

TOWN OF EAST LYME
EAST LYME ZONING COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

JULY 7, 2011

MEMBERS PRESENT

Steve Carpenteri, Acting Chairman
Matthew Walker
Norm Peck
James Liska, Alternate
William Dwyer, Alternate

ALSO PRESENT

Bill Mulholland, Zoning Office

MEMBERS ABSENT

Bob Bulmer, Alternate
Ed Gada
Marc Salerno
Rosanna Carabelas

FILED IN EAST LYME TOWN
CLERK'S OFFICE

July 11 20 11 at 8:45 AM PM
Esther B. Williams

EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Carpenteri called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Carpenteri sat Mr. Liska and Mr. Dwyer as regular members for the Public Hearing.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Carpenteri led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC DELEGATIONS

There were no public delegations

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Application of Margery Shute for a Special Permit to operate Eastern Community Development Corporation at property identified in the application as 11 Freedom Way, Unit A1, Niantic, Assessor's Map 09.0, Lot 27.

Mr. Peck recused himself for Item 1.

Mr. Walker read a memo from Mr. Mulholland.

Mr. Mulholland stated the legal ad had run on this item.

Dominie Rusek represented the applicant.

Mr. Dwyer asked if there would be wheelchairs and vans.

Ms. Rusek stated they have one minivan to transport the clients, and currently they have nobody who uses a wheelchair.

Mr. Mulholland stated a staff person drives the van.

Ms. Rusek stated they would have three clients there during the week, and a couple on Saturday. There will always be at least two staff and a supervisor on site.

Mr. Mulholland stated there are 800 square feet in that Unit.

Mr. Dwyer asked about the exits and entrances.

Mr. Mulholland stated that is the building department's issue, not zoning.

Mr. Dwyer stated he just wanted to make sure a wheelchair could get in and out both doors.

Ms. Rusek stated they don't have anyone in a wheelchair, but yes they could get in and out.

Mr. Liska asked if this is for people with development disabilities.

Ms. Rusek stated it depends on their diagnosis, could be learning disabled.

Mr. Carpenteri stated it is not necessarily physical.

Ms. Rusek stated they work with the clients one on one. They are trained by the Department of Developmental Services. They work on life skills, vocational, interviewing skills, resume writing, job placement. They are already located in Niantic, and have been since 1988.

Mr. Mulholland stated he has received no complaints.

Mr. Liska asked if they would be expanding over time.

Ms. Rusek stated that is a possibility.

Mr. Mulholland stated if they choose to expand they may have to come back to this Commission.

There were no public comments.

Motion (1) Mr. Walker moved to close the Public Hearing.

Seconded by Mr. Dwyer.

Motion Passed 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Miller Galbo
Recording Secretary