

April 8, 2021

The regular monthly meeting of the Oxford Board of Port Wardens was called to order by the Chairman, Thomas Campbell, on Thursday, April 8, 2021, at 6:00 p.m., via "Zoom" due to the on-going pandemic of a virus known as Covid-19.

Other members participating in the virtual meeting included board members Robert Hyberg and Robert Trevorrow, along with Town Manager, Cheryl Lewis.

The minutes of March 11, 2021 were approved and accepted as distributed.

The following application was reviewed by the board:

- Permit #20-05, Penny Klotz, 207 South Street, revision to permit application to replace existing bulkhead in-kind, remove 2 existing piers and construct a single pier with a platform, finger pier, and 3 mooring piles. Ms. Klotz, along with Dani Walton from Lane Engineering, were virtually present to discuss the application. Chairman Campbell briefly explained that last year Ms. Klotz had met with the board and presented her application to remove and relocate her piers, do bulkhead work and put in a boatlift. During that initial presentation, several existing non-conformities were discussed along with some concerns of the Port Wardens. Chairman Campbell noted that Ms. Klotz has now come back before the board with an application that has addressed all the concerns that had been previously discussed. Chairman Campbell read aloud the description of the application noting that Ms. Klotz had decided not to apply for the boatlift or relocation of the boatlift on the application. Ms. Walton spoke confirming that Ms. Klotz had decided not to pursue the boatlift but had gone ahead and applied for it at the State and Federal levels. Chairman Campbell noted, for the record, that the next-door neighbor to the north of Ms. Klotz's property, has signed a document verifying she approved of the solution for the bulkhead on the northern corner as previously discussed in Ms. Klotz's meeting with the Port Wardens on December 10, 2020. Also received was a letter from Mr. and Mrs. Devlin, property owners at 211 South Street, in opposition to the boatlift, which, as pointed out by Chairman Campbell, was not a factor in this application but will go in the file. Board member Robert Trevorrow spoke stating that the 3 pilings to the north weren't mentioned but they looked to be complying. Chairman Campbell asked if the timber pier was fixed. Ms. Walton responded that it was. Mr. Hyberg spoke stating that he was in favor of what was presented and that it enhanced the waterway and appearance along the shoreline. Chairman Campbell agreed and offered his appreciation to both Ms. Walton and Ms. Klotz for the solving of four (4) non-conformities. Mr. Hyberg made a motion that the board accept the application as submitted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Trevorrow and unanimously carried with all in favor. Chairman Campbell personally thanked Ms. Klotz for solving the non-conformities her property. Ms. Klotz agreed it would approve the appearance of the property on the waterside and offered her appreciation to the board for their help and guidance. Chairman Campbell added, for the record, that the permit was contingent on the approval of all State and Federal permits.

Old Business

Manager Lewis reported that the permits of Megan Hauck and Rebecca Keegan would be coming back to the Port Wardens in May for review and that the town attorney would be preparing protocol and procedure to make the process easier. The meeting will be virtual.

Prior to adjourning, Mr. Hyberg asked about the harbor line and the discussion that had taken place in the past of submitting idea to Manager Lewis and whether Manager Lewis still wanted to pursue that. Manager Lewis responded that the board could look at the harbor line at any of their meetings that they wanted to as she could bring it up on-line and she and the group could talk about it. The board also has the option of looking at it individually and then discussing the things they feel she and the group should look at together as a whole. She noted that originally when the harbor line was drawn, it severed many of the dock so there may have been some intent there. However, now, in the present environment, the town encourages marinas and maritime use so it may be necessary just to look at the areas where the docks have been severed. It was agreed by all that it was worth making individual notes.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Willoughby

Assistant Clerk