants. Chairman Campbell stated that he had been down to look at the property and noted that there was an existing pier in place that would be grandfathered as it did not meet the current setback requirements. He added, for the record, that a letter had been received from the Fredeking's neighbor, James Bittle, stating that he had no objection with the request and was fine with his neighbors wanting to replace their pier, in kind, where it is now. Mr. Murray asked for confirmation that when the pier was originally built, that this property was not incorporated into the town. Chairman Campbell confirmed that was correct and stated that if the Port Wardens were to approve the request, it would be with the stipulation that the owners make sure they do not have to have any permits from the state or MDE and to clarify back to the board that that is true. Eric Bridges, from Bridges Land Management, who was also representing the applicant, stated that he was sure that nothing else was required because everything being requested already existed. Mr. Hyberg asked what the process was to repair existing riprap. He

was told that the repair constituted installing new barrier clothing backing and adding additional riprap. Mr. Hyberg made a motion to accept the application as presented with the stipulation that they (the applicants) have all necessary approvals from the State that are required. The motion was seconded by Mr. Murray and unanimously carried with all in favor.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Chairman Campbell reminded the board members of a permit they had approved for Myles Taylor, property owner of 304 Market Street, to install a dock and perform bulkhead work. The owner, Mr. Taylor, recently made a request to move his previously approved permit for the installation of a dock approximately 12' from the location in which it had been approved by the board. Chairman Campbell stated that he did not think the Board of Port Wardens would have a problem with the request but that the applicant would need to get approval from the other agencies involved. Mark Hill, from Bailey Marine, confirmed that he had spoken with the Assistant Clerk, Lisa Willoughby, who had spoken with the town's attorney about the request, and that the attorney had confirmed with her that MDE permits were needed and that was what he and Mr. Taylor were waiting for now. Mr. Hill asked the board if they could approve the request to move the dock an additional 12' from what was previously approved pending permits from the MDE and Army Corps so that he would not have to come back before the board again. Chairman Campbell responded that the board met every month and therefore he and Mr. Taylor could wait until they have what they need to present to the board.

Chairman Campbell stated that he had received a note from Doldon Moore re. Brewar Oxford Boatyard and Marina, in response to the request made by the board members at their March 2019 meeting for clarification covering the proposed kayak ramp, detail on the ramp going down to the floating piers and main marina, and the bulkhead. Mr. Moore's letter clarified that there will be gangways as shown on sheets C-2 and C-3 as well as clarifying the kayak landing and the language used to describe the cap of the bulkheading as found on sheet C-2. To clarify, Chairman Campbell stated that Brewars was going to replace the bulkhead either in kind, which the board approved, or come out 18" channelward further from the fuel dock, if needed, which the board did not approve and had informed the applicant that they would need to come back before the board if they decided to go that route. A letter had previously been received from the next door neighbor of the marina, Sidney Campen, Jr., who had written that he had no problems with the placement of the kayak ramp. The board members were satisfied that the letter written by Mr. Moore, dated March 13, 2019, had sufficiently answered their previous request for additional information.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

A note had been received from Weems Brothers who were looking into obtaining some information regarding the property at 305 Market Street with regards to extending out the harbor line. Chairman Campbell noted that the board's hands were tied and that there was not much they could do to change the harbor line as it exists today. However, he thought the board could look into if the Commissioners were agreeable for them to do so. Mr. Hyberg suggested that the entire harborline be looked at as a whole. Chairman Campbell agreed and

offered to talk to Administrator Cheryl Lewis in person to find out if the Commissioners would like the board to pursue the idea further.

In closing, Chairman Campbell stated that the Commissioners are in the process of asking town resident Robert Trevorrow to become a member of the Board of Port Wardens.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Willoughby

Assistant Clerk