

Wainscott Citizens Advisory Committee (WCAC)

Meeting of March 5th, 2016

The next meeting will be held on April 2nd, 2016.

Member Attendance:

Susan Macy

Dennis D' Andrea

Rick Del Mastro, WCAC Chair Emeritus

Jose Arandia, Co-Chair

Barry Frankel, Co-Chair

Bruce Solomon

Cindy Tuma

Phil Young

Excused Absences:

Frank Dalene

Kathleen Begala

Simon Kinsella

Sally Sunshine

Honorary Member:

Iris Osborn, Honorary WCAC member

Elected Official:

Kathee Burke-Gonzalez, Town Councilwoman, Liaison to WCAC

Appointed Official:

Diana Weir (East Hampton Town Planning Board)

Invited Guest Speakers

Betsy Bambrick (Director of Code Enforcement)

Michael Sendlenski, Esq. (Town Attorney)

Members of the Public:

Katy Casey (CEPTP) Citizens Emergency Preparedness Corps

Conrad Steinmann (Rental Registry)

Jeff Smith (Eastern Region Helicopter Council)

Kyle Herman (Assisting Citizens with Rental Registry)

Greg Higgins (Rental Registry)

Sheliah Malarate (Rental Registry)

Jonathan Friedman (Rental Registry)

Minutes:

The February, 2016, minutes were seconded and approved.

Liaison Report:

Update on the Rental Registry

Ann Glennon, Chief Building Inspector said the process is “going well”

For the month of February the Building Dept issued approx. 350 rental registry permits

The Building Dept has been receiving approx 10-20 applications each day

The majority of applications are received in the mail

Folks are calling the Building Dept first to confirm that they have a Certificate of Occupancy on file

Status of Guest Speakers at Upcoming Meetings

Saturday, April 2 – Georgica Pond discussion with Town Trustee Rick Drew

Saturday, May 7 – 2016-17 School Budget with Superintendent Stuart Rachlin (Awaiting confirmation of Enforcement plans with Chief Michael Sarlo)

Saturday, June 4 – Water quality presentation by Dan Gulizio, the Peconic Baykeeper

Deer Sign

The Deer Management Committee meets March 24

Spoke to Councilman Overton and we will not post a sign in Wainscott if the community is not interested

Effectiveness of the New Laws

Legislation adopted last April restricting the use of the Airport

Called for us to Study the Effectiveness of the New Laws following the 2015 season.

On Friday, March 18th at 10 am here in Town Hall

The Town Board will hold a public meeting to present the results of the study

Including...

- A review of the three laws
- An update on where we stand in both the Federal Case and the Second Circuit
- An analysis of operations & complaints
- A report of the violations

There will be an opportunity for the public to ask questions

Home Rule Resolutions

1.) S3690/A.5245, Authorizing the Town of East Hampton to Bond to Finance for Construction and Improvements of East Hampton Airport Over a Term of 30 Years

2.) S2928/A4263, Authorizing the Town of East Hampton to Regulate Speed Limits Within the Town

- to ensure the safest streets possible for drivers, cyclists and pedestrians, the Town seeks authorization to lower the speed limit on roadways within the town to 25 miles per hour in some areas and 15 miles per hour in school zones
- WCAC to identify the roads they recommend reducing the speed limit on.

Memorializing Resolution

In support of A. 7368 and S. 5180, an Act to Amend the New York State Town Law in Relation to Making the Acceptance of State or Federal Assistance for Airport or Aviation Projects at a Town Airport Subject to Permissive Referendum

Proposed Parking at Bathgate Road

Councilman Van Scoyoc held several meetings with Chief Sarlo and Highway Superintendent Steve Lynch, and the consensus is that no parking should extend the length of Bathgate Road on the North side with the exception of a small segment on the eastern end which is recommended to be restricted to 15 minute parking (approx. 5 spaces).

It was also recommended that the South side contain a combination of head-in and parallel parking with a 15 minute restriction at the Eastern end (approx. 5 spaces adjacent to Speedway).

As they believe this will help address the safety concerns as well as balancing the need for parking and access.

Wainscott Speaker Presentation

A Rental Registry Workshop was held with Michael Sendlenski, Esq. Town Attorney, and Betsy Bambrick, Director of Code Enforcement.

There are about 350 property owners to date that are now registered with the rental registry. The Town allows for two (2), 15 day rentals in a 6 month period. Requirements on a self-reporting form were reviewed, including smoke detectors, electrical panel marking and accessibility, and minimum size of bedrooms (Town code for bedroom size; 70 sq. ft. for a single person and 100 sq. ft. for two people) to name just a few of the requirements.

Committee Member Rick Del Mastro posed several questions on code enforcement.

Community Preservation Fund- Jose Arandia

Two parcels in Wainscott are being considered for purchase with CPF funding.

Planning Department- Diana Weir

No further communication has been received from Michael Davis for combining two adjacent parcels on Rt. 27. And, similarly, nothing new to report on the proposed 3 lot Subdivision for Wainscott Holdings.

Other Business

Jeff Smith from the Eastern Region Helicopter Council reported that on March 23, 2016, there will be a fly neighborly public meeting held all day at the Melville, LI, Marriott addressing the public's questions and concerns. New routes for air traffic will be addressed at this meeting.

Committee Member Solomon mentioned the abundance of signage on the south side of Rt. 27 between Townline Road to the West and the rest area on the south side of Rt. 27 to the eastern border of Wainscott. A total of 42 signs were counted. Committee Member Solomon will take pictures of the signage to submit to the committee for evidence that there is a signage pollution issue and that the committee may wish to address this at future meetings.

End of Meeting.