

June 7, 2018

The regular monthly meeting of the Oxford Board of Port Wardens was called to order by the chairman, Thomas Campbell, on Thursday, June 7, 2018 at 6:00 p.m., in the meeting room of the Oxford Community Services Building.

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

The minutes of the meeting of May 3, 2018 were approved and accepted as distributed.

A consultation was held with Sean Callahan, from the engineering firm of Lane Engineering along with the contract purchasers who were interested in purchasing the property at 305 Market Street. The purchasers are looking to remove and replace the existing home on the property. Mr. Callahan explained that the property houses a unique dock with a center piling that goes out beyond the harbor line that has been in place for as long as anyone can remember. Half of the existing pilings are in poor condition. The prospective owners stated that their intention is not to run a commercial marina on the property even though it is zoned Maritime and that the property would serve to house their primary residence. The existing dock is narrow and unstable. The couple explained that they would like to rebuild/replace the dock with a normal 5 to 6 ft. wide pier. They also noted that they would like to maintain as many of the existing slips that they could. Mr. Campbell stated that the dock could be replaced at the same length it is now and that he did not see a problem if they chose to widen it 5'. Mr. Campbell also explained the town's harbor line and that existing elements beyond the harbor line are grandfathered and can be replaced in kind and kept. However, those are the only things that can go beyond the harbor line; all new construction must be kept behind the harbor line. Mr. Beavers, one of the contract purchasers, spoke of possibly creating a larger area on the pier where some chairs could be set. Mr. Campbell stated that there was a formula to follow for building platforms. Mr. Callahan added that the State allows for a 200 sq. ft. platform. The existing riprap on the property was also mentioned. Mr. Campbell stated that if the couple was thinking only of fixing up the existing riprap and not coming out any further channelward, it would fall under maintenance. In ending the consultation, the board reminded the couple that they could not extend out any further channelward from that which was existing but that there was some flexibility with regards to the interior. The couple was also reminded that the State and Army Corps of Engineers would have to approve whatever they decided to do over the water.

Mr. Campbell recused himself from the board in order to represent the Tred Avon Yacht Club. Mr. Campbell stated that he was the Chairman of the TAYC's Maintenance Committee. He explained that the club recently installed some new floating docks and that the recent extreme tides and overabundance of rain that the town has recently experienced has resulted in an erosion problem at the club, especially near the junior's sailing shed. Photos were provided to the board members for reference. The proposal is to do some maintenance work in this area by dropping in some filter cloth and adding 6 to 8 inches of rip-rap to stabilize the area. Mr. Campbell noted that some other maintenance work needed to be done on the other side which would also involve using filter cloth and stone as well as adding in some sand in order to reclaim some of the grasses there and stabilize the area.

He added that the junior sailing program was starting soon and the work needed to be done soon as a matter of safety since these problem areas were also launch areas for the juniors. Mr. Murray stated that the work looked feasible and moved to approve the application as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hyberg and carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Willoughby

Assistant Clerk



