

Wainscott Citizens Advisory Committee (WCAC)
Meeting of October 8, 2016

The next meeting will be held on November 5, 2016

Member Attendance:

Jose Arandia, Co-Chair
Frank Dalene
Dennis D'Andrea
Barry Frankel, Co-Chair
Simon Kinsella
Susan Macy
Bruce Solomon
Sally Sunshine
Cindy Tuma
Phil Young

Excused Absences:

Kathleen Begala
Rick Del Mastro, WCAC Chair Emeritus

Elected Official:

Kathee Burke-Gonzalez, Town Councilwoman, Liaison to WCAC

Members of the Public:

Ginny and Arthur Bach
Julie Burmeister, Bridgehampton Citizens Advisory Committee
Jim Dagle
Vito D'Andrea
Sara Davison, Executive Director, Friends of Georgica Pond Foundation
Carolyn Logan Gluck, WCAC Member Elect
Richard Myers, Chairman, Architectural Review Board (ARB), WCAC Chair Emeritus
Liam O'Brien

Housekeeping:

Member Slater's letter regarding Wainscott traffic was distributed and will be addressed during the November WCAC meeting.

Wainscott Chapel's Covered Dish Supper - Friday, November 4 at 6pm. All are welcome.

Sustainable Landscape Maintenance Workshop (Julie Burmeister) – Thursday, October 27 at 10:30am in Riverhead.

Sustainable Practices for East End Watershed Workshop (Sara Davison) - Sunday, October 9, 2016 @ 10am at the Nature Conservancy Center for Conservation, EH.

Minutes:

The September 10, 2016 minutes were seconded and approved.

Liaison Report:Website

The Town launched a new website last month, which is very user friendly and easy to navigate. Log onto ehamptonny.gov to sign up for various notifications (emergency, road closures, meeting agendas, alerts for employment opportunities, etc.). A module for town history is still underway, and there is an open call for submission of local images. Member Dalene asks that energy sustainability be added to the CAC module.

New Senior Center

The Town is looking at two locations for a new senior center: either the existing Springs Fireplace Road location or the old CDCH location on Stephens Hands Path, which sits on 10 acres of Town owned property and would provide for a 22,000 square foot facility. A new center would cost approximately 6 million, whereas converting the existing center would cost approximately 2.1 million plus the cost to purchase the building.

Southampton Hospital Satellite in EH

Southampton Hospital will receive a \$10 million grant to open a satellite emergency center in East Hampton. The hospital is looking at the property behind the former CDCH and the Pantigo ball fields. If the ball field property is chosen, the fields will be moved to the area behind the former CDCH. Robert Chaloner, Southampton Hospital President and CEO will be laying out the hospital's plan at the October 18 work session at 10am. This plan has not been incorporated into the Wainscott Hamlet Study, as the decision must be made by early December in order to receive the grant. The hospital is carrying out traffic studies for both properties, and the facility can be incorporated into the hamlet study after a site has been decided on.

Moratorium

The hearing was closed, and the Town is now awaiting comment from the Suffolk County Planning Commission. The Town hopes to have a response within a few weeks, at which time there will be a vote on the resolution to pass the legislation.

Budget Work Session

Budget work sessions are scheduled for Tuesday, October 11 in Montauk, and Tuesday, October 18 in East Hampton, during which time the tentative budget of 75.1 million will be discussed. 3 new police officers, 2 of whom are Spanish speaking have been hired, making the EH police department fully staffed for the first time in a long time. The budget includes a seasonal fund to keep beaches clean. Several members of the committee and public brought up concerns of remnants of fires being found on Wainscott beaches. When people obtain beach permits they are given literature reinforcing the use of metal containers, and guidelines for having bonfires. If anyone sees any uncontained fires, they are urged to call police dispatch who will send Marine Patrol to investigate.

Of Note

Councilwoman Burke-Gonzalez passed along a letter she received addressed to member Kinsella from State Senators Kemp Hannon and Tom O'Mara expressing gratitude for his testimony at the Water Quality Hearing in Smithtown.

Car Wash

There was a huge turnout at the Town Planning Board work session. The application was deemed incomplete, and the applicant was instructed to address concerns laid out in Eric Shantz's memo (notably that use of East Gate Road will not be permitted) and re-file by December 14. Nearly 80 letters were received regarding Wainscott residence opinions on this proposed development.

2016 Airport Study

The resolution was adopted to retain HMMH to complete a report of the 2016 season data. Data collected on Airnoisereport.com, a community owned complaint engine will be obtained by HMMH in order to show a parallel report of both data.

Committee Topics for Discussion:

Moratorium

No one present at the Town Board Public Hearing represented the car wash, and the only objection received was from the EH Business Alliance. A decision should be made by the end of the year as soon as Suffolk County gives the EH Town Board the go ahead.

Town Trustee Update

Member Kinsella drafted a letter on his personal letterhead to those residing around Wainscott Pond to jumpstart the creation of a potential association like that of the Friends of Georgica Pond to raise funds, awareness, etc.

Member Kinsella took water samples from catchment areas around Georgica and Wainscott Ponds and sent them to a laboratory to test specifically for the environmental level of Hexavalent Chromium. Samples taken near Wainscott Properties were found to contain 50 times the CA state groundwater level allowed. Councilwoman Burke-Gonzalez will contact Kim Shaw, Environmental Protection Director to discuss what needs to be done going forward in terms of testing the water in and around Wainscott Properties.

Stephen Hands and Route 114 Intersection

In 2012 the DOT found there was not enough roadway width to create a turning lane from Stephen Hands onto Route 114. In light of the planned re-pavement, the committee has asked Councilwoman Burke-Gonzalez to ask that the DOT revisit this possibility; however she does not believe that the DOT's findings will change from 2012.

Wainscott Business Corridor Award & Beautification Effort

Confirmed for presentation to Pat Trunzo at sometime around 12pm following the November 5 meeting.

Signs limiting trucks

Direct enforcement efforts will be made for the first two weeks that these signs go up.

Town and Committee Updates:

Community Preservation Fund

Nothing to report

Planning Department

55 Town Line Rd – Pending review

Osteria Salina proposed Gelato Cart on bicycle, which would not leave the property – Pending review.

Barry's Bootcamp – parking space variance

Building Department

Nothing to report

Energy sustainability committee

EH Town Board passed the pool energy efficiency code, which mirrors Southampton's, therefore EH and SH committees are working closely for consistency purposes. LIPA is currently negotiating a contract with Deep Water Wind, and when they vote the contract will already be completed. The planned 90 megawatts will be able to offset electric consumption, making EH 100% energy sustainable.

ZBA

16 Georgica Association Rd – wetland restoration going to administrative application.

Nominating committee

Unanimously approved Gluck and Edwards to committee. The WCAC letter to Councilwoman Burke-Gonzalez naming the 2017 committee was read into record. Resolutions will be put forwarding during the next organizational meeting.

Other:

Minutes Distribution Guidelines

Distribution of minutes to the WCAC email database was voted on and approved.

Printing

The agenda will be printed by Co-Chair Arandia and provided at each meeting. Printed copies of the minutes will no longer be provided to conserve the use of paper.

CPF Reauthorization (Sara Davison)

The CPF Reauthorization, which would reserve 20% of the funds to go to water quality improvement, is on the reverse side of the November ballot – please make a note and spread the word!