

November 18, 2009

A workshop meeting of the Oxford Board of Port Wardens was called to order by the chairman, Thomas Campbell, on Wednesday, November 18, 2009 at 1:00 p.m., in the meeting room of the Oxford Community Services Building.

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

The purpose of the workshop was to review the draft proposals of 11/15/07 and 10/17/09 with regards to mooring regulations. The board members were hoping to better define the definitions to be friendlier to individuals and to simplify the rules to some degree.

Some of the items discussed by the board included the following:

- Enactment of either of these proposals would have to be proceeded by annexation which has been approved by the Commissioners but is subject to possible referendum.
- The need to incorporate some premise as to the objective or purpose of having mooring regulations by trying to assure the access and use to Oxford waterfront by the maximum number of people. There is also a need to put together a document that would be good for today but also can work in the future.
- The need for the Port Wardens to re-review the mooring regulations over time as they develop.
- The need to consider in the application the designation of some form of anchorage area.
- The need to have reserved useable space for anchorage in order to have access to the town that could be incorporated into the document.

It was agreed by the members present to take both documents and work on them at home with the hopes that board member Larry Murray could offer his insights on this project as well. The group agreed they would try to make as much headway in reviewing the draft proposals before the regular December 3rd meeting. Ms. Cook agreed to put the draft proposals into document form. Mr. Campbell announced that he would not be available for the January meeting and that Mr. Murray would not be available for the December meeting. Mr. Bright thought the board should get their plans straight for mooring regulations by January especially since the annexation of land underwater can go into effect within 45 days of the day in which it was approved, provided that town residents do not bring it to referendum.

Prior to adjourning, the board members looked over a live aboard application form that the town office had found in their files. Ms. Cook thought it was a good beginning but that the form needed to have some things added to it. Everyone agreed to review it and bring their thoughts back with them the next time the board meets to discuss what the form should have on it.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Willoughby
Assistant Clerk