

September 9, 2009

A continuation of the September 3, 2009 Board of Port Wardens meeting was called to order by the chairman, Thomas Campbell, on Wednesday, September 9, 2009 at 7:00 p.m., in the meeting room of the Oxford Community Services Building.

Other board members in attendance were Larry Murray, Stan Bright, and Nancy Cook.

The minutes of the meeting of August 13, 2009 were approved and accepted as distributed.

The following permit applications were reviewed:

1. Permit #09-05, Loretta Blume, 800 S. Morris Street, 50' x 4' timber pier extension to include a 15' x 10' "L", two mooring piles, and a boat lift. Ms. Blume was represented by Mark Hill from Bailey Marine Construction. Mr. Hill noted that the job calls for the existing end of Ms. Blume's pier to be removed and replaced with the new proposed extension. Mr. Campbell asked if Mr. Hill was measuring the extension from mean high water. Mr. Hill replied that he was. Mr. Murray asked if the Maryland Department of the Environment had approved the application yet to which Mr. Hill replied that they had not. None of the board members saw any problems with the request. Mr. Murray made a motion to issue a permit based on the drawings that the board had and based on the fact that the applicant gets the other permits from MDE and the Corp of Engineers. Mr. Hill stated that he would give the Oxford Town Office a copy of those additional approved permits once he got them. Mr. Campbell then restated the motion that Mr. Murray had already made to approve the application. Mr. Murray seconded the motion which was then unanimously carried with all in favor.

2. Permit #09-06, Raymond and Margaret Munsch, 710 S. Morris St., 150' x 5' timber pier to include a 15' x 12' "L" and a boat lift. Mr. and Mrs. Munsch were also represented by Mark Hill from Bailey Marine Construction. Mr. Murray asked if the work proposed was to be an addition to a dock that already existed on the property. Mr. Hill replied that it was an extension and that he was planning on taking off an existing "L" head. The new total length of the pier would be 150'. Mr. Campbell pointed out that the existing pier was non-conforming as he believed the setback from the pier to the neighboring property line extended should be 15', not 5' as shown on the presented drawing. He questioned whether or not a non-conforming structure could be extended. Mr. Murray questioned Mr. Hill about the width of the lot. Mr. Hill replied that at the shoreline it was about 50' wide (plus or minus). Mr. Campbell commented that if the lot is 50' or less in the width, the setbacks are modified and that there may not be an issue with the setbacks of the existing pier. Mr. Hill responded that he did not have a survey but that he would check with the owners to see if they had one, and if not, they would have one done and passed on to the Port Wardens. It was unanimously agreed to table the application until a certified plat could be presented to the board.

Prior to review of the last application, Mr. Campbell announced that the Port Wardens had received a nice letter from Mr. and Mrs. Munsch addressing the proposed mooring regulations. He added that it could be viewed at the town office and that it contained constructive information that the board members like to hear from people. Mr. Campbell publically thanked the Munsch's for their serious, creative thoughts on the proposed regulations.

Mr. Campbell recused himself from the meeting in order that his permit application could be reviewed. Mr. Murray then took over the meeting as the acting chairman.

3. Continuation of Permit #09-02, Tom Campbell for Campbell's Boatyard at Jack's Point, 106 Richardson Street, request for dredging; bulkhead replacement; covered storage dock; replacement and construction, and relocation of travel lift. Mr. Murray reminded the board members that this application was originally reviewed on May 14, 2009. At that time, the application was never officially denied which needs to be done in order for Mr. Campbell to file an appeal of his application. Mr. Campbell stated that because of the relationship of the harbor line with what he was proposing to do, he had always been aware that he would have to file an appeal in order to seek approval of his application. Mr. Murray stated that the Port Wardens recommendations back in May remained the same and asked that the members make a motion. Mr. Bright made a motion to deny the application. The motion was seconded by Ms. Cook and was carried with one abstaining vote from Mr. Campbell. Mr. Murray added that the application could now move on to the Commissioners for an appeal.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Willoughby
Assistant Clerk