

August 10, 2023

The regular monthly meeting of the Oxford Port Wardens was called to order by the Acting Chairman, Robert Trevorror, on Thursday, August 10, 2023, at 5:00 p.m., in the meeting room of the Oxford Community Services Building.

Other board members in attendance were Henry Hale and Robert Hyberg, along with Town Planner Maria Brophy.

The minutes of the meeting of July 13, 2023, were approved and accepted as distributed.

The following applications were reviewed by the commission:

1. Permit # 23-06, David and Tracy Cronlund, 103 First Street, request to replace 59 linear feet of timber bulkhead, including a 19 foot return. Mr. Cronlund presented the application stating that they had been working with Lane Engineering on the project and had received their approvals from MDE and the Army Corp of Engineers. Kathleen Case, neighbor, and representative of the Oxford Landing Homeowner's Association, spoke stating that the association members were in full support of the project. This was echoed in letters of support received from neighbors Nancy Karch, Bruce Martin, and Becky and Steve Mulholland. A motion was made by Robert Hyberg to approve the application, which was seconded by Mr. Hale and unanimously carried with all in favor.
2. Permit #23-05, Aaron Williams and Sayre Matthew, 214 S. Morris Street, request to replace 61 linear feet of timber bulkhead and an existing pier, platform, and mooring piles, along with the installation of a boat lift. Neither Mr. Williams nor Ms. Matthew were present to discuss their application. The members all agreed that the application did not look questionable and that they had visited the site. No neighboring property owners were present to voice any concerns. Approval letters from both the State and Federal agencies were attached with the application. Mr. Hyberg made a motion to approve the application for 214 S. Morris Street to replace 61 feet of timber bulkhead and an existing pier, platform, and mooring piles and to install a boat lift. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hale and unanimously carried with all in favor.

This concluded the review of permit applications.

A brief discussion took place concerning floating docks. Mr. Hyberg stated he had been made aware that the board may be receiving up to 3 new requests for floating docks and expressed his concern that the board may have made a mistake in ever allowing them to happen. Mr. Trevorror stated that he would refer to the MDE as a backup for any decision made by the board as the MDE will not allow for floating docks in shallow water where there is vegetation growing, noting that the MDE had given their approval for the recent platform installed in the waters off of South Street. Mr. Hyberg was of the opinion that what the property owner on South Street installed was a plastic float, not a platform, and nothing like what he thought would be installed. It was agreed that the board members should discuss this at greater length at their next meeting when all the members of the board are present. Mr. Hale offered to do some research with MDE to see what they information could provide on floating docks. Planner

Brophy added that she would look into the possibility of having a member of the MDE attending a future Port Warden meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Willoughby

Assistant Clerk