

Wainscott Citizens Advisory Committee (WCAC)
Meeting of January 7, 2017

Member Attendance:

Jose Arandia, Co-Chair
Frank Dalene
Dennis D'Andrea, WCAC Chair Emeritus
Virginia Edwards
Barry Frankel, Co-Chair
Simon Kinsella
Carolyn Logan Gluck
Rick Del Mastro, WCAC Chair Emeritus
Bruce Solomon
Sally Sunshine
Phil Young

Excused Absences:

Kathleen Begala
Susan Macy
Cindy Tuma

Appointed Town Official:

Richard Myers, Chairman, Architectural Review Board (ARB), WCAC Chair Emeritus

Elected Official:

Kathee Burke-Gonzalez, Town Councilwoman, Liaison to WCAC

Members of the Public:

Marta Blanco
Steven Caputo
Sara Davison, Executive Direct, Friends of Georgica Pond Foundation
Michael Hansen
Esperanza Leon

Housekeeping:

The next meeting will be held on February 4, 2017

Minutes

The December 3, 2016 minutes were seconded and approved.

Chapel Maintenance

WCAC Chair Emeritus D'Andrea reminded the WCAC that donations to the Wainscott Sewing Society (WSS) would assist in the maintenance of our historic meeting place. Checks may be made out to the WSS and mailed to Dennis D'Andrea, Post Office Box 127, Wainscott, NY 11975-0127.

Upcoming Events

Suffolk County Water Authority WaterTalk panel - Wednesday, January 18 6pm, EH Library

Liaison Report:

Moratorium

The Wainscott Business District Moratorium took effect on November 30, 2016.

Hamlet Study Timeline

The preliminary draft should be completed by mid-late February, followed by Public presentations and Town Board presentations in March.

Southampton Hospital Satellite

Southampton Hospital will receive a \$10 million dollar grant for a free standing emergency center in East Hampton. The EH Town Board adopted a resolution choosing the Little League fields at Pantigo Place as the preferred location for the same.

CDCH Property

EH Town is currently weighing its option to purchase the CDCH building. Initially considered for the senior center, the Town is currently exploring its potential as an opportunity for the arts - perhaps a cultural center.

State of the Town Address (attachment A)

During the Organizational Meeting on Tuesday, January 3, 2017, Supervisor Larry Cantwell delivered the State of the Town Address where he discussed among other things the financial security of East Hampton, while highlighting the Town's achievements from the past year, and challenges going forward.

During this Organizational meeting, appointed WCAC members Edwards and Logan Gluck were approved.

The EH Town Board appointed Job Potter to chair, replacing Reed Jones. Randy Parsons was appointed to the Planning Board to fill Mr. Potter's spot.

Golden Car Wash

Mr. Golden submitted a revised site plan on December 12 (attachment B). Mr. Golden does not seem to understand that a new traffic study, and site plan that does not use East Gate Rd. must be

submitted. He has requested to demur until the moratorium expires. With the moratorium in place, no public hearings can be held. The property is still available for sale, and there are no offers on the property.

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.

Committee Topics for Discussion:

Environmental Sub-Committee Update

The November 18, 2016 minutes (attachment C) were distributed. Two optional new septic systems have been approved with more in the pipeline. A letter received from the EPA says hexavalent chromium meets requirements, however EPA regulations are lax (member Kinsella will email the letter to members of the public in attendance). Member Kinsella intends to write a letter to the Town Attorney requesting that they test the water for the holding and storage tanks during their next inspection at the Pit. Suffolk County's last inspection was carried out in December 2015. The Sub-Committee would like to get Bridget Fleming, Suffolk County Legislator involved, and schedule a meeting in March with Doug Feldman, Principle Public Health Engineer to carry out a survey of wells. Going forward, the Sub-Committee's agenda will be posted at the Post Office. Individuals can ask Suffolk County Water Authority to test specifically for hexavalent chromium. There is also a concern of air quality, which is being explored. The next step of the Sub-Committee is to propose shallow water aquifer protection.

Member of the public Leon offered to put member Kinsella in touch with Kevin McAllister of the not-for-profit Defend H2O.

Noise

Members of public expressed concern about noise coming from the Pit. They were encouraged to register their complaints with code enforcement.

Town and Committee Updates:

Building Department

Applications have been stacking up due to personnel changes. Two new inspectors have been hired.

Energy Sustainability Town Advisory Committee

2 major new codes:

- NY State implemented a new Energy Code to an Energy Star standard requiring a contractor to require a Home Energy Rating System (HERS) rater.
- The wind code was increased from 110 mph to 140 mph.

Traffic

WCAC Chair Emeritus Del Mastro met with Chief Sarlo to discuss traffic issues. An officer is posted at locations where data shows vehicles exceed the speed limit by at least 10 mph. The problem with speed trailers is that once they are up for too long, people tend to ignore them. If Wainscott raises the funds for a speed trailer, it will be restricted to use solely in Wainscott. Chief Sarlo is going to get back to the WCAC with a cost for the same. The gentlemen also discussed the possibility of putting up a stop sign at the Wainscott School. Councilwoman Burke-Gonzalez will follow up with Tom Talmage, Town Engineer and will draft a letter requesting the same.

Rest Stop on 27 at Georgica Pond

Member of the public Davison met with Greg Williams, DOT Environmental Engineer regarding the rest stop at Georgica Pond on 27. During this meeting, they discussed the environmental consequences of road runoff from the site, and possibilities to rework the same to make the site more environmentally sound, visually appealing and functional as an access point. Main Beach Surf & Sport Inc. received a cease and desist letter from the DOT, dated October 30, 2014.

Other Business:

2017 Guest Speaker Invitations

February - John Tintle, owner of Wainscott Sand and Gravel

May - Chief Sarlo

Award Presentation

The Citizen of the Year Award was presented to Sara Davison.

Attachments:

State of the Town Address, dated January 3, 2017

Golden Car Wash revised site plan, dated December 12, 2016

Environmental Sub-Committee minutes, dated November 18, 2016