



MINUTES

Board of Port Wardens

March 22, 2022, 7:00 pm

Virtual Hearing

Members Present: Chair Gene Godley, Robert Shapiro, Scott Anderson, Willie Sampson, Harold Seigel

Staff Present: Kevin Scott, Planning & Zoning, Kerry Berger, Assistant City Attorney

Others Present: Alderman Ross Arnett

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Godley called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

B. INTRODUCTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBER

Chair Godley introduced Harold Seigel as a new member of the Board of Port Wardens. Mr. Seigel has not been officially sworn in and will not participate in voting at this meeting.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Sampson motioned to approve the agenda as written. Mr. Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

D. APPROVAL OF JANUARY 25, 2022 MINUTES

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Mr. Anderson motioned to approve the minutes of January 25, 2022 as written. Mr. Shapiro seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

E. FINDINGS OF FACT, JANUARY 25, 2022

1. PORT2021-019 – Yard, LLC, 222 Severn Avenue. Mr. Sampson motioned to approve the Findings. Mr. Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.
2. PORT2021-027 – Jabin Family Real Estate, LLC, 7310 Edgewood Road. Mr. Anderson motioned to approve the Findings. Mr. Shapiro seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.
3. PORT2021-028 – City of Annapolis c/o DPW, Cheston Avenue (Street End Park). Mr. Shapiro motioned to approve the Findings. Mr. Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.
4. PORT 2021-030 – James and Kathleen Mott, 602 Burnside Street. Mr. Anderson motioned to approve the Findings. Mr. Shapiro seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. **PORT2021-029 – Peter Saari, 7046 Bembe Beach Road: Replace +/- 78 LF timber bulkhead; Replace in-kind 6' x 88' fixed main pier which includes a 30' x 10' fixed platform; Install a PWC lift and a boat lift with 2 boat lift pilings; And, construct a new 6' x 60' floating pier extension with a 4' x 15' gangway and 1 mooring pile.**

All those present who wished to testify were sworn in by **Chair** Godley.

Scott Mielke, of Waterfront Engineering, made a brief presentation of the project.

Mr. Scott, on behalf of the Department of Planning & Zoning, recommended denial of the application because the proposed pier extension is likely to cause congestion of the waterways adjacent to the property, one of which belongs to the City of Annapolis on lease to the CRAB (Chesapeake Region Accessible Boating) Marina; however, both adjacent property owners have indicated their concern about the project. The developable waterway bottlenecks as one gets closer to the harbor line and staff position is that development should remain closer to the shore in that area, for safe navigation.

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Chair Godley opened the hearing for public testimony.

Paul Bollinger, representing CRAB, spoke in opposition to the project.

Ed Hartman, representing Annapolis Landing Marina, spoke in opposition to the project.

The Board Members asked clarifying questions. Mr. Mielke and the applicants, Peter Saari and Anne Mathias, spoke about the current dock, the reason for the proposed project, citing recent silting in the area of their dock, and potential alternatives.

Chair Godley motioned to deny the application. Mr. Shapiro seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Chair Godley accepted the following exhibits into the record.

Exhibit Number	Exhibit
A.1	Maritime Construction Permit Application dated 2/16/22

Chair Godley accepted the following exhibits into the record.

Exhibit Number	Exhibit
C.1	Staff Report Memorandum dated 3/8/22

Chair Godley accepted the following exhibit into the record

Exhibit Number	Name	Address	Exhibit
T.1	Peter Bollinger/CRAB	177 Defense Hwy Suite 9	Email dated 2/24/22
T.2	Phillip Shannon/Annapolis Landing Marina	980 Awald Road	Email dated 3/7/2022
T.3	Ed Hartman	116 Defense Hwy	Email dated 3/17

2. PORT2022-002 – Yard, LLC, 222 Severn Avenue: Construct a 226’ floating pier which includes an 8’ x 226’ main pier, a 4’ x 25’ finger pier, a 4’ x 26’ finger pier, a 12’ x 23.5’ floating platform, and a 4.5’ x 20’ gangway.

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The Applicant made a presentation of the proposed project, outlining specific changes made to the plans based on feedback from the Board received during previous meetings, and stated that the plan now meets all necessary criteria. She has submitted a letter addressed to the Annapolis Water Access Coalition to express her support for public water access at the street end, and also should the City wish to install a floating dock in the future, she would support that as well. A copy has also been sent to the Eastport Civic Association.

Michael Tomasini spoke in favor of the project.

Chris Ledoux provided comments recommending that the Board place conditions on the approval.

Alderman Ross Arnett spoke in favor of the project.

Chair Godley motioned to approve the project on the condition that no boats extend into the freeway beyond the end of the finger piers. Mr. Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Chair Godley accepted the following exhibits into the record.

Exhibit Number	Exhibit
A.1	Maritime Construction Permit Application dated 2/28/22
A.2	Letter from Cardie Templeton, "Support for Water Access" dtd 3/21/22
A.3	Letter from Cardie Templeton, "Clarifying Use of Pier" dtd 3/21/22

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C.1	Staff Report Memorandum dated 3/8/22

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Exhibit Number	Name	Address	Exhibit
T.1	David Young	311 Third Street, Suite B	Email dated 3/19/22
T.2	Michael Tomasini	212 Eastern Avenue	Email dated 3/21/22

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Chair Godley proposed a Resolution that the Board express appreciation to Mr. John Butler, former member of the Board who recently resigned, for his extremely contributive service to the Board of Port Wardens. The motion was seconded by Mr. Anderson. The motion passed 4-0.

H. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 pm.

The next meeting of the Board of Port Wardens is scheduled for April 26, 2022 as a virtual meeting.

Kimberly Consoli, Recorder

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