

Wainscott Citizens Advisory Committee (WCAC)
Meeting of May 6, 2017

Member Attendance:

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

Excused Absences:

Kathleen Begala
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

Guest Speakers:

East Hampton Town Police - Michael Sarlo, Chief
Wainscott Schools - David Eagan, Chair Wainscott School District Trustees

Members of the Public:

Jim Daigle
Sara Davison, Executive Director, Friends of Georgica Pond Foundation
Michael Hansen
Nancy McCaffrey
Joan Schlank

Housekeeping:

The next meeting will be held on June 10, 2017

Minutes

The April 1, 2017 minutes were seconded and approved.

Guest Speakers:

East Hampton Town Police - Michael Sarlo, Chief

Traffic - The rotating speed monitoring devices help identify the locations of highest traffic volume, and most frequent violations. This data helps to determine where officers will be posted, at which times. Empty police cars are also used to deter speeding. Officers now work fixed 12 hours shifts, which foster better sleep and healthier officers. These fixed shifts benefit the community as there are now more officers per shift with fixed positioning and more visual presence. Once the Traffic Control Officers (TCO) are full-time, Bathgate and metered parking at the Airport will be monitored more closely. Extra attention will be provided from Memorial Day to the third week in June near Wainscott School while school is still in session. Chief Sarlo made clear that stop signs cannot be used to break up the flow of or slow traffic. Permanent speed monitoring sign info has been received and the WCAC will discuss purchase of the same.

Immigration - The Department is working with the Anti-Bias Task Force and members from the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) on immigration policy, and ways in which to communicate with residents. The general policy is that the department will only focus on immigration status if the person detained has been convicted of a felony, or removed from this country and returned illegally. It is impossible to know the immigration status of someone without arresting them, and subsequently running their prints to determine whether there is an Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) hold. East Hampton does not have an ICE force, and it is not a sanctuary city. However, the Department's focus is to protect the entire community, and it is training officers to simply ask for identification.

Access point cameras - Access point cameras will be installed in 4-5 locations throughout EH Town. These cameras will be used to view data following serious accidents.

Records Management System - The Town is waiting for a proposal from Motorola as it's radio system is in need of an overhaul. This will likely be a two year project.

Gun shots - Chief Sarlo will look into late night gun shot detection systems.

Bathgate Road - Chief Sarlo made recommendations to the committee from a safety standpoint that something needed to be done about parking, and he is enforcing the decision that was made. Member Young may voice his concerns regarding parking on Bathgate to the committee. Member Young reported that police cars often park at the entrance to the plaza, which impedes traffic entering and exiting the plaza. Chief Sarlo will ask that patrol cars be more mindful of traffic when parking. Vehicles turning right out of the Pitt onto Bathgate are out of Sarlo's purview, however he believes that the hamlet studies will be a key piece in trying to address these traffic issues.

Rx and illegal drug use - Drug drop boxes are being used with 40 lbs of medication being collected during the most recent drug take back day. Chief Sarlo reported that this area has an opioid use problem similar to the nation. There have been 4 Narcan (nasal spray used

for the emergency treatment of known or suspected opioid overdose) saves this year. Prevention is being carried out through multi-language education in schools, and by providing Narcan training and kits to parents and schools.

Route 27 rest stop - The route 27 rest stop is necessary as the alternative is stopping on the side of the road. Besides mandated rest and stop times, truckers need a place to stop and figure out how to navigate the train trestles, etc. Member of the public Davison wondered whether runoff from the rest stop is impacting Georgica Pond, and is hopeful that something can be done to improve the same.

Hamlet studies - The Police Department has made recommendations and has been asked for input based on community comments and concerns, and data.

MS13 - The police department is in constant contact with the gang intel unit. Information is shared to all officers regarding what to look for based on names, descriptions, etc. To date, Chief Sarlo has not seen any local ties to the MS13 gang.

Event Permit and Film Permit Review Committees - These committees review all commercial, residential and mass gathering event and film permit applications received, and subsequently determine terms and conditions on what gets approved or not. The committee recently increased its fee schedule, and is trying to hold people accountable to the information provided in their applications.

Wainscott Schools - David Eagan, Chair Wainscott School District Trustees

74 students currently reside in the Wainscott School district. 27 are enrolled in the K-3 program, which is 113% of capacity. Wainscott provides tuition for 38 students to attend either EH or Sag Harbor, with selection generally driven by family needs against the differing programs at each school. One student attends St Anthony's, and several others attend The Ross School. Though the district is not required to provide funding for private school attendance, they do provide bussing and other services. Success rate data can only be anecdotal due to confidentiality.

The role of Superintendent for the Wainscott Common School District is not a traditional one as it is not a full time position, interacts with a much more active board, is in constant communication with staff, and really focusses on compliance with state regulations. The search for a new superintendent should be completed in the next few weeks.

Budget - The 3.75% reduction in the tax budget and tax rate can mostly be attributed to sharing services with Sag Harbor. The Eleanor Whitmore Early Childhood Center has expanded its Junior Pre-K Program thanks to a grant from the Irving Stern Foundation. This program is showing immediate benefits to the children. Wainscott residents also have the option to attend the half day Sag Harbor Pre-K program. The budget vote will be held on May 16th, at which time David Eagan will be running for reelection unopposed. On Saturday, June 3 from 6:30-10PM, the Eleanor Whitmore Early Childhood Center will hold it's annual benefit at Kilmore Farm. More information can be found at www.ewecc.org

Liaison Report:

Golden Car Wash

The Planning Board determined that the applicant will have to prepare an environmental impact report. The property has not yet been purchased, and Golden's purchase of the same is predicated on approval by the Planning Board. The cost of the property has been reduced to 2.995 million.

Home Goods Roof

Town Architectural Review Board Chair Meyers advised the committee that the slide like structure on top of Home Goods is in code violation, and the ARB refused to hear the proposal for the same.

Hamlet Study

The East Hampton Town Hamlet & Business Study Presentations will be held from June 1-3. The Wainscott Presentation will be held on Saturday, June 3 at 9am at LTV Studio. Councilwoman Burke-Gonzalez will distribute a flyer specific to the Wainscott presentation to be posted at the Post Office. All presentations are open to the public.

Airport

The City of New York filed an amicus brief in support of East Hampton's petition to the U.S. Supreme Court to hear their case on whether the town can enact rules at the EH Airport. The Supreme Court has ordered additional briefing by Friends of EH Airport. The Town should know by the end of June whether the court is going to hear their case.

Leased Properties at Airport

Pending public hearing, the Town may sign a lease for 2.5 acres at \$90,000/yr to a company that would build a 40,000 sq. foot warehouse for pod storage. The leased properties at the Airport are helping to put the Town in a position where they do not have to take FAA funds. Member Solomon inquired whether the Town is controlling the storage of fertilizers and other hazardous materials used by the landscaping companies that are leasing property at the Airport. Councilwoman Burke-Gonzalez will look into this along with whether the property is considered a Pine Barren region.

Audit of Town funds

The Town closed its books for the 2016 fiscal year with a \$6.7 million surplus in its operating budget, and hopes to receive an increased credit rating this July.

Offshore Wind Symposium

The offshore wind project is receiving objection from the fishing community. The Town passed a resolution giving permission to drill and explore in Amagansett to determine where the cable will come in to the substation. The Chairman of LIPA spoke at the symposium and discussed its annual analysis. Over the years, electrical usage on Long Island has decreased due to new technology and greater efficiency, except on the South Fork.

November Election

The East Hampton Democratic and Republican Nominating Committees have made their recommendations, and candidates may be nominated from the floor during each parties nominating convention.

Committee Topics:

Environmental Sub-Committee Update

There has been an increase use of ~~organic phosphates~~ organophosphate on the East End which could be dangerous to the environment. Member Kinsella has been working with property owners on Wainscott Pond to put together an Association like that of The Georgica Association. In addition, he is trying to organize a fundraiser to raise the \$179,000 needed for more in depth research. This fundraiser will hopefully be held during the first two weeks in July.

Town and Committee Updates:

Energy Sustainability Town Advisory Committee

Member Dalene discussed Anaerobic Digestion Technology as an exciting new matter on the committees agenda. This technology will recycle biosolids and biowaste into methane and valuable byproducts.

ZBA

The Building Inspector determined on October 20, 2015 that the two properties located at 7 Pierson's Way and 29 Association Road are not merged and remain two single and separate lots. Applicants John Hall and Anne Gilchrist Hall have appealed this decision. No determination has been made yet, and the matter will remain open for two weeks.