

Environmental Sub-Committee (ESC) of the  
Wainscott Citizens Advisory Committee (WCAC)

Minutes of the Meeting held on  
Friday, December 1, 2017 at 2pm  
Town Hall, 159 Pantigo Road, East Hampton, NY 11937

Present: Kathee Burke-Gonzalez, Sara Davison, Rick Del Mastro, Si Kinsella, Carolyn Logan Gluck, Kim Shaw. Excused: Virginia Edwards, Susan Macy

A draft letter to the East Hampton Town Board regarding the beach landing and cable route in Wainscott proposed by Deepwater Wind was reviewed. Central was the request for a more detailed proposal from DWW regarding potential environmental impacts. It was determined that further redrafting should be undertaken.

An article in the Financial Times (Sept. 11, 2017) concerning the decline in cost of offshore wind in the UK was circulated as was a chart comparing Residential Electric Rates for the New York Metro Area. These suggest that LIPA's rates are relatively high.

An update on water quality testing was presented. To date, 161 out of 246 wells have been tested with 84 results. Of these, 1 well tested >70 part per trillion, 38 had detects <70 ppt of which 6 were between 23.75 and 56.79 ppt. 42 wells had no detects and 77 were still awaiting results. Concerns were expressed about the speed with which water sampling results were being made available to homeowners.

The proposed new public wells on Stephen Hand's Path also were discussed. These wells will be situated on land owned by Suffolk County Parks. They will draw 650 gals/min. Which aquifer these wells will draw from depends on the later findings. It was pointed out that there is an inherent conflict in SCWA selling water and thus having to dig more wells to meet ever-increasing demand and the moral imperative to conserve.

Finally, the need for access to clean water was discussed.

Next meeting: TBD