

Wainscott Citizens Advisory Committee (WCAC)
Meeting of December 3, 2016

The next meeting will be held on January 7, 2016

Member Attendance:

Frank Dalene
Dennis D'Andrea, WCAC Chair Emeritus
Virginia Edwards
Barry Frankel, Co-Chair
Simon Kinsella
Carolyn Logan-Gluck
Susan Macy
Rick Del Mastro, WCAC Chair Emeritus
Sally Sunshine
Cindy Tuma
Phil Young

Excused Absences:

Jose Arandia, Co-Chair
Kathleen Begala
Bruce Solomon

Elected Official:

Kathee Burke-Gonzalez, Town Councilwoman, Liaison to WCAC

Presentation:

Ilissa Meyer, East Hampton Anti-Bias Task Force

Members of the Public:

Roz Block
Larry Cantwell, EH Town Supervisor
Jim Daigle
Sam Kramer Esq., WCAC Chair Emeritus
Liam O'Brien
Sylvia Overby, EH Town Councilwoman
Barbara Raeder
Carole Slater Esq., WCAC Chair Emeritus
John Winkler, EH Press

Minutes

The November 5, 2016 minutes were seconded and approved.

Housekeeping:

On December 9 from 3-4:30 pm in Town Hall Peter Scully and Suffolk County officials will present on CPS implementation and waste water systems. Open to the public.

Liaison Report:

Moratorium

The resolution to adopt the moratorium was approved on November 17 and was filed with the Secretary of State, which should be completed around December 15. The consultants have been asked to look at the possibility of changing the zone designation of the car wash site as part of the hamlet study.

Cozy Cabins

There has been no movement by the DOT on the variance requested by Cozy Cabins.

Traffic

The proposed legislation to reduce speed to 25mph on Wainscott Main St. and Wainscott Stone Rd. was sent back to committee. The legislation will be reintroduced in the January session.

Former CDCH property

During Tuesdays (12/6) work session the status of the former CDCH property will be discussed. Specifically whether the 10 acres of Town property can serve any municipal purpose. This property is being considered for the new senior center.

Industrial Road Paving

Industrial Road will be Paved from the Phoenix House driveway to the end of the road. Member Dalene inquired whether EH would coordinate with SH for further paving, and Chair Emeritus DelMastro said the land trustees have been approached in the past and would prefer to maintain its rural character.

Airport

The Town is going to petition the Supreme Court by the end of January. In addition, the Town is working with legislative leaders on a federal level to explore more local control of the Airport.

Committee Topics for Discussion:

Environmental Subcommittee Report (Si)

The Subcommittee was formed during the November WCAC meeting to look into Nitrogen Oxide contamination and possible other contamination into Wainscott's watershed and air quality. The subcommittee is currently focussing on figuring out (1) what the process is to get from point A to point B (resolution)?, (2) what the process is to go to the CPF to request funding for water quality?, and (3) whether an elected/paid official can be appointed to assist the subcommittee? The subcommittee will be keeping its own set of minutes which will be circulated to WCAC members once approved.

Councilwoman Burke-Gonzalez recommended inviting Suffolk County Legislator Bridget Fleming to a subcommittee or WCAC meeting. She noted that the CPF goes into effect January 1, at which time moneys will begin to be accumulated. Samples were taken in August from routine monitoring wells installed south of the watershed in Wainscott. Results have not yet been received.

Member Kinsella presented at the Public Hearings on the Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement for the Suffolk County Subwatersheds Wastewater Plan as a private citizen on December 1. During which, Kinsella encouraged cooperation between Wainscott and Suffolk County, emphasized the need to put in residential nitrogen reducing systems, requested prioritization of Wainscott Pond, and requested funding for a study. Kinsella is currently attempting to get the EPA involved as well.

Member of the public Raeder expressed interest in joining the Environmental Subcommittee.

East Hampton Anti-Bias Task Force Presentation by Ilissa Meyer:

The Anti-Bias Task Force, which was created in 1993, is comprised of concerned citizens appointed by the Town Board to work together in addressing discrimination, prejudice, and intolerance. Ilissa Meyer will serve as its treasurer/secretary through years end. The Anti-Bias Task Force works closely with police, clergy members, and other social service providers. The Task Force worked with the police department to provide Spanish language brochures regarding driving after statistics showed that 80% of all tickets/arrests were of Spanish speaking people. They are working with high schools to address bullying and cyber bullying. In addition, they work closely with local hospitals and schools to ensure proper mental health services are being provided to children and families. Ms. Meyer said she hopes that CAC members and members of the public will come to the meetings held at Town Hall on the second Wednesday of every month at 4pm. She will provide a 1 page flyer to post in the WCAC box at the post office. Member Kinsella expressed his concerns regarding same sex relationships, harassment by police, and customs immigration, and Ms. Meyer invited him to share his concerns at a meeting.

Town and Committee Updates:

Traffic Sub-Committee

In light of the proposed legislation to reduce speed to 25mph being sent back to committee, traffic sub-committee member Slater asks how we as residents, business owners, committee members and elected officials ensure that the legislation does not die in committee when reintroduced in January. Burke-Gonzalez offered to draft a letter, and Larry Cantwell, EH Town Supervisor suggested that the sub-committee reach out to Laura Tooman in Fred Thiele's office for guidance in navigating the process. Slater asked that Town Line Rd. and Wainscott Hollow Rd. be added to the bill. Co-chair Frankel suggested that the subcommittee focus on Fried Thiele's Bill and the pros/cons of individually funded speed signs, and discuss the same with Chief Sarlo to present with facts at the next meeting.

Building Department

A building permit was issued on Georgica Association Road where an existing structure will be removed to build a 10,000 sq/ft. house.

Other:

Awards Presentation

Most Valuable Committee (MVC) - EH Town Board. Accepted by EH Town Supervisor, Larry Cantwell, EH Town Councilwoman, Sylvia Overby, and EH Town Councilwoman Kathee Burke-Gonzalez.

Most Valuable Person (MVP) - Si Kinsella.

The Citizen of the Year award will be presented to Sara Davison during the January meeting.

2017 Meeting Dates

Jan 7

Feb 4

March 4

April 1

May 6

June 3

July 8

August 5

September 9

October 7

November 4

December 2

Bridgehampton CAC

The BH CAC has formed a not for profit group to communicate certain things. Should the WCAC explore this option? Committee members suggested observing the BH CAC to see how it goes while working with existing organizations with established efforts while we can. Co-Chair Frankel will discuss the NFP with Julie Burmeister prior to January's meeting.

2017 Guest Speaker Invitations

John Tintle, owner of Wainscott Sand and Gravel