

WEST TISBURY CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
NOVEMBER 25, 2008

**Present:** Prudy Burt Chair, Hadden Blair, Judy Crawford, Dan Pace and Maria McFarland

**Absent:** Binnie Ravitch, Joanie Ames, Peter Rodegast and Tara Whiting

**Also Present for all or part of the meeting:** Reid Silva

Prudy Burt called the meeting to order at 5:05 P.M.

**Map 22 Lots 22 and 24 continuation of a public hearing** under the requirements of G.L. Ch.131 § 40, as amended and the West Tisbury Wetlands Protection Bylaw and regulations to consider a **Notice of Intent** filed by Vineyard Land Surveying & Engineering, Inc. on behalf of Geoffrey Berresford, and the Trustees of the Ann Nelson Realty Trust owners of property located at 60 Littlefield Lane and 101 Old Court House Road for a limited project to repair an existing dam, install a new concrete sluiceway and dredge the pond. Letter from NHESP dated January 22, 2008 regarding project occurrence within the actual habitat of the American Brook Lamprey (*Lampetra appendix*).

Reid Silva recapped the project history and reported on the results of the Lamprey study that was required under MESA. The study area encompassed the pond, 225 feet upstream and 278 feet downstream of the pond. No lamprey were found. The pond elevation will be lowered by slowly taking the dam apart. Siltation barriers will be put in place and the brook will be rerouted through the breach in the bank. Organic materials will be removed but the substrate will be left. The applicant wants to obtain a depth of 5 feet in the pond as this is what it used to be. Once the brook has been diverted, a pre-cast concrete sluiceway will be put in place and the materials removed will be used to rebuild the dam. A small excavator will be used to dredge the pond. A silt fence will be installed in the area where the dredge spoils are to be dewatered to contain any runoff.

The main issues in this project are the erosion control measures to be put in place to avoid sediment in the stream and the restoration of the bank once work is completed. Reid will revise the plan to show a limit of work line and to put the construction sequence in the plan notes. He will review the construction narrative and revise if necessary.

Prudy closed the public hearing. A motion was made and seconded to approve this project with special conditions to be finalized at the next meeting. The vote in favor unanimous.

**Administrative**

**FY2010 Budget:** A motion was made and seconded to approve the FY2010 budget for submittal. All in favor.

There being no further business on the agenda, the meeting adjourned at 5:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria McFarland  
Board Administrator  
APPROVED