

Wainscott Citizens Advisory Committee (WCAC)
Meeting of July 8, 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
Cindy Tuma
Phil Young

Excused Absences:

Kathleen Begala

Elected Official:

Kathee Burke-Gonzalez, Town Councilwoman, Liaison to WCAC

Members of the Public:

Julie Burmeister, Bridgehampton CAC
Jeff Bragman
Jim Daigle
Thomas Dana
Andre Elkon
Michael Hansen
Sam Kramer
Francine Lembo
Ilissa Meyer
Liam O'Brien
Carole Slater

Housekeeping:

The next meeting will be held on August 5 , 2017

Minutes

The June 10, 2017 minutes were seconded and approved.

Liaison Report:

Hamlet Study

The traffic Flow presenter who was not present at the hamlet study presentations is available to attend the August 5th meeting.

Community Preservation Fund (CPF)

On Thursday, July 20 at 6:30pm, The East Hampton Town Board will hold a hearing exploring whether to use the CPF to purchase enhanced development rights to the Dankowski farm, 29.5 acres at 7 Osborn Lane and 97 Wainscott Hollow Road for \$4 million. This purchase would ensure numerous things, including the right to farm it for food production only, and the property being passed on or sold to a qualified farmer. The WCAC and the members of the public voted unanimously in favor of drafting a letter endorsing this purchase. In addition, the committee's letter will aim to raise the level of awareness limiting the use of certain classes of organophosphates, insecticides, pesticides, etc given the farm's location directly above a shallow aquifer. Co-chair Frankel will draft and circulate a letter to the committee for approval.

Member Macy inquired as to whether the Town has the ability to ban certain chemicals. Councilwoman Burke-Gonzalez will look into this.

Low nitrogen sanitary systems legislation

The legislation will now include upgrades, and the parameters around Wainscott have been expanded. If a property falls outside of the parameters, it is still eligible for a rebate of up to 75% if it qualifies. For those individuals already in the process, if they obtain approval by the end of the year, they will be grandfathered in. Once the legislation comes back from Assistant Town Attorney Nancy Lynn Thiele, it will be noticed for public hearing to be re-heard on August 3.

Member of the public Jim Daigle read in the paper, and was looking for confirmation whether properties had to be one's full time residence, and not used as a rental property. Councilwoman Burke-Gonzalez will look into this.

55 Wainscott Hollow

The East Hampton Town Planning Board has granted the agricultural easement at 55 Wainscott Hollow.

Deepwater Wind project

The local fishing community is against locating the anchoring portion of the project on the bay side in Amagansett. Deepwater is now looking at two potential ocean side locations on Napeague Lane in Amagansett and Beach Lane in Wainscott. A resolution was passed to allow Deepwater to carry out soil sampling at these locations. A representative from the project will present to the WCAC during the August meeting.

Airport

The Supreme Court denied the Town's petition seeking to control EH Airport. The Town is now asking community members to contact their congressional delegation in support of local control of the airport. Councilwoman Burke-Gonzalez will circulate the press release. It is important that everyone continue reporting air noise.

Town Bonds

Affordable Housing - \$2.5 million going forward

Emergency communications system upgrade - \$6.5 million and the process is underway

Senior Center

The architect presented his proposal for a 22,000 square foot building with room for East Hampton's food pantry. Schematic designs are expected by December.

Committee Topics of Discussion:

Environmental Sub-Committee Update

The Wainscott Pond residents will meet this coming Sunday, July 16 to discuss the creation of an association like that of Friends of Georgica Pond.

Traffic Sub-Committee Update

Each traffic control sign costs \$4,500. Councilwoman Burke-Gonzalez will advise as to process of acquiring and installing the signs, and will ask the Town's purchasing agent to authorize funding for one unit. Members of public are welcome to contribute.

A member of the public reported that there is no parking permit sign at Beach Lane beach. Councilwoman Burke-Gonzalez will follow up regarding same.

The yellow 15 mph sign on Bathgate is merely a suggestion. Member of the public Carole Slater suggests that similar signs be installed throughout Wainscott in light of the detour signs currently directing traffic south of the highway. The sub-committee will provide locations of these detour signs to Councilwoman Burke-Gonzalez for follow-up. Member of the public Michael Hansen suggests "speed limit strictly enforced" & weight limit signs throughout Wainscott. A member of the committee reported that the stop sign exiting the Pitt onto 27 is bleached out, and requests the installation of a new stop sign.

Chair Emeritus **Del Mastro** advised **his contact at the DEC** ~~Suffolk County~~ that their suggested sprinkler system had not been installed at the Pitt. The DEC ~~Suffolk County~~ will come out again for a second inspection and meeting with Suffolk Cement. He is also reaching out to John Tintle.

Hamlet Study Sub-Committee Update

The sub-committee met in June and will meet again in July. They will have a document for discussion to then finalize and provide to the Town at the August meeting. Recommendations will be finalized by September 30th. The sub-committee will focus on overarching recommenda-

tions, as there are issues that span the hamlet, not just ~~just~~ the business corridor. These issues include:

- Safety and health of residents and visitors (industrial/commercial uses within business district - walking district, environmental, water quality, water runoff)
- Initiatives that impose near term threat to the community
- Functionality and vitality (traffic, overall commercial plan, affordable housing, school)
- Aesthetic character

It is important to have an open dialogue with the business community. The sub-committees ultimate goal is to build on the 2005 comprehensive plan.

Town and Committee Updates:

Department of Highways

Raising trestles will not affect traffic in Wainscott unless people are cutting through Wainscott NW to come out on Industrial Rd. and back out onto 114.

A Town Line Road resident has reported that bushes exiting the residence need trimming as they are causing a visibility issue. Stephen Lynch is going to look into this. Member Young reported a visibility issues at Roxbury and Wainscott NW on the SW corner. He will send details to Chair Emeritus Del Mastro to look into.

Chair Emeritus Del Mastro recommends that the Town Supervisor and Superintendent of Highway terms be extended from 2 to 4 years.

Energy Sustainability Town Advisory Committee

The Town of Southampton has adopted the goal to rely on 100% renewable energy by 2025. The South Fork 100% Renewable Energy Forum held on June 28 at LTV was informative and very well attended by over 200 people, including elected officials from Albany.

Member Dalene provided a fossil fuel home handout outlining his home improvement project.

ZBA

Applicants John Hall and Anne Gilchrist Hall's appeal was denied. The two properties located at 7 Pierson's Way and 29 Association Road are not merged and remain two single and separate lots.

Other Business:

Beach Lane Bench

The bench is ready for pick up and installation by the Town. The bench will have a formal dedication at the conclusion of the August meeting.

Business Community Award Nominees

All committee members should email their nominations in for vote during the August meeting, and presentation following the September meeting. All members voted in favor of presenting the 2017 award to a business based on beautification and aesthetic. The committee will revisit adding a second community service award in 2018.

Beach Clean-up

The desire and need of a more consistent beach clean-up was discussed. Member Dalene volunteered his business to “adopt a beach,” similar to the concept of “adopting a highway.” Member Kinsella as liaison to the Town Trustees will reach out to discuss the possibility of adopting Beach Lane beach within its boundaries for monthly or even bi-weekly clean-up.