

Town of East Lyme
East Lyme Zoning Commission
Public Hearing Minutes

March 15, 2012

Members Present:

Marc Salerno, Chairman
Norm Peck
Mathew Kane
Mathew Walker
Terence Donovan
George McPherson
William Dwyer, Alternate
Jack Hogan, Alternate

FILED *Mar 20, 2012*
AT *7:00 P.M.*
L. A. Blair, etc.
TOWN CLERK

Also Present:

Bill Mulholland, Zoning Officer
Rita Palazzo, Planning

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Salerno called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Salerno led the assembly in the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC DELEGATIONS

There were no public delegations.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Application of Steve Carpenteri for Niantic Bay Inn, Inc., (aka Lyme Tavern) for a Special Permit for Outdoor Dining at property identified in the application as 229-2 West Main Street, Niantic, Connecticut. Assessor's Map 10.3, Lot.1.

Chairman Salerno asked if any one present felt as if they might have any conflict. Mr. Donovan asked to be excused. Mr. Hogan was seated.

Chairman Salerno noted that the legal ad had been run.

Mr. Walker read into the record a letter from Mr. Mulholland regarding the above application.

Mr. Steve Carpenteri of 25 Harvest Glenn, East Lyme, CT addressed the commission. Mr. Carpenteri described the proposed addition to the restaurant. There were pictures submitted as Exhibit 1. A diagram was submitted as Exhibit 2. A rendering was submitted as Exhibit 3.

Chairman Salerno asked if there would be more seating. Mr. Mulholland asked if the bar was contained in the restaurant. Mr. Carpenteri explained the addition would be full service, serving food until 11:00 PM. There was discussion about outdoor speakers and entertainment. It was clarified that any entertainment would be acoustic only non-amplified, and music would be low level. Mr. Walker asked about the elevation and the step up into the restaurant. Mr. Hogan asked about the doors opening into the existing bar and the possibility of excess noise from inside. Chairman Salerno asked about outside music. Mr. McPherson asked about neighbors and the hotel next door. It was discussed that there are no neighbors in the immediate area, Mr. Carpenteri owns the hotel next door, and no one in the area has ever complained about noise from the bar. Mr. Carpenteri explained the necessity for outdoor dining and wanting to be able to offer this as it is very popular with other restaurants. Mr. Peck stated there should be a time limit for music and agreed speakers should be turned off outside at 11:00.

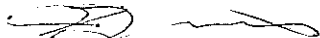
Chairman Salerno asked if there were any more questions from the commission. Hearing none he opened the application to the public for comment. There was no comment from the public. Chairman Salerno asked for a motion to close the Public Hearing.

Motion 1: Mr. Peck moved to close the Public Hearing at 8:05 PM

Seconded by Mr. McPherson.

Motion passed 6-0.

Respectfully Submitted,



Zoe Zrakas

Recording Secretary