

**EAST LYME INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY
PUBLIC HEARING
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, June 12, 2010**

Members Present:

Walter Procherena, Chairman
Cheryl Lozanov, Secretary
Norman Bender
Charles Reluga
Joe Mingo

Also Present:

Gary Goeschel, Director of Planning / Wetlands Officer
Keith Hall, Alternate Member, Seated
Phyllis Berger, Alternate Member, Seated

Absent:

Ed Hafner
Candace Bodenhofer

Call to Order

Mr. Procherena called to order the Public Hearing at 7:00 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

The pledge was observed

Mr. Procherena called for Mr. Keith Hall, and Mrs. Phyllis Berger Alternate Members to be seated.

I. PUBLIC HEARING

A. 20 Ocean Avenue, Tax Assessor's Map# 11.4, Lot 186 – Property of Shores Point Investment applicant/owner, Application for the construction of a new one-family residential home, with continued agreement with Inn to provide overflow parking. (Application received 05-04-2010)

Ms. Lozanov read into the record the proposed activity.

Mr. Goeschel had communicated with the applicant regarding the potential impact of the wetlands and the removal of fragmites. He supplied comment and suggestions. The applicant had responded with a revised plan from Bolduc Land Consultants.

Mr. Goeschel submitted for the record:

1. Drainage calculations as Exhibit 11.
2. Letter from David Lord, Soil Scientist as Exhibit 12.

Mr. Daniel Carter, Project Engineer of Bolduc Land Consultants presented a drawing to the Agency. He explained the drainage re-calculations. There was also a cross section of the proposed retaining wall, he reviewed the details of this plan.

Mr. David Lord, Soil Scientist of Soil Resource Consultants presented the Agency with a document dated July 8, 2010 addressed to Norm Bolduc concerning issues that were raised at the last meeting. Mr. Lord reviewed information that he had collected regarding Rodeo the herbicide that is used to control the invasive plant species and the questions of

toxicity and persistence. He also had collected information on the application of the herbicides and reviewed this as well.

Mr. Procherena asked if the herbicide Rodeo was selective. Mr. Lord replied that it was not plant selective, and would be applied by hand for this reason. It was also stated that the application of the herbicide would be done by licensed professionals. Ms. Lozanov asked about the decomposed plants once they have been treated with the herbicide. Mr. Lord assured her that there is a very low toxicity with this particular herbicide that it is deactivated once it comes in contact with soil and water, and any residue would not affect, animals or other plants and is not a human carcinogen. Mr. Mingo asked to clarify what would be planted in the place of the fragmites. Mr. Lord said none of the native vegetation would be removed, there would be no cutting or clearing of the area. They would not be planting cattails, in fact the DEP advises against the planting of cattails. Mr. Procherena asked about the proposed wall and its location. Mr. Hall asked for more detail about the wall. Mr. Procherena asked about the demolition of the house and how the debris would be disposed of. It was said that it would be removed by dumpster. Mr. Hall asked how the applicant intended to install the wall. He said they may be better off not building the wall. There was discussion about the wall, Mr. Procherena said the Agency needed to know if the wall would be built or not. Ms. Lozanov asked for the width of the plantings. Mr. Lord responded the width of the invasives was currently 10 feet. Mr. Mingo asked what method would be used to remove the fragmites. Mr. Lord said they would trim it, cut it and allow it to re-grow and at the appropriate time apply the herbicide. Ms. Lozanov asked about monitoring the progress of the new plantings, Mr. Lord explained that there would be periodic reports supplied by him along with photographs. Ms. Lozanov asked about the equipment that would be brought in to administer the chemicals. Mr. Lord explained that the parking lot supplied good access to the area and that the herbicide would be done with hand sprayers or back packs, not with machinery such as a tank.

MOTION (1)

Mr. Mingo moved to close the Public Hearing of 20 Ocean Avenue, Tax Assessor's Map# 11.4, Lot 186 – Property of Shores Point Investment applicant/owner, Application for the construction of a new one-family residential home, with continued agreement with Inn to provide overflow parking. (Application received 05-04-2010).

Seconded by Mr. Bender.

Motion Carried 5-1-0.

Mr. Reluga was in favor.

Mr. Bender was in favor.

Mr. Mingo was in favor.

Mrs. Berger was in favor.

Mr. Hall was in favor.

Ms. Lozanov was opposed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Zoe Zrakas, Recording Secretary