# COMMISSIONERS OF OXFORD Regular Meeting Minutes July 23, 2024

The Commissioners Meeting was held in the Oxford Commissioners meeting room on Tuesday, July 23, 2024. Meeting was called to order and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **PRESENT**

Attending the meeting were Commissioner Norm Bell, Pres., Commissioner Tom Costigan, Commissioner Greer, Chief Chris Phillips, Town Planner Marilyn Williams, Clerk/Treasurer Vickie Sharp, Attorney Lyndsey Ryan and Public Works Matt Ozman. Approximately 43 people were in attendance along with individuals attending virtually.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Oxford Commissioners will vote to go into Closed Session following this open session on this  $23^{rd}$  day of July 2024 under the Open Meetings Act, General Provisions Art. Sub-Section 3-305(b) -1 – To discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom it has jurisdiction.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Greer motioned to table the meeting minutes for July 9, 2023, pending revisions until the next meeting. Commissioner Costigan seconded the motion, all were in favor, and the motion carried.

### **PUBLIC WORKS REPORT**

A new water fountain has been installed at the tennis courts. We also installed a weatherproof bulletin board, if you want to post information you will need to go to the Town Office and drop off and they will see it gets on the board, they have the key. The Town Park water fountain is temporarily working we were able to finagle a part to get it working, a new fountain will be installed soon. The Well 2 control panel has had repairs. Hill's electric has been working with us in finding the exact cause. They are excellent to work with. Lawn mower maintenance and general maintenance on equipment has been completed for the month. It's been extremely hot and we're finally starting to get a little bit of rain now, and things are starting to look up out there in the tree world and bush world. We want to give a big shout out to the volunteers that were actually able to help out and keep things watered. We have water bags around the younger trees and we are finally starting to get a little bit of rain.

#### **POLICE REPORT**

Chief Phillips went of the stats from Talbot County Sheriff's office and the Town of Oxford. The time frame is shorter for the period of July 9<sup>th</sup> – July 17<sup>th</sup>. This will be posted on Facebook as well. We did 15 total calls, no actual reports or investigations during that time. A combination of traffic stops and citations, we had a total enforcement of about 25 during that time. You'll also notice on the posted stats, the bottom section I used to have more specific information about some of the traffic stops because I thought people might find them interesting. Currently we have 3 applications for the Citizens Police Academy, would like to see a few more, we are aiming for at least 15, the Academy will start in September and finish early December. Applications are available here tonight and down at the Police Department. If you attended this last time, come again as we have added new classes. I attended the Steering Committee meeting in Easton on July 16th, this is a meeting of the Police

Chiefs and leaders from the County to talk about the happenings in the County. There was a plane crash in Talbot County on July 16<sup>th</sup> as well.

#### **TOWN PLANNER REPORT**

Matt and I went to Tilghman Street to look at the bulkhead, there is a 31-foot stretch section of the bulkhead that needs immediate repair or as soon as possible repair. I have submitted some pictures, it's in pretty bad shape, and we'd like to have approval to do a request for bids and get it advertised for repairs. Once we have the guotes in, for the cost to repair, we will come back and discuss the next process. There are signs of water intrusion that's affecting the parking lot, as well in that section. Commissioner Greer is good with the RFP, asked Vickie, if she inherit any kind of capital improvement plan or list or spreadsheet? Vickie state, I would have to go back and check to see if I have anything. Commissioner Greer stated, we'd want to get the costs, and then we'd want to look at our total CIP and decide what we were going to prioritize. Marilyn stated it needs to be high, high priority, as it has been pushed off and maybe not even brought to your attention. Commissioner Greer state, the first I've seen it was in the packet. Marilyn stated having been out there today, we did meet with our title wetlands person from MDE we wanted her to see it as well as we showed her a few projects around and talked to her about a few things. We'll need an MDE permit eventually to be able to do these repairs. Commissioner Greer asked how did this come to attention. Matt, brought this repair forward as it involves one-finger pier. This area has deteriorated to the point it had to be patched and the patch is starting to give way. The top runners are now starting to rot and has pulled away from the finger pier and bulkhead. Three pilings are the only thing holding things together. Commissioner Costigan went to the site and questioned vehicles parking in the parking lot on top of the area of concern. Matt does not know how far the moisture is going back under the parking lot. We can shift the parking down and cone off the area of concern. Commissioner Greer motioned to approve an RFP to repair the 31 feet of Tilghman Street Dock. Commissioner Costigan seconded the motion, all were in favor, and the motion carried.

We need approval to enter into the critical area commission grant program. This is something that we have to do each year. It kind of solidifies our participation with the critical areas and enforcing our regulations. It's a lot of work for our \$1,000 each year. Municipalities fill out this paperwork and give a report each year for a small stipend. But it keeps us in good graces with the critical areas commission. Therefore, we'd like to be able to do this grant program and get our \$1,000. Do you need a motion? Commissioner Costigan motioned to approve the critical area grant agreement as described by Marilyn. Commissioner Greer seconded the motion, all were in favor, and the motion carried.

We had our prequalification for our community rating system or what is called the CRS program this month and right now the community is a seven in the community rating system. Our citizens enjoy a 15% discount on their flood insurance. There's a lot of things that we do on a regular basis that is a part of the CRS program, you don't want to commit to things that are going to be labor intensive. We get credit for our living shorelines, public and private. There are things that we can do to get extra points and we don't need a lot of points comparatively to get to a six. To be a six you also have to have a building code audit number and the Town has not had a building code audit since 1988. I would need approval to move forward with the building code audit. Going from a seven to six would increase the discount on flood insurance from 15% to 20%. Commissioner Greer motioned to approved go ahead with the CRS renewal and building code audit. Commissioner Costigan seconded the motion, all were in favor, and the motion carried.

I attended the state planning meeting this month, I'll have some new legislation to discuss with the historic and the planning commissions. We had staff and commissioners, that attended the post-disaster training offered by Talbot County and Maryland Emergency Services. We have an

emergency operations committee, and will be meeting at the end of the month to review our preparedness have a disaster. The fire department and police department will be involved

### **CLERK/TREASURER REPORT**

Currently reviewing on how to streamline office duties, one being transcribing meeting minutes. I have found a new product called Turboscribe, which is an AI product. You take your recording and drop it in the program, it will translate every word for you from everybody's ah, ooh, or whatever. I tried the program out and you still have to make edits by adding names of the speakers and/or shorten the wording. To subscribe to the program would cost \$120 annually. I ask the Commissioners for approval to move forward with Turboscribe. Town Attorney Lyndsey Ryan confirmed that meeting minutes no longer need to be typed. We can use only the meeting stream and you can hear the audio, make it available on the Town website, you no longer have to complete typed minutes. Storage of the meetings have to be for five years, either stored on the website or on a CD, with one year on the website. If all meetings are streamed live, they would be able to go up on the website immediately. Having a video would be the same as typed minutes, as you would see who is speaking. Commissioner Greer motioned to purchase Turboscribe. Commissioner Costigan seconded the motion, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Next, I would like to introduce a product called BoardPAC that will help streamline any agenda items for any committee. Many governments use this product to support and manage their agendas as well as assist with their meeting minutes. Helps streamline deliver of meeting packets by sending them via email. It is an annual or monthly subscription and you can cancel at anytime. Will request a demo.

I'd like to recommend that the staff reports be presented once a month at the very first meeting of the month, and that way individuals such as Public Works and the chief do not need to be here twice a month. Commissioner Greer agreed and suggested moving forward with consent agenda.

### **TOWN ATTORNEY**

I only have one item this evening, and that is the software license agreement with Muni-link, which is the cloud-based billing software for your water meters. I would be asking that you would approve the software license agreement with Muni-link so that the town can go ahead and get it purchased outside of the bigger project. And then you would put the RFP for the water meters out to bid. This contract, again, is for the cloud-based billing software. It's for one year and includes full-time dedicated professional support staff. They're required to use commercially reasonable efforts to make sure that the services that they have demonstrated are the services that they would provide. The cost of the product is \$15,000 with an additional \$525 per month once it's installed for the software fee. The risk of proceeding with this on your own and not doing it as part of the overall project is that USDA could potentially not approve it. It is less than \$20,000, so under your charter, you're not required to advertise the service. However, four software companies were contacted, so you did engage in some competitive procurement. I have three amendments to the agreement, so I would like you to approve it as amended. And those amendments are that the contract term is for one year with automatic renewals. I don't like automatic renewals, so I would just change that such that it's a one-year term, but within 90 days of the term renewal, it has to be my mutual agreement. A lot of times with automatic renewals, the client forgets about them, and then you get into a new contract term, and you're stuck with it for a whole other year. The other is the indemnification that we indemnify, defend, save, and hold harmless, Muni-link. To that, I would just add, to the extent permitted by law. And then the last one is they have the jurisdiction and law being the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Obviously, we want to change that to Talbot County. Commissioner Greer motioned to approve the Muni-link contract as amended. Commissioner Costigan seconded the motion, all were in favor and the motion carried.

#### OVF COMPANY REPORT

In the last two weeks, the Oxford Fire Company has responded 11 times. Fire for a total of six, two within Oxford, three within the first two, one within the county. EMS was a total of five within Oxford itself. The fire boat responded to the plane crash situation for the first time as it was unofficially placed in service. We're still working on installing a number of the components. But we did prove to be very helpful to the situation. Fall classes for new members, both EMS and fire, will begin in August if you would like to attend. The next breakfast will be September 8th and the rummage sale will be in late August.

Resolution #2411 – A RESOLUTION SETTING THE FEE SCHEDULE FOR THE TOWN OF OXFORD'S MOORING PROGRAM, REPLACING A PORTION OF RESOLUTION 2212 AND ALL PREVIOUS FEE SCHEDULES, EFFECTIVE JULY 23, 2024: Currently there are moorings located in the Town's ownership waterways and there is not a structured program for them. The moorings need to be renewed each year or every two years, along with inspections and any repairs. In an effort to develop structured procedures for enforcing the program based on a section in our Code for moorings and harbor management. The fees for the annual renewals of only \$25, that is a low cost for all the work and follow up by Town Staff. I suggested that the fees need to be increased to help offset staff time and liability. The Port Wardens have reviewed this Resolution and approved with a unanimous vote to recommend to the Commissioners this Resolution increasing the annual fee for the moorings from \$25 to \$350. Do to such a large increase, it is recommended to send back to the Port Wardens for reconsideration of a lower price.

ORDINANCE #2413 – AN ORDINANCE FOR THE TOWN OF OXFORD TO AMEND CHAPTER 11 OF THE TOWN CODE TITLED "HARBOR MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE", TO REVISE SPECIFICATONS FOR MOORINGS AND ESTABLISH AN ESCROW ACCOUNT FOR MOORING MAINTENANCE: This ordinance is being introduced by Marilyn Williams, Town Planner. This escrow is for a one-time payment. Will be held in escrow in the event the Owner of the mooring does not pay their annual fee or if they don't do their repairs, then we would have to pull the chain. Currently the Town does not have a budget line item for this cost, by establishing the escrow fund would cover cost for pulling the chain and/or making repairs due to the default of the Owner. If the Owner sells his mooring he would then be refunded his escrow payment. This helps the Town enforce their own code. Tom Campbell from the Port Wardens Commission spoke in favor of this charge.

Commissioner Greer motioned to move Resolution #2411 back to the Port Wardens, Commissioner Costigan seconded the motion and also stated that they consideration a step increase from \$25 to \$350, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Ordinance #2413 will go to public hearing on August 27, 2024.

Ordinance #2412 – AN ORDINANCE FOR THE COMMISSIONERS OF OXFORD TO AMEND THE OXFORD TOWN CODE TO PROHIBIT RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE TOWN FROM PROVIDING CUSTOMERS WITH SINGLE USE DISPOSABLE PLASTIC BAGS: This ordinance is being introduced by Commissioner Tom Costigan. This ordinance will go to public hearing on August 27, 2024.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Commissioner Bell stated, we need to finalize the vote to use professional search firm. I made a mistake and didn't finalize the vote. We will take the vote again today. Is there a motion. Commissioner Greer motioned to employ the use of a professional search firm that specializes in

local government for the search for a new town manager. Commissioner Costigan seconded the motion, all were in favor and the motion carried.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Commissioner Greer, when are we going to schedule the interviews with the search firms? At this point, we want to understand the services that they provide and how that best fits with what we think we need. It'd be a learning process. And I suggest that we do part of it in an open session and then we close for any confidential or proprietary material they might want to discuss. Meetings could be short and then we would probably re-interview our favorites. Commissioner Bell, my objection to this has been that I feel we need to understand what the scope of that job would be and need to have conversations with staff to understand that. Certainly, before we would go ahead and ask for an RFP. What I understand you're saying is this would just be an intermediate step to figure out who's out there, what they provide. So we would have that information when it's time for us to go to an RFP, we would understand what they would provide. Commissioner Greer, we already have proposals that were solicited from six different firms ranging in price that lay out the scope of their work or they lay out a more minimal search process. This part of the process of doing this is that they gather information with you if you hire them about your needs. They interview staff, they interview you, they interview townspeople to talk about what type of leader you have. It may be after hiring them and working with them, they come back and say, we think you need a town manager three days a week. Maybe they think something different, but that is part of the process. It's not like we ourselves would do the process of deciding what a town manager is like and then tell the search firm that that's what we want. We want the search firm to help us engage with the public and with each other and with the staff to come up with that vision. If we don't start right now, you're talking months and months and months. This would be a matter of doing a half an hour PowerPoint presentation by Zoom, by one of these groups and they're nationally known groups that do national searches and they can talk about their services and how they view their process, how they use the public. This is what we promised the public two weeks ago that we would engage a professional firm and not just kind of make it up as we go along. Commissioner Bell, speaking to, working with staff, understanding what the work is that they're doing now, ideas about filling any gaps, what gaps remain because we don't have a town manager. So, what you are saying is these firms would help us with that. Commissioner Greer, they place people in big municipalities, small municipalities. They are used to doing classification jobs. They come in and do team building exercises. They're much more geared to this and they would have ideas for us in fresh thinking that we don't have. We really need to demonstrate to the public that we have a plan and that professionals are going to help us. That's what we promised, everybody was really great at the last meeting. I think that's because we presented a way forward that made sense to them, and that was to hire a professional search firm. I think we can talk to four or five of these firms, develop a short list based upon the types of placements they've done, the types of work they do, the model they have, and then we interview them again. They will show us, reveal to us, how we develop our plan with our staff, with our town. I think we know that we're not a little backwater anymore, that we have FEMA grants, that we have grants we want to get to, and that we have a great property tax base, and we want to keep it that way by not having flooding. I think this is what we owe the public. This is what they want. Commissioner Costigan, I'm willing to listen and learn. If that means we have to do a couple of meetings and attend a couple of Zoom meetings, I don't have a problem with that. We're not making any decision, and we're not making any final hiring decision of these firms until we have a firm idea of what they can offer us. Quite frankly, I'm a little bit up in the air as to just what these firms can offer us. I'm not sure that there's a ... It's apples, apples, apples, apples. I think each one probably has strengths and weaknesses, and we can listen to them and make our decision then as far as where we're going. Commissioner Greer, I will set up some meetings. We'll probably do two firms a night. Like I said, some of that will be open to the public.

Commissioner Greer, we had talked about divvying up the duties, and I had talked about wanting to do finance and the grants that I had taken the FEMA grants management, and then I had taken a great interest in the budget. We had talked about you taking the boards and commissions and public works and Tom taking the police and emergency planning and the media. Shall we do that

We had talked in our administrative session about developing a workflow, and I've started that process about what needs to come to all three commissioners, what could come to your supervisor. It is a short-term solution, based upon the fact that we have no town manager. But it's going to be very open-ended. The workflow document gives some guidelines about when to report to your superior, when to report to the clerk-treasurer, when to report to all three commissioners. We agreed in the administration session that I would do the first draft and that you guys would take the second, third stab at it.

#### LETTER RECEIVED FOR THE COMMISSIONERS

Barbara Paca – Preserving Oxford's Trees to Cool The Earth and Watershed Berkly Cone - Governance Barbara Paca – Request Formal Written Apology Schuyler Benson – Fee Structure For Oxford Moorings

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Debbie Krolicki, simple question, you mentioned about the trees being trimmed. Are they finished, or are they going to be coming down all of our side streets because they're sorely needed? Commissioner Bell, there's still work to do on Tred Avon and Benoni. Commissioner Costigan, specifically at the corner of Benoni and Morris, there is a tree that has its branch laying on a live line. They did say they were going to come back and take care of that. I also showed them a tree that was growing into a transformer on Tred Avon Avenue, which for some strange reason their survey team missed. Debbie Krolicki, there was an excellent presentation from, Commissioner Greer, International County Cities Management Association, the former president of that, Don Baruch, and then we also had David Deutsch from the Mercer Group. He was 28 years the town manager in Bowie, Maryland. He's currently doing the search for Cambridge, but he places a lot of Maryland people. The other search firms are similar. They are more nationally focused, but they do placements in the regional area. Debbie Krolicki, what I wanted to say that I'm a neophyte on something like that, but they explained the scope of what a search firm would do. That would include helping us decide what we want our town manager, the scope of the work that that town manager would do.

Jane McCarthy, we keep saying we're a small town, and yet our budget grew from \$2 million 12 years ago to \$6 million. We received \$40 million worth of grants. I think it's time for someone else to look at this town from a fresh perspective, and I think we need to start this search right now. I think we could let it go, it sounds like, for a year, and then it'll sort of drop off our focus.

Art Muir, Chris, this is for you. The crosswalk on either side of the crosswalk, there's yellow. It's being ignored. I can go by there at night, and I guarantee you there are people parking there. What I'm going to suggest is that in that area, first of all, enforcement, one, but number two, put crosshatches, block off the street so that you have crosshatches that come out onto the street so that you can't see, so you don't have the excuse of, I didn't see the yellow line. It's on the street itself. Stop to hopefully give people more encouragement to not park in the illegal parking spot that they're all parking in. Chief Phillips stated we have to go to the state or something like that. It's a state road, but I think it does make a lot of sense. In terms of enforcement, I can't tell you how many tickets I've written there.

Dan Kordell and Sarah Kordell, read aloud a letter that was sent to the Commissioners, I submitted this letter before the last commissioners' meeting and have heard no response, so that's why I'm reading it now. What I didn't send them, though, is Todd Whitaker, a contemporary American educator, said, the culture of any organization is shaped by the worst behavior the leader is willing to tolerate. Again, the culture of any organization, that's us, is shaped by the worst behavior the leader, that's you all, is willing to tolerate.

John Fairhall, I and my wife and my next-door neighbor had a nice meeting the other day with Marilyn Williams. Thank you again. This was about Doc's and their plans to physically expand their facility. Certain information was not provided because Marilyn said it was really not part of the public record. I filed a Public Information Act request in the last 24 hours and think that information should be available. It's just that he or his folks have submitted plans for what they're going to do, and I want to see those. I want to see them for private benefit. I want to show them to everybody who lives near Doc's because we have that problem that we have every year with parking in particular. There are other related problems. Coincidentally, I ran into the owner of Doc's, and we had a very amiable conversation at his restaurant the other day. He brought up something which was interesting. He said he thought one of the solutions could be restarting up that golf cart taxi service, if you will, that we used to have, which actually did work or allocating parking spaces on the grass and then requiring Doc's to pay the cost of the golf cart. We need a little bit more information about what's going to be built there, and I hope that the Freedom of Information Act request is honored, and we need some help arranging a meeting so we can air some of these things and reach a solution pretty quickly. Marilyn Williams, I'm still working with him on his building permit, and we are addressing these things, and we're already looking at additional parking. There's a lot of moving parts, and nothing at all is near a final stage. Commissioner Greer, I think when it gets a little closer, or perhaps we set up the meeting now, I know the owner would like to have a public meeting with the neighbors, and I think that's essential. We don't have provision in our zoning code that requires you to notify the neighbors.

Sarah Matthew, I'll be short. Maybe not that sweet as last time. The commissioners who were here in March, you said you would hire a search firm if we didn't get a successful candidate. We know we didn't get a successful candidate. And two weeks ago, it was a public promise that you made, and you reiterated that promise today. I am just waiting for all three of you to uphold your word and engage in the search firm and continue that process. Don't just hold a meeting and say, hi, thank you very much, and walk away from that search firm.

Bob Bergner, several weeks ago, my sweetheart observed a frail lady with a cane trying to navigate the gravel path. Lady realized that she wasn't going to make it, so she sat down on the dune, never making it to the beach. I know what it's like to be disabled. I have the experience of limited mobility. And with that observation, I decided that I would research the Strand Project as much as I could. I went to the town website, and I combed, along with a couple others, everything as far back as 2020 that pertained to the draft or to the Strand. And I also had documents from the Corps of Engineers and the Maryland Department of the Environment that basically was asking selected residents. I don't think these requests for comments went to everybody in town. And on those drawings, or on this request, were drawings from the contractor, which was Underwood & Associates. Four separate drawings submitted by Underwood, three of them specifically identifying the location of the two ramps, one at Mill Street and Strand, and the other one across the street from the beach. There was also a specific semi-construction generic drawing of an ADA ramp out of an ADA graphics book, basic standard, which clearly identified that a ramp was going to be built.

Maryland Department of the Environment issued a water quality certificate about a year and a half ago to Underwood & Associates, specifically identifying that two ramps would be built contingent on the issuance of the water quality certificate. If we do have this company build the ramps for us, designed, engineered is important, and that should be done by a certified civil engineer, structural engineer, so that the specifications of the ramp meet the American Disabilities Act specifications. Documents were handed to the Commissioners and Staff. I did send the basic cover letter, I believe, to Marilyn and Vickie, and I didn't hear back. That's why I decided that I would make this presentation.

Scott Rensberger, the next time the chair of the Port Warden says he doesn't want to be on camera, I want you to tell him that this is a public meeting and he's part of the town. He's part of the whole board system. And I've never gone after him. I've sent him nice letters in the past that I'm willing to share with you. So, the next time he does that, I want you to speak up and say, you're in a public meeting right now. And then the next question, since he kind of brought it up here, what is he even being the warden for? He's got two boatyards. It's a conflict of interest. Where I come from and every town I've ever visited, that would not be heard of. So we should get rid of that right away. Mr. Tom, I mean this with all due respect. I look forward to the day when I'm riding my bicycle past your house every day in the summer and I'm seeing your beautiful wife and everything, and I want to get back to that period. I really do. I just want you to know that you said about 20 minutes ago, I don't know what any of these professional hiring firms can offer. With all due respect, this is what they offer. None of these firms, none of them would hire a man who wears pantyhose and shows their junk to children at seven different locations. Matt, I'm going to pick on you just for a second, and I love you, brother. Who put the trees in the ball field? That was all done before you? Who put the mound of dirt, and where did the mound of dirt come from? I've recently learned, residents of Oxford, I recently learned with a high probability that a large portion of that dirt that was dumped at the ballpark came from the wastewater treatment, the old wastewater treatment plant. Where did that dirt come from? Matt Ozman stated, they actually came out of the bio retention ponds that were dug around town. That's where that dirt came from. Mr. Rensberger some of it did. If this is the case, the soil could be extremely toxic. Think about this for a second. There has to be a reason that that stuff was dumped at the ballpark. If that dirt was good, if it was safe dirt, it would be sold to a contractor, a landscaper. They would come for free and grab all that stuff. But it wasn't. It was put there because we didn't know what to do with it. At one time, we were sending all of this toxic stuff to another state, and I think we ran out of money or time or they didn't want it anymore. I don't know exactly if everything I just said is absolutely true, but I think the soil should be tested. Matt Ozman stated, I do know that when they dug those bio retention ponds, Barkers Landing, they did those projects. They did the one behind the ballpark.

Scott Rensberger, regarding the last election, Norm, I really mean I am thankful that you're Commissioner, and I really hope this takes off and everything in my heart is for you, okay? There were a few voting irregularities that I've seen. There are a couple people that live at 105 West Division that, to my knowledge, has never lived in the house. It doesn't have a certificate of occupancy. I don't even know if it has electricity. How these two people got to vote, and then my neighbor behind me who's lived here for 40 years, but he's part-time, he comes and goes, but for 40 years, can't vote. I can't vote. I've been here eight years, and I know I've spent three years of my life in Oxford, so I can't vote, and I wouldn't even try to vote because I know the rules. I want to know how 105 West Division got to vote. And then the other person I saw, and I haven't researched the whole thing because you all took it down, the voting video down for 13 days, and then the 4th of July came up, and I didn't have the time to look through everything, but I also believe I saw Laura Frock walk in here. I think she's the daughter-in-law of the former commissioner. She came in here and voted, and she lives in Easton, I believe. Maybe I'm wrong, but her address is Easton. I hope that

Pam looks into these things and gets back to me. I would like to know about these little voting irregularities. Thank you so much for your time.

Future Commissioner's meetings, August 13th and August 27th. I'd like to hear an adjournment of the open session to go into a closed session.

Commissioner Greer motioned to adjourn the open session. Commissioner Costigan second the motion, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Vickie Sharp, Clerk/Treasurer

Citizen letters discussed inn these minutes are available upon request at the Town Office. Commissioner Meetings are now live streaming and are archived on townhallstreams.com

From:

townoffice@goeaston.net

Sent:

Wednesday, August 7, 2024 11:42 AM

To:

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Subject:

FW: Proposed Ordinance #2412

From: Richard Leggett < roleggett@gmail.com> Sent: Wednesday, August 7, 2024 11:26 AM

To: oxfordmanager@goeaston.net; Town Office - Lisa <townoffice@goeaston.net>

Cc: normanbell45@gmail.com; Tom Costigan <dc2ox4d@verizon.net>

Subject: Proposed Ordinance #2412

### Dear Town of Oxford Commissioners.

As a local business owner, I am writing to share my views and request an exemption in advance of your August 27th hearing regarding proposed Ordinance #2412 prohibiting retail establishments from providing customers with single use disposable plastic bags.

Specifically, we are supportive of the ordinance for most uses -- merchandise, non-frozen goods, etc., - but, would respectfully request an exemption be included in the ordinance as it relates to the use of single-use disposable plastic bags specifically for transporting ice cream and frozen goods.

At SHC and OXS, we purposely use plastic bags when packaging our take-away frozen foods such as ice cream pints, quarts and frozen meals (at Oxford Social) as these goods are not well suited for paper bags as they create condensation which would ultimately weaken and break a paper bag and result in the destruction of the product. In addition, paper bags would result in faster melt times for the product. The combination of these two factors would ultimately create dissatisfaction among our customers.

In researching other jurisdictions that have also banned single-use plastic bags, we have consistently found exemptions to their rules specifically for frozen foods or fresh refrigerated goods (ex: PG County, Easton, etc.). As an example, in Prince George's County, the exemption includes

- · Package bulk items, including fruit, vegetables, nuts, grains, candy, or small hardware items;
- · Contain or wrap frozen foods, meat, or fish, whether prepackaged or not;
- Contain or wrap flowers, potted plants, or other damp items;
- · Contain unwrapped prepared foods or bakery goods;

As such, we respectfully formally ask that Ordinance #2412 also be amended to provide such an exemption specifically for frozen foods. I am available for further discussion at your convenience at 646.483.3835.

Sincerely,

Richard Leggett

Owner, The Scottish Highland Creamery and Oxford Social Cafe

### Susan Campbell 105 Myrtle Street Oxford, MD 21654

August 5, 2024

To the Commissioners of Oxford:

In regards to the plastic ban – I believe in the small town of Oxford this isn't the highest priority. There are limited businesses that it would effect and most are not using plastic bags at this point - Mystery Loves Company and The Treasure Chest already use paper bags.

I may be mistaken but in Easton it is geared for the "larger establishments" such as grocery stores, major department stores, etc. There is not a large amount of plastic bags being used at the marinas and if they are used it is for items that are heavy and a paper bag would probably not work. At Campbell's we do not use plastic bags already but that is not saying that we feel a ban should be the right thing to incorporate.

I certainly hope Scottish Highland Creamery knows about the Ordinance because not allowing them (one of the biggest retailers in the Town) to use plastic bags for frozen ice cream would be the wrong move – having quarts of ice cream in paper bags would be a disaster.

If plastic bags are banned in Town what about the "doggie" pick up stations – those stations are used and should be used – but many times that is the bags that you see that have come off the roller or dropped by walkers.

I guess I am trying to say that I do not feel a Plastic Ban Ordinance is the correct approach in a tourist town that basically doesn't have a problem.

Thank you!

Susan Campbell

From:

townoffice@goeaston.net

Sent: To: Monday, August 5, 2024 11:46 AM oxfordclerktreasurer@goeaston.net

Subject:

FW: Plastic bags

Please see below.

Message for next Tuesday's meeting.

Thanks!

Lisa

----Original Message----

From: Anthony Passarella <apass@atlanticbb.net>

Sent: Monday, August 5, 2024 11:21 AM

To: townoffice@goeaston.net

Subject: Plastic bags

It would seem that if you ban plastic bags from the few stores in Oxford you should also ban the usage of plastic bags to use for trash pickup on Mondays. I am not in favor of banning plastic bags from the retail stores or the market in Oxford Sent from my iPhone

July 30, 2024

To Oxford Commissioners,

I am against a ban on single- use plastic bags in Oxford.

- Any resident or Oxford visitor currently has a choice of whether to use their own bag or tote.
- 2. Plastic bags can be recycled or repurposed or reused, the same as paper bags. In fact, the town has curbside recycling.

Please provide specific data that such a ban would reduce plastic pollution in the town and its surrounding waterways. Personally, I see very little evidence that this is even a problem.

Sincerely,

Liz Hasbrouck 110 Norton Street

## OXFORD MARKET

### CHRIS MCKELVY

7/30/2024

### CONTACT

4102260015 jcmck@verizon.net

### RECIPIENT

Oxford Town Commissioners
Oxford Md.

### Oxford Commissioners

I'm writing to you about the proposed plastic bag ban. We at Oxford Market are opposed to the plastic bag ban for many reasons. Most if not all the people we give bags to treat them responsibly. They are reused as trash bags or dogpoop bags. Boaters need the bags to take their provisions back to their boat and many of them use the bag for trash bags also.

I don't think that banning plastic bags in Oxford would impact the world's plastic problem. I have lived in Oxford for 43 years and have never seen a plastic bag on the street in any gutters or ditches. A large percentage of our good are already packed in plastic, all our sandwiches are wrapped in plastic, all our deli salads are sold in plastic containers, therefore a plastic bag ban would seem like a moot point, or unneeded.

At the Oxford Market we already have several choices for bags paper, plastic, or you can purchase a reusable bag. We don't think we need to be told what bag we can and cannot use.

Last but not least we feel that a bag ban would create more division in town, and I don't think anyone wants that.

J Chris McKelvy

P.S. If the ban passes I will be sending Wane Sard to the town office so, you can explain why he can't have a bag.



#### P.O. BOX 340 | 402 EAST STRAND | OXFORD, MD 21654 410-226-5101 • BYY.COM

Commissioners of Oxford PO Box 339 Oxford, MD 21654

August 6, 2024

Dear Commissioners Bell, Costigan, & Greer,

I am writing this letter in my capacity as the general manager of Safe Harbor Oxford, to express my company's opposition to proposed Ordinance number 2412.

While I understand the intent of the ordinance is to minimize both proper and improper disposal of plastic waste in the form of "single use" plastic bags provided by retail establishments, rules such as those contained within ordinance 2412 would negatively impact our business disproportionately compared to the items being sold in them.

Our primary business is that of a marina and boatyard, storing, repairing, and refitting recreational vessels, however we do offer retail sales of marine and general hardware at our ship store, and a small selection of snacks, refreshments, clothing, and toiletries from our fuel dock. If ordinance 2412 were to be enacted, the primary impact would be to our retail sales from our ship store. Many of the sales taking place in the ship store comprise low volume, physically small hardware, such as screws, nuts, bolts, electrical connectors, fuses, bulbs etc. The items themselves are typically not typically expensive but are easy to misplace due to their size, so for convenience we often pass them to our customers in small zip-lock bags. If we were to replace the plastic bags with paper, not only would the small parts be much harder to see, but the mandated \$0.10 cost of the bag could match or exceed the cost of the hardware it contained. E.g. #8 stainless steel flat washers are just \$0.04/each.

Oxford is a small town with few retail establishments. As such, the volume of disposable plastic bags that could be eliminated by adoption of this ordinance is going to be statistically insignificant and totally meaningless in terms of furthering the health and welfare of Town citizens. I would therefore hope that the Honorable Commissioners of Oxford would focus their efforts where they may be better served, such as dealing with flooding on The Strand caused by the impervious berms of the new living shoreline.

Sincerely

Graham Norbury General Manager

From: Joan Nubie <joannubie@me.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 28, 2024 10:34 PM
To: oxfordclerktreasurer@goeaston.net
Subject: Comments on Ordinance 2412

Good evening Commissioners Bell, Greer, and Costigan, and Oxford Town Clerk Vickie Sharp,

I would like to comment on the upcoming agenda item Ordinance 2412 banning retail establishments from providing single use plastic bags. For someone to propose this ordinance proves to me that they do not know Oxford, that they do not shop in Oxford. If you knew Oxford, you would know that we do not have an abundance of plastic bags being distributed. If you shop Oxford you would know that The Treasure Chest uses paper shopping bags. If you knew Oxford, you would know that the bookstore currently uses only paper bags, as well as Vintage store is paper bags only. The coffee shop, while probably not under the retail establishment definition, only uses paper bags. The Treasure Chest, bookstore and Oxford Market all have reuseable gracery tote bags available for purchase if someone would prefer to buy a multi-use bag. Some of the restaurants probably use plastic bags but they would be exempt from this ordinance as exceptions are made for carryout food. The only 2 retail establishments using single use plastic bags that would be hugely impacted from this plastic bag ban are The Scottish Highland Creamery and The Oxford Market. The creamery has a frozen item - ice cream - that would best be suited in a plastic bag, because to take a quart of cold ice cream home in a paper bag could lead to to soggy wet bag that could potentially break, with a container of ice cream falling to the ground and breaking - leading to unhappy customers. Keep in mind that the creamery customers are not just located here in Oxford with a quick trip home to pop their ice cream in the freezer, but potentially farther to places such as Easton and beyond with 20-30 minute car ride in a bag. Even that plastic bag becomes soaking wet with condensation off the frozen ice cream after 20 minutes in a car, but it certainly performs better than a paper bag. A paper bag would be useless after a longer car ride home. The Oxford Market also sells ice cream products same as the creamery, and other frozen foods that would be best suited in a plastic bag. The market has their deli with hot and cold carryout foods. Based on ordinance 2412, the carry-out food from the market would be exempt from any plastic bag ban, so they would be allowed to distribute plastic bags for those items. Would that be potentially half the bags the market hands out? My point is that the amount of bags being handed out by these 2 businesses is really on such a small scale considering the size of our town and the size of the businesses. We are not talking about a full scale grocery store just a small convenience store, and the creamery is closed several months a year, with limited hours about a third of the year. The plastic bag ban isn't going to eliminate the distribution of all plastic bags because using them for carry out is allowed, so why ban it at all. We have a high rate of tourist traffic that comes to town that may not be aware of a bag ban, and therefore unprepared with their own multi-use bags. They may need a bag, particularly a bag with handles to walk back to their hotel or marina. If only paper grocery bags are available, it will be more difficult for a transient boater to walk back as far as Safe Harbor marina with provisions for a boat. Plastic bags with handles can manage more items more easily for them.

As far as costs, since my store offers paper bags, I am well aware of the costs of these bags. A dime doesn't cover it! A flat paper bag that fits a greeting card (about 8x10) is \$.04, a paper bag with handles in a 5x7 size or 8x10 is \$.40 (yes, same price!). My larger bags go up from there at \$.60 and \$1.00. I don't have as much traffic as the market or the creamery, and therefore I do not hand out as many bags as them. With the added costs for paper bags, the costs to these 2 businesses could be substantial, and to pass the cost on the the customer would just make the customer angry and upset with our businesses, and our town. Don't we have enough contention in our town? Do we really need to add to it at this time?

I would ask that you do NOT pass this ordinance at this time. I think it would be best to move forward with this ordinance when it is done on a countywide scale. If Talbot county passes this ordinance, then adopt it then. Yes, the environment is important. But if the number of retail establishments in St. Michaels isn't following the same ordinance, how would

the relatively small amount of bags regulated here by 2 businesses really make a difference if all the bags in St. Michaels are still overburdening the landfills, causing sorting machines to break down, constituting a nuisance and eyesore to the area, still being produced with fossil fuels and contributing to greenhouse gas emissions, pose a threat to marine wildlife, etc. as written in the ordinance. The Oxford Market is still going to be allowed to use plastic bags for carry out. Potentially the creamery will be able to use bags for their ice cream depending on how you as commissioners interpret it (is ice cream carry out?) This ordinance will not significantly reduce the use of plastic bags in Oxford because as I said before, the businesses either aren't using them, or only a small amount will be eliminated through the ban, not all the plastic bags will be eliminated, so I say again, why ban them at all? If you should move forward with this ordinance, I would ask that you will fairly and equally treat these 2 businesses since they both have ice cream. Another way would be to talk to these businesses as neighbors and friends to ask if they will voluntarily offer a paper option to the customer in addition to plastic bags. Would you like paper or plastic? This could possibly cut down on the use of the plastic bags, yet still have plastic bags available to use to properly handle their food products.

Thank you for your considertion of my comments in your decision. If you have any further questions for me, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Joan Nubie-Miscall Owner, The Treasure Chest

From:

Dick Deerin <ddeerin@gmail.com> Saturday, August 3, 2024 4:58 PM

Sent: To:

oxfordclerktreasurer@goeaston.net

Subject:

Ordinance 2412 - Single Use Plastic Bags

I understand that the town government has a full plate of issues to deal with in the near future, not the least of which is hiring a new town manager. However, I believe the proposed ordinance to restrict retail establishments from providing single use plastic bags is an important step our town can take to protect our environment and our health in the future.

Plastic bags have become ubiquitous in our daily lives, offering convenience at the cost of severe environmental consequences. Restricting plastic bags is a critical step toward protecting our environment and promoting sustainable living. These lightweight, single-use items contribute significantly to pollution and pose a serious threat to wildlife and ecosystems.

Plastic bags are a major pollutant. Made from non-biodegradable petrochemicals, they can take hundreds of years to decompose. During this time, they break down into microplastics that contaminate soil and water, entering the food chain and affecting human health. Oceans are particularly impacted, with millions of plastic bags ending up in waterways each year, contributing to the Great Pacific Garbage Patch and harming marine life. Animals often mistake plastic bags for food, leading to ingestion and, frequently, death. Turtles, for example, confuse plastic bags with jellyfish, a primary food source, resulting in fatal blockages in their digestive systems.

Furthermore, plastic bag production is resource-intensive. The manufacturing process consumes large amounts of fossil fuels and water, releasing greenhouse gases that contribute to climate change. Reducing plastic bag usage can thus significantly lower carbon footprints and conserve valuable resources. Implementing a ban would also encourage the adoption of reusable alternatives, such as cloth or jute bags, fostering a culture of sustainability and environmental consciousness.

Economically, banning plastic bags can lead to cost savings in waste management and pollution control. Governments spend substantial amounts on cleaning up plastic waste, funds that could be redirected toward other essential services. Additionally, the ban can stimulate innovation and create jobs in the production of eco-friendly alternatives.

Restricting plastic bags is a necessary action to safeguard our environment, protect wildlife, and promote sustainable practices. While it may require an adjustment period, the long-term benefits far outweigh the inconveniences. By embracing reusable bags and reducing our reliance on single-use plastics, we can pave the way for a cleaner, healthier planet for future generations.

Thank you.

Dick Deerin 301 S. Moriris Street, Oxford

**Dick Deerin** Cell: 301-518-3755 From: Noname noname.hyberg@gmail.com

Subject: Concern for Oxford

Date: August 6, 2024 at 5:30 PM

To: Norman Bell normanbell45@gmail.com, Tom Costigan dc2ox4d@verizon.net, Katrina Greer katrinahgreer@icloud.com,

Katrina Greer katrina4commissioner@gmail.com

Cc: Bob Hyberg noname.hyberg@gmail.com

Dear commissioners Bell, Costigan and Greer,

I just read Jan Greenhawk latest entry in her "Radio Free Oxford" site, "Who's in Charge in Oxford?." I will not elaborate on my personal thoughts but I do want to ask each of you a question. Who and when are any of you going to speak up and defend the town employees against these attacks? Yes there is the risk of being targeted, at least a few of you, but these two new employees are very competent and have already shown value in the town operations. I hope they feel like they are making a contribution but they also take pride in their personal reputations. If you don't start to defend them I believe they too will leave. Note, I just learned of Lisa planned exit.

For some of you, you may view this and other commentary as beneficial to driving a sense of transparency. I contend this has gone beyond and endangers the Town of Oxford as a community and its reputation outside our boarders. I have friends wondering about what is going on in our town. I am not sure how to answer them.

Here is the link to Jan Greenhawk's latest contribution:

https://radiofreeoxford.substack.com/p/whos-in-charge-in-oxford

One last thought. In the interest of those demanding greater transparency, may I suggest it is fair for those who do not choose to burden the PIA process, the town begin to publish a list of submitted PIAs stating its purpose and the name of the requesting author. This serves two functions 1.) Eliminate potential duplicate submission(s) and 2.) Allow those with interest in the subject to seek the author for the results of the findings, each of which is public record.

Thank you for reading and considerations.

Sincerely, Robert Hyberg 112 First St. (302) 864-8008

From:

townoffice@goeaston.net

Sent:

Monday, July 22, 2024 3:08 PM

To:

oxfordclerktreasurer@goeaston.net

Subject:

FW: Orange Fence/ Strand- to the commissioners.

Importance:

High

Sent: Friday, July 19, 2024 10:49 AM To: Lisa <townoffice@goeaston.net>

Subject: Orange Fence/ Strand- to the commissioners.

Barbara Ranson 206 E. Strand, Oxford, MD 21654

Dear Oxford Commissioners.

I am writing to request the removal of the orange fence currently installed on the Strand. This fence poses a safety hazard as pedestrians traverse the roadway, as there is no longer a place for them to walk. Earlier today, there was an incident with a runner and two cars traveling in opposite directions. The runner, wearing headphones, attempted to cross over the Strand and turn onto Norton and was nearly hit.

One remedy could be relocating this fence closer to the water and out of the walkway. All materials could be reused, thus eliminating the expense.

Also, in the meeting with the three project partners, held at the community center, it was discussed that a walkway would be available near the edge of the water running the length of the entire waterfront. I want to remind you all that this is an important element to some of us, and we know you are accountable for making certain this aspect of the project comes to fruition along with the platforms to allow disabled persons to access the beach.

Regards, Barbara Ranson

From:

Diana Temple < dianatemple 16@gmail.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, July 31, 2024 9:48 AM

To:

townoffice@goeaston.net

Cc:

oxfordclerktreasurer@goeaston.net; oxfordplanner@goeaston.net

Subject:

Re: Standing Water Issue at 305 Tilghman

Dear Lisa,

Thank you so very much for your reply and for forwarding the email. I was not sure who to contact since Cheryl's retirement.

I will wait to hear from Mrs. Sharp or Ms. Williams on what can be done.

Thank you and have a great day.

Diana

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 31, 2024, at 9:10 AM, townoffice@goeaston.net wrote:

Good morning Ms. Temple,

I have received your email and have forwarded it over to our Clerk-Treasurer Vickie Sharp and Town Planner Marilyn Williams. Our previous town manager, Cheryl Lewis, has retired and the email address for her you used in your message below is no longer in use.

Either Mrs. Sharp or Ms. Williams should be contacting you shortly.

If I can be of any further assistance to you, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Lisa

(Lisa Willoughby/Asst. Clerk)

From: Diana Temple < dianatemple 16@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, July 31, 2024 7:47 AM

To: townoffice@goeaston.net; oxfordmanager@goeaston.net

Subject: Standing Water Issue at 305 Tilghman

July 31, 2024

RE: Flooding and Continuous Standing Water at 305 Tilghman Street

Dear Town of Oxford Commissioners,

I am reaching out to ask for your permission to be able to manage the water level rise and flooding issues that are currently occurring on my property at 305 Tilghman Street. I realize that this a continuous concern that impacts all of us throughout the town of Oxford, however, the problem seems to have escalated for my house and needs immediate help.

Until recently, I have always been able to mow the lawn, both front and back, weekly, however, that is now <u>not</u> possible due to continuous standing water. This condition is beginning to kill the grass in the backyard and the overflow of standing water is starting to kill plant beds and shrubs that I have growing in the front yard as well. It is also becoming difficult for me to access the side door to the house because of the standing water. This situation, and the inability to drain the water from underneath my house is becoming an emergency and I need some help to get a resolve!

It appears as though the drainage that was designed to allow tidal water and rainfall behind the properties immediately north of my house (307 and 309 Tilghman) is no longer functioning to allow water to move off of my property. I don't know if the level of the drainage has changed, but it does not appear to be working. It looks as though some modification with additional bulk rocks is causing the backup of water and not allowing the water to flow from my yard as it has before. Was some work done by the Town to regrade this drainage? If so, was the elevation of my property, particularly at the NW corner, taken into account to allow for continued drainage? If not, can you please re-assess this drainage area and provide me with an assessment of how this situation can be rectified?

When I bought my property at 305 Tilghman street I was aware that all of the adjacent properties sat at higher elevations. The properties had been improved and the ground level elevated to mitigate the sea level rise, tidal fluxes and run off from rainfall events. Historically, it is my understanding that my house had been elevated on a new foundation after completely flooding during hurricane Isabelle in 2003. As it appears I assume that some of the neighboring homes brought in fill dirt to grade their properties to try and prevent future flooding. This leaves my property the low spot to where the surrounding properties drain. I had planned to regrade my property after I purchased it, bring in enough fill to elevate the grade away from the house foundation and follow the existing drainage pattern to the NW corner of my property and include a rain garden to support tidal and rain water. The natural drainage is to the NW corner of the backyard of the property where the outflow behind 307 and 309 Tilghman runs toward the Mill street stormwater drain. I do not think that it's in the best interest of the town or the neighborhood for my property and house to be continually submerged or maintain constant standing water.

I feel that this is quickly becoming an emergency situation. Will you please review this situation and my request and provide your approval for me to mitigate this situation? I would like to be able to remove the existing stumps in the back NW corner of the property and align the surface level in that corner of the property to allow for water drainage. A significant amount of this corner of the property will be designated as a rain garden detention area for excess water during flooding and rainfall events. I fully understand the necessity for this area to support excess water, just not my entire property.

Thank you in advance for your review and consideration.

Best regards,

Diana L. Temple

### Dianatemple16@gmail.com

(443) 786-0505

From: Margaret Munsch <margaretpmunsch@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Saturday, July 27, 2024 12:33 PM

To: kgreer@goeaston.net; nbell@goeaston.net; tcostigan@goeaston.net

Cc: oxfordclerktreasurer@goeaston.net; Ray Munsch

Subject: Moorings

Good morning, Katrina, Norm and Tom,

Ray and I returned yesterday from a three-week trip on our boat so we are trying to catch up on emails and town meetings during that time.

We have read Ordinance 2413 regarding moorings and support the defined mooring requirements as well as the establishment of an escrow account for each mooring in the amount of \$350.

We also understand that the yearly fee for our mooring will be raised from \$25 to \$350. We certainly feel that the yearly fee should cover any time spent by the town office to administer our mooring. Since we personally contact Jeff Mathias of Mathias Marine Services for yearly maintenance and ensure his report Is sent to the town office, the only time spent by the office should be receiving that report, recording that we are in compliance and sending out a yearly bill. This should take an hour, at most, so \$350 seems excessive. Please let us know if we are missing something regarding the town's time in administration of our mooring.

If the fee is set at \$350 in order to make money for the town, we think that is inappropriate. Our mooring was legally permitted and in place before the town annexed the river bottom in front of our house and our mooring continues to be within our riparian rights. In general, towns that charge significant yearly amounts for moorings do so because the moorings are in public space, are maintained by the town and dockage is limited. Launch service, pump out service and trash pickup is provided for the yearly fee.

In closing, we continue to support the regulations set by the Town to manage the waterfront. We support the mooring requirements, the escrow fee and a realistic raise in the yearly rate to cover administration costs.

Thank you, Margaret Munsch

From:

Bodensick, Lisa K - Oxford, MD < lisa.k.bodensick@usps.gov>

Sent:

Monday, August 12, 2024 3:12 PM

To:

Oxfordclerktreasurer@goeaston.net

Subject:

Request for Parking Lot resurfacing for Oxford Post Office

### Dear Ms. Sharp,

I, Lisa K Bodensick, Postmaster Oxford, MD 21654, am requesting the Parking Lot to be resurfaced as soon as possible. Per my conversation with Cheryl Lewis & Mr. Costigan, when the town acquired the Oxford Post Office located at 101 Wilson St., we discussed the need for the parking lot to be addressed. The parking lot has been an issue for a while, and the prior owner had been notified of the need of a new resurfacing. Please feel free to contact me about this matter. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Lisa K. Bodensick

Postmaster

410-226-5629