

March 14, 2024

The regular monthly meeting of the Oxford Board of Port Wardens was called to order by the Chairman, Thomas Campbell, on Thursday, March 14, 2024, at 5:00 p.m., in the meeting room of the Oxford Community Services Building.

Board members present were Henry Hale, Robert Trevorrow, and Robert Hyberg.

Chairman Campbell warmly welcomed and presented Oxford's new Town Planner, Marilyn Williams, to the board members.

REQUEST FOR MAINTENANCE WORK

Mr. Peter Dierks, marina manager for DiMillos Marina, located at 202 Banks Street, presented the marina's request to replace four (4) existing finger piers, in kind. Mr. Dierks explained that when the marina was purchased, approximately three years ago, most of the docks were in disrepair. The plan is to start with the repair of four of the finger piers, which are in a dangerous state, and replace them in kind. Chairman Campbell stated that he had looked at the finger piers and agreed that they were poor shape, noting that this request would fall under the heading of maintenance and repair since no changes would be made. Mr. Hyberg asked how replaced finger piers would be stabilized. Mr. Dierks explained that new watertight floats would be added. No other questions were received. Mr. Hale made a motion to approve the application from DiMillos for maintenance repairs. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hyberg and unanimously approved with all in favor.

REQUEST FOR MOORING

A mooring application was received from William Wrightson. Chairman Campbell explained to Ms. Williams that the board has been trying to get mooring applicants to come before the board and present to the board a spot or two where they would like to have a mooring so that the board members can have an idea of where they would like to go and approve their request, if possible. He noted that the board has been working with Jeff Mathias, owner, operator, and diver of Mathias Marine Services, in aiding the board with available mooring locations, as well as working off a mooring location map that Mr. Mathias had put together for the town. Because Mr. Wrightson was not present at this meeting and no one was aware of where the applicant wanted to place a mooring, the application was deferred until a future meeting in which the applicant could be present. Chairman Campbell suggested that a letter be written to Mr. Wrightson stating that the Port Wardens needed more information, along with sending him a copy of the mooring map.

Prior to adjourning, Chairman Campbell welcomed a member of audience who introduced himself as local resident Curt Reintsma. Mr. Reintsma explained to the board that he was a member of a recently formed steering committee of individuals concerned about sea level rise in Oxford and that their committee would be presenting a 3 part series to learn, discuss and explore options regarding sea level rise. The purpose of the committee is to create engagement and awareness and seek community participation. Mr. Reintsma wanted to make the Port Wardens aware of the group. Chairman Campbell thanked Mr. Reintsma for the information, noting that he understood the situation.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Willoughby

Assistant Clerk