

December 6, 2007

The regular monthly meeting of the Oxford Board of Port Wardens was called to order by the chairperson, Tom Campbell, on Thursday, December 6, 2007 at 7:00 p.m., in the meeting room of the Oxford Community Services Building.

Other board members in attendance were Larry Murray, Harwood "Woody" Martin, Richard Johnson, and new member, Stanley Bright.

The minutes of the meeting of September 6, 2007 were approved and accepted as distributed.

Prior to the review of permits, Mr. Campbell thanked Mr. Johnson and Mr. Martin for their years of service on the board, as this was the last meeting that both men would be serving on, and welcomed Mr. Bright as the newest member to the group.

The following applications were reviewed by the board:

1. Permit #07-05 for Martha Biggs, 104 Myrtle Street, 200' replacement vinyl bulkhead 18" channelward of existing deteriorated wall; remove and replace existing 6' x 35' pier, finger pier, and 4 mooring piles in exact existing footprint. Ms. Biggs and her contractor George Apple were present to discuss the permit. A letter was read aloud by Mr. Campbell from Peter Dunbar, next door neighbor to Ms. Biggs, who was also present at the meeting. Mr. Dunbar's letter stated, in essence, that though he had no objection to the dock and bulkhead, he asked that the plans be modified to place the southern bulkhead inside the existing bulkhead, thus not extending 18" to the south onto Mr. Dunbar's property and riparian zone as shown in the 9/25/07 diagram. Ms. Biggs agreed to Mr. Dunbar's request and Mr. Apple modified Ms. Biggs' drawing labeled "Proposed Replacement Pier and Piling" in red ink with the notation that it was "modified in accordance with letter from Peter Dunbar dated 11/25/07. It was also noted that the proposed bulkhead would be vinyl and that the current plan was not to take the old bulkhead out but to leave it in place. Permits have been received from the Corps of Engineers and Maryland Department of the Environment. Mr. Murray made a motion to approve the permit application as submitted based on the changes of the marked print given to the board as this night's meeting that satisfies Peter Dunbar's concerns that he addressed in a letter to the Board. The motion was seconded by Mr. Campbell and unanimously carried without further discussion.
2. Permit #07-06, Town of Oxford, end of East Strand, emplace 35' of granite stone revetment within a maximum of 12' channelward of the existing deteriorated timber bulkhead at the street end. The town submitted an

informational filing concerning the rip-rap at the end of East Strand. Though a Port Warden permit is not required for town projects under Maryland Law, the Commissioners wanted the Port Wardens and neighbors to be aware of the work. George Apple of Apple Marine was present to answer any questions the board might have and noted that this came up because the two neighboring properties were putting in rip-rap and it was suggested to the town that they might want to fix up their area at the same time these other properties were having work done. Mr. Campbell noted that the request was straight forward and made a motion to approve the permit subject to other agencies approvals. The motion was seconded and unanimously carried. Mr. Apple mentioned that he thought that he understood the town wanted to put up some public notice concerning this matter. Mr. Campbell suggested to Mr. Apple that he check in with the town office concerning this matter.

This concluded the review of permits.

Mr. Dunbar, on behalf of himself working in the capacity of a Commissioner, went over a few questions he had concerning the proposed mooring regulations that the board had recently submitted to the Commissioners for their review. Some of the questions Commissioner Dunbar raised were:

- the definition of channel
- the difference between mooring area and authorized waters
- where to store dinghies
- clarification regarding placement of trailers on public landings and at street ends

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Assistant Clerk