

## Christina Stacey - Re: Thompson's Point - Open Bench Project

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The unit currently occupied by Open Bench Project is in the end of Brick South facing the highway - it may have previously been called Unit 7A or 8F. The applicant says that he had some sort of meeting here at City Hall (he mentioned that Capt. Petrucelli was there) around May 2015. He recalls discussing whether Open Bench's use was similar enough to the previous use to not need a change-of-use permit, and it sounds like it was decided that no permit would be needed. Do any of you recall this meeting and if so could you just confirm that this was the decision that was made? Ann does not remember the meeting or if she was even there.

Thanks,  
 Chris

>>> Christine Grimando 2/26/2016 2:10 PM >>>  
 Hi Chris,

That site has long been used for light industrial, and from a use perspective Open Bench is a continuation of a consistent presence on the property. They're responsible for any other permitting or licensing they might trigger if they are doing work inside the building, of course. I believe they're in Brick South.

Hope that helps.

Christine

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>>> Christina Stacey 2/26/2016 12:21 PM >>>  
 Hi Christine,

Open Bench Project has submitted a cutting & welding license application to the City Clerk, which was routed to me for confirmation that the use is legal. I am not finding anything, either in the previously-existing uses or in the more recently approved permits, that indicates they have any approval to be there at all. I don't know what building they are in, either - application says "10 Thompson Point" but that is the address of the train shed so that can't be correct. Based on their website, Open Bench Project appears to be a shared art studio/work space. Do you have any knowledge about this?

Thanks,  
 Chris