

**St. George Planning Board
On Site Public Hearing
Culver Road Port Clyde, LLC
6 Culver Road
November 24, 2007**

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. Planning Board members in attendance were William Hickey, Steve Adams, Loa Lee Blake, Ray Emerson and Marvon Hupper. Also present were Asst. Town Manager Tim Polky, Becky & Troy Crane, Verona Curtis, and Wayne Curtis.

Becky Crane explained the application is to renovate the existing building. The first floor will be for shrimp and crab processing and the second floor a bakery. The shrimp processing part of the building will be the first part of the renovation since the season will be opening in December. Verona Curtis asked how the shells were going to be disposed of since there is an odor from these shells. B. Crane said they would be composted daily. The shells would be removed by truck. B. Crane has spoken with Great Eastern Mussel Farm; they have a crusher for shells. Once the shells have been crushed, they are transported to Pittston for disposal. They may work together so the shells at the Culver Road location and Great Eastern could be combined and disposed of together. This is one of the options she is looking into.

Wayne Curtis said his and Verona's biggest concerns were the right of way and the parking. B. Crane said the right of way would remain the same and it would be open and would not be blocked for any reason. The maximum number of people at the location at one time would be twelve. Parking should be ample for this number of people. There will be no fences put up. There will always be someone on site supervising the operation of this facility.

V. Curtis asked about the septic system and if the overflow would be going down towards her property. B. Crane said it would not and explained where the leach field would be which is to the right of the building and the septic tanks would be out back.

Everyone moved into the building and B. Crane explained the lay out of 2 long stainless steel work areas coming down the middle for the workers to pick the shrimp and the wash downs. There will be industrial size refrigerators and freezers which will be inside the building and there will be no noise. Hickey asked where the wash downs would be going. T. Crane said they were going to have someone from the State come in and show them exactly what needs to be done so it is State approved to be used for shrimp processing and a bakery.

Hickey said one of the concerns is the right of way. It should not be blocked which would be part of the condition for approval. Also it should be noted that none of the grey water is going outside but going into the septic system.

Hickey read a letter from John & Sylvia Crane which stated “We specifically ask that NO debris related to shellfish be placed outside the building inviting stench or animals, particularly rodents, to prey upon the property. Any waste connected with the processing of shellfish must be removed from the premises in a very timely manner to alleviate any possibility of this happening. We further ask that the present owner and any future owners respect these guidelines. We fully realize this would most likely be a seasonal undertaking, thus have no objection to hours of operation or additional traffic in the neighborhood.”

The hours of operation would be 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with an hour for lunch.

Everyone went to the second floor to see where the bakery would be. B. Crane said there would be a dumbwaiter or something of this nature to transport the heavy items, i.e., flour sacks, sugar, cookware, etc., upstairs. The bakery would be for wholesale and not retail. There was a question concerning the water, if it would be a drilled well or town water. T. Crane said that when the State came to discuss what was needed to approve the facility, this would be something that would be determined.

Hickey asked if there were any more questions for the applicant. He said the only comments that he heard so far were the shells to be disposed of in a timely fashion, waste water to be taken care of by the septic system, and the right of way cannot be blocked. Hickey asked for a drawing of the parking area with the slots delineated to be brought to the meeting on Tuesday, November 27th.

W. Curtis asked if the septic system was going to be for the building or was it going to be tied into the trailer that is located near the building. The answer was no, the septic is for the building only.

Hickey thanked everyone for coming and for their input. There being no further questions, the meeting was adjourned at 8:14 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cherie A. Yattaw
Planning Board Secretary