

November 10, 2022

The regular monthly meeting of the Oxford Board of Port Wardens was called to order by the Chairman, Thomas Campbell, on Thursday, November 10, 2022, at 6:00 p.m., in the meeting room of the Oxford Community Services Building.

Other board members in attendance were Robert Trevorrow and Robert Hyberg. Also in attendance was Oxford Planner Maria Brophy.

The minutes of the meeting of August 18, 2022 and October 13, 2022 were approved and accepted as distributed.

The following permit was reviewed by the board:

- Continuation of Permit #22-03, Robert Fay, 305 Market Street, request to remove an existing pier and construct a new pier with 3 finger piers, 4 boat slips, and 7 mooring piles. Mr. Fay, along with Dani Racine from Lane Engineering, were present to discuss the application. Ms. Racine reminded the members that this was a continuation of an application they had seen before (back in February of 2022) and since that time the applicant has received all his State and Federal approval permits along with the approval, by the Commissioner of Oxford, to amend the harbor line in Crockett's Cove. She added that Mr. Fay was looking for final approval of the application, noting that the layout had changed slightly from what the board reviewed back in February. The applicant is still proposing to remove his existing pier and construct a new pier. However, Mr. Fay is now requesting 3 finger piers (as opposed to the 4 finger piers he had previously presented) and 7 mooring pilings (as opposed to the original request for 8). Ms. Racine also noted that the application also proposes to remove Mr. Fay's existing floating dock because the State considered the "L" portion of the pier to be a platform and should Mr. Fay retain his existing floating dock, he would exceed the 200 sq. ft. limit as authorized by the State. It was pointed out that a minor change to the layout was being proposed that would shift the new pier 7' to the right, as referenced on a drawing done on 10/26/22, highlighted in red. Ms. Racine stated that the shift was relatively close to what was shown in the permit drawing provided to the state and that it still would comply with all the setbacks, but since the location of the pier was relatively close to the property, it was thought it would be better to move it slightly further away from that property line. Ms. Racine added that she wanted to confirm with the board members that they were agreeable to this minor change. Chairman Campbell stated that he thought the relocation of the pier was a wise decision on the part of the applicant, that this was a better application as it relates to the other commercial property next door, and that by relocating the dock it creates other opportunities within the expanse of Mr. Fay's property bounds. In looking at the State permit, Chairman Campbell believed that because the same configuration was being kept, as approved by the State, there would not be any concerns with moving the pier over slightly, as it would still be within the town's setbacks. Ms. Racine confirmed that the State and Federal agencies did not regulate town setbacks and therefore this would not require reapplying to these agencies for a change. Mr. Hyberg asked if the dock would be going out 6' and would be 4' wide. Ms. Racine responded that was correct, as approved in both the State and Federal permits. Mr. Hyberg made a motion to approve the application as submitted within the inclusion of moving the entire

configuration over 7'. Chairman Campbell added to the motion the words "per the revision drawing of 10/26/22". The motion, in its entirety, were seconded by Mr. Trevorrow and unanimously carried with all in favor. Chairman Campbell ended the review by stating that he thought both the town and the board had tried to solve the issues presented early on with this application that were good for both the town and the applicant.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Willoughby

Assistant Clerk