

May 11, 2023

The regular monthly meeting of the Oxford Board of Port Wardens was called to order by the Chairman, Thomas Campbell, on Thursday, May 11, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. in the meeting room of the Oxford Community Services Building.

Also in attendance were members Robert Hyberg, Robert Trevorrow, and Henry Hale. Also in attendance was Town Planner Maria Brophy.

The minutes of the previous meeting of April 13, 2023, were not available at this time and will be reviewed at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

The following permit was reviewed by the board:

- Permit #23-03, John Miller and Mary Ann McCleary, 102 and 104 Jefferson Street, request to stabilize 91 linear feet of shoreline with a living shoreline along with installation of an osprey pole. Mr. Miller explained to the members that the area halfway down his properties to the property at 100 Jefferson Street is deteriorating and flooding that neighbor's property. The plan is to work with their neighbor on this project, which would involve restoring the shoreline and preventing future deterioration of the properties. The application also mentioned the request of an osprey pole which Mr. Miller noted had been approved by the State but was a matter which he wanted to discuss with his neighbors. Chairman Campbell offered his encouragement for the osprey project. In going over the application, Mr. Hale noted that the living shoreline project was nicely configured. Mr. Miller responded that he looked forward to doing the project and that the majority of the work would be done on the land side, adding that a landscaper would be brought in to temporarily move the existing plants on the property and replant them after the work has been done. A minor buffer management plan was submitted with the application that was put together by Lane Engineering along with the approval letter from the MD Department of the Environment. Mr. Hale asked if Mr. Miller would be removing an existing floating platform on his property. Mr. Miller responded that he would and that its removal was contingent on receiving his approval from the MDE, adding that the MDE stated he could keep it in place until the last minute. A motion was made by Mr. Hale to approve the application as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Trevorrow and unanimously carried with all in favor.

Chairman Campbell presented a maintenance application for Gerald Cooper and Nancy Van Gulick, property owners at 104 Myrtle Avenue. Chairman Campbell explained that someone had driven their boat into the couple's slips and broke 2 of the pilings and left, adding that the couple were the victims of someone else's doing. Mr. Hale made a motion to approve the application to repair the dock pilings as submitted. All were in favor of the repair.

Prior to closing, Planner Brophy presented a document that mooring holder Schuyler Benson dropped off at the town office with the request that he wanted the Port Wardens opinion on regarding the replacement of his existing anchor with a Helix mooring system. Chairman Campbell spoke stating that there were other kinds of Helix anchors out in the creek now and that he, himself, favored that style. Mr. Trevorrow

added that they were solid and could go down about 16', adding that he had one and that he thought there were different sizes available for different sized boats. No one expressed any concern for Mr. Benson's desire to change the type of his anchoring system.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Willoughby

Assistant Clerk