

April 14, 2022

The regular monthly meeting of the Oxford Board of Port Wardens was called to order by the chairman, Thomas Campbell, on Thursday, April 14, 2022.

Other board members in attendance were Robert Hyberg and Robert Trevorrow. Also in attendance was Town Manager Cheryl Lewis.

The minutes of the meeting of March 10, 2022 were approved and accepted as distributed.

The following permit was reviewed by the Board:

- Commissioners of Oxford, Strand Road, provide shoreline erosion control and resilience to coastal flooding via implementation of living shoreline techniques in several locations along the Strand Road. Manager Lewis presented a large diagram of the proposed changes that were distributed to the board members and members of the audience. The permit request includes proposed living shoreline improvements at the Strand Beach, Strand Parking Lot, to the east of the Ferry Slip, between the existing Ferry Living Shoreline and the Tred Avon Yacht Club, and at the West Strand Beach. One owner of a condo in the Tred Avon Condominium building commented on water depth and presented a few photos of water intrusion within the Tred Avon Condominium parking lot in support of the project. There was discussion of the flooding issues and other concerns. Lewis offered that this project would reduce the impacts during stormy weather to the shoreline thereby reducing the threat to the town infrastructure located between the Strand Road and the Strand Beach, although she also pointed out it would not completely protect the area from rising water due to an extremely high tide event, as it was not possible to elevate the entire area. Lewis stated the permit was currently under review with the State and Army Corps and issuances was anticipated. At this time, she was asking the Port Wardens for their approval, understanding that any permit would be pending state and federal approval. Following further discussion Mr. Hyberg made a motion to approve the permit pending state and federal approved. Mr. Trevorrow seconded the motion, which was unanimously carried with all in favor.

This concluded the review of the permit application.

The following maintenance permits were then discussed:

- Justin Warner, 311-313 S. Morris Street, replace stringers, split pile claps, caps, and decked as needed; all in-kind replacement. Mr. Warner was present to discuss his request. Photos were provided to the members showing the areas and conditions of the items which Mr. Warner was requesting to repair. It was agreed by all that the permit was straightforward. Mr. Hyberg made a motion to approve the maintenance work as requested and presented in the application. The motion was seconded by Mr. Trevorrow and unanimously carried with all in favor.
- MKW Family, LLC, 209 South Street, repair and replace existing pilings. Visuals of the condition of the pilings were presented which clearly indicated the need for the pilings to be replaced. Sweitzer Marine would be doing the work. The new pilings would be going in the same location

as those being removed. Mr. Hyberg made a motion to approve the maintenance work as request and presented in the application. The motion was seconded by Mr. Trevorrow and unanimously carried with all in favor.

- Tred Avon Yacht Club, W. Strand, replace sand with filter cloth, 6" rocks and sand; plant water grass between rocks. Chairman Campbell recused himself from the meeting in order to present the request. He explained that the work would be done on the east side beach of the yacht club, next to their center fixed pier. Photos were presented clearly showing parts of an old filter cloth that has become exposed over time. Mr. Campbell commented that the permit was needed to be done before the resilience project started and that it would be consistent with the town's resilience to coastal flooding techniques. Mr. Trevorrow made a motion to approve the maintenance permit as submitted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hyberg and carried. This concluded the review of maintenance permits.

CONSULTATION

A consultation was held with Justin Warner, property owner of 311-313 S. Morris Street to discuss the possibility of installing a floating dock on his property. Chairman Campbell noted that Mr. Warner's property is zoned Maritime Commercial whereby the permitting process varies from properties zoned as Residential when it comes to the MDE and the Oxford Zoning Ordinance. In looking over what Mr. Warner presented, Chairman Campbell felt the proposed floating dock would be acceptable but that it would need Federal and State approval, along with the town approval, before any work could begin.

NEW BUSINESS

Manager Lewis presented the draft of Ordinance 2202 – **AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF OXFORD TO AMEND THE HARBOR LINE TO ELIMINATE THE NONCONFORMING STATUS OF SEVERAL EXISTING PIERS AFFIXED TO PROPERTIES WITHIN TOWN CREEK IN THE ARE KNOWN AS CROCKETT'S COVE.** It was noted that this had been discussed in the Port Wardens meeting on March 10, 2022, as a result of Robert Fay's proposal to change the harbor line, as it pertains to his property on Market Street, to meet his requests to remove and replace his existing docks and that the members had made a favorable recommendation as to what Mr. Fay was proposing. Since that time, the Commissioners had been provided a text of an ordinance and shown Mr. Fay's proposals. The Commissioners were all in agreement that the ordinance should correct the entire layout of the harbor line as found in Crockett's Cove, including Mr. Fay's problem. The members were all in favor of the ordinance as shown and agreed to begin reviewing other potential future revisions to the existing harbor line to continue to reduce the non-conformities caused by the placement of the harbor line intersecting existing docks.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Willoughby
Assistant Clerk