

Village of Croton-on-Hudson
Water Control Commission Meeting of
June 20, 2012

PRESENT: Stuart Greenbaum, Chair
Mark Goldfarb
Charles Kane

ALSO PRESENT: Daniel O'Connor, Village Engineer

ABSENT: Al Mazza

1. Call to Order.

The Water Control Commission Meeting of June 20, 2012 was called to order at 7:30 P.M.

2. New Business:

- a) **Kenneth & Jane Laudon – 124 Penfield Avenue (Sec. 79.09 Blk. 10 Lot 5) –**
Application for Wetlands (Watercourse) Activity Permit for replacement of existing retaining wall.

The applicants were represented by Engineer Daniel Ciarcia of Ciarcia Engineering. He distributed a Site Access Plan, dated 06/20/12, to the Board to add to the application documentation. At Chairman Greenbaum's request he explained the proposed project. Mr. Ciarcia started by explaining that at the rear of the Laudons' residence there is a 2-tier existing railroad tie retaining wall. He said that the upper tier was not so bad but that the lower tier in the northeast corner had failed, as well as there being a large tree down in the same area that was causing a problem. He and the Laudons had discussed just replacing the lower tier but had decided that since the upper tier was deteriorating it would make more sense to replace both tiers at this time so that they wouldn't have to do it again.

The proposed plan would use an interlocking concrete block system known as "Ready Rock". The new wall would be 12½ feet at its highest replacing the existing 2-tier system. It would entail working on a hill and so as to not compromise the residence, the work would be done in a sequential manner starting from the corner and proceeding in a westerly direction. Deliveries would be made to the rear of the parking area that services the Duck Pond. Blocks would be dropped off by the supplier and a skid steer would shovel the blocks to the work site. Then a hydraulic excavator would make a trip in and out of the work site to move soil, place gravel, and place blocks. The skid steer would go back and forth. The project calls for two rows of silt fence. Mr. Ciarcia said there was concern over possible sediment in the drainage area near the bleachers, so a steel plate would be placed over that area and would be taken up during any periods of rain. He explained that typical inlet protection could not be used because there is no place to

maneuver above grade, being squeezed between the fence along the ball fields and the bleachers.

The Board then examined the site access plan and Mr. Ciarcia provided more details. Mr. Kane pointed out that there was quite a hill past the bleachers. Mr. Ciarcia said they would need to make the area fairly level temporarily for equipment access but that the area would be returned to the approximate previous grade, and that work would be done during the week and coordinated with the Recreation Department.

Mr. Ciarcia brought up the issue of property ownership stating that in this case it was a little unusual because the Laudons' deed has their property extending to the pitcher's mound and including the bleachers. Mr. O'Connor explained that there is a small deed transferring the property inside the fence to the Village. He said there is also a drainage easement but no recreational easement and the Laudons are okay with that.

Chairman Greenbaum then asked how long the project would take. Mr. Ciarcia said about two weeks. The Board then examined the repair plans and at the Board's request Mr. Ciarcia gave more details about the use of the interlocking block system. Mr. O'Connor added that in the past, wood has been used but 20 years down the road, it would typically have to be done again.

Chairman Greenbaum stated that the application before the Board was a Type II action under SEQR.

Mr. O'Connor suggested that the Board review the tree situation in the project area, and after some discussion it was concluded that with several trees being taken down, at least 2 oak trees of 2-inch minimum caliber be planted as replacement trees and as much as feasibly possible, a one to one replacement of any additional trees taken down.

Mr. Kane then asked if the Recreation Department had any issues with the project. Mr. O'Connor said that he, along with Mr. Ciarcia, Artie Neff, Mark Duncan, Tom Giglio, and the contractor, had a site visit last week to discuss concerns. Mr. Duncan was concerned about the scheduling of the park as was Mr. Neff. Mr. Neff and Mr. Giglio also had concerns about protecting the infrastructure. Mr. O'Connor then pointed out that condition #7 of the draft resolution would address the use of the Duck Pond and subject its use to Mr. O'Connor's approval. He further added that he would write a permission letter with conditions as to the scheduling of the park, protection of utilities, and mediation after the work is completed.

Chairman Greenbaum then made a motion to adopt the draft resolution with the conditions set forth which included replacement of trees and use of the Duck Pond. Mr. Goldfarb seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 3 – 0; all members voting in favor.

The Board noted that the minutes for the last WCC meeting held on October 20, 2011 had been approved by the Board via email.

3. Adjournment:

Mr. Greenbaum made a motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Toni Cruz
Secretary, Water Control Commission