

1. Requested Motion:

Meeting Date: April 5, 2010

Staff is looking for consensus to schedule a workshop to discuss options and alternatives regarding the in-fill that has occurred at the channel entrance of Laguna Shores.

Why the action is necessary:

In-fill has occurred at the entrance to the recently dredged entrance into the Laguna Shores channel limiting the access.

What the action accomplishes:

Sets a time for discussion on the Laguna Shores Channel.

2. Agenda:

- Consent
- Administrative

3. Requirement/Purpose:

- Resolution
- Ordinance
- Other

4. Submitter of Information:

- Council
- Town Staff: Public Works
- Town Attorney

5. Background:

Residents of Laguna Shores requested the Town to provide a dredged channel into the subdivision. The Town approved sharing the cost of the project with the residents using a special assessment. A permit from the FL Department of Environmental Protection was needed in order to accomplish the dredging. FDEP would not approve the permit application as submitted due to the location of sea grass. A revised application was made moving the channel entrance to where it is currently located, which was approved and the dredging project proceeded. The Town's consultant advised that the area permitted will be subject to filling due to its proximity to the pass. Due to this condition, the channel in that area was dredged wider than normal to help prolong the need for maintenance dredging. The project was completed in February, 2009 and with in-fill that has occurred to date, the 6' dredged depth has decreased to less than 2'-3'. Residents have expressed their concerns regarding the limited ability to access the channel due to in-fill. A preliminary cost estimate to relocate the channel has been received in an amount of approximately \$300,000. Should Council decided to move forward with a workshop, additional alternatives and costs will be provided.

6. Alternative Action:

Do not schedule a workshop to continue discussion on this matter.

7. Management Recommendations:

Set a workshop to determine options.

8. Recommended Approval:

Town Manager	Town Attorney	Finance Director	Public Works Director	Community Development Director	Cultural Resources Director	Town Clerk
						

9. Council Action:

- Approved
- Denied
- Deferred
- Other