

Wainscott Citizens Advisory Committee (WCAC)
Meeting of August 5, 2017

Member Attendance:

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

Excused Absences:

Jose Arandia, Co-Chair
Kathleen Begala
Virginia Edwards
Susan Macy
Cindy Tuma

Elected Official:

Kathee Burke-Gonzalez, Town Councilwoman, Liaison to WCAC

Deepwater Wind Cable Placement Presentation:

Jennifer Garvey
Corey Kelkenberg
Paul Murphy
Clint Plummer
Elizabeth E.Vail, Farrell Fritz

Hamlet Study Transportation Recommendation Presentation:

Ray DiBiase, LK McLean Associates

Members of the Public:

Lynn Cronin
Sara Davison, Friends of Georgica Pond
Howard Fine
David Fink
Michael Friedan
Stanley Grossman
Anne Hall
Michael Hansen
Linda Jaines
Sam Kramer
Didier Malige

Jordy Mark, WCAC Chair Emeritus
Steven Plumber
Gordian Raacke
Cynthia Shellman
John Wainwright

Housekeeping

The next meeting will be held on September 9, 2017

Minutes

The July 8, 2017 minutes were seconded and approved.

Hamlet Study Transportation Recommendation Presentation - Ray DeBiase, LKMA

Draft Wainscott plan - <http://ehamptonny.gov/DocumentCenter/Home/View/2340>

The hamlet study is a long-range plan, which can be implemented in stages as the Town procures funding. The general objective of the transportation recommendation is to slow down traffic on Montauk Highway during regular traffic, and attempt to get it moving better during heavy traffic, while making the downtown area bicycle and pedestrian friendly. In doing so, the focus is on connecting Bathgate Road through to Georgica Drive in conjunction with the development of the sand pit. The intent is to move driveways away from 27, and onto Bathgate Rd. where possible. As an alternative and as properties turn over and develop, shared parking lots would be encouraged to eliminate various driveways. One proposal is to have a raised median/green space as this has been shown to slow motorists down. Another proposal is to create a roundabout as it makes it easier to make left hand turns, and traffic is more free flowing. Roundabouts are not favorable for bicyclists.

Members of the committee wondered whether greenery could be moved from the south to the north side of the highway to increase the amount of space for a sidewalk. Member Young inquired as to whether the road can be widened and the speed lowered. Mr. DeBiase stated that both of these options may prove difficult given that the land on the south side of the highway is preserved.

Member of the public Davison wondered why a bike rack is depicted in the plans at the rest area. Mr. DeBiase stated that since it is a park-like area with a body of water, the thought was perhaps people would like to bike there.

There are a lot of checks and balances along the way, and once the recommendations are complete, the Department of Transportation will have to review and accept everything.

Deepwater Wind Cable Placement Options

Clint Plummer, Vice President of Development for Deepwater Wind:

Deepwater Wind has entered into a 20-year contract with LIPA to deliver power to the South Fork. A 90 MW farm located 30 miles east of Montauk will power 50,000 homes. Since building offshore, Deepwater has flexibility where they can bring power ashore. Deepwater is looking at 5 potential locations to make landfall including two state owned locations. One potential location is Beach Lane beach in Wainscott. A location will be chosen ideally by the end of this year. Deepwater would like to work with the community to ensure that their needs are being met. An environmental screening has shown no adverse affects, and there would be minimal construction due to the beach's proximity to the substation in East Hampton. All construction would be carried out in the winter, and all infrastructure would be buried. Permitting for the project will involve municipal, state and federal agencies, and is intentionally designed for transparency.

Paul Murphy, Vice President of Operations and Engineering:
Cable shore landing Phases

1. Conduit - A heavy plastic pipe would reach from the beach parking lot, deep under the beach to a distance offshore. This phase would take approximately 14 weeks at 12 hours per day and be carried out from November through May (assumed as time with least impact to parking lot). Work could also be carried out 24 hours a day to shorten this phase. There would be NO intrusive activities carried out on the beach.
2. Restore - Repair beach parking lot to condition better than they found it. This phase would take 7 days and be carried out sometime between March and Memorial day, depending on the weather.
3. Cable - A submerged cable will be pulled from offshore through a previously installed conduit.

If anyone has any questions, feel free to contact Jennifer Garvey, Development Manager for Long Island at jgarvey@dwwind.com

Q&A

Why Beach Lane over Napeague Lane? The contract with LIPA requires that Deepwater plug into the East Hampton substation located on Cove Hollow Road. The further Deepwater moves East, the greater the need for overland cables, and the greater the disturbance.

Beach disturbance? Member Kinsella pointed out that sandbars shift during simple storms. Mr. Murphy clarified that the cable will be installed 10 feet below the worst case scenario level when accounting for seasonal and storm induced erosion.

Funding - This project is privately funded by Deepwater who sells power to LIPA. If the project does not work, Deepwater does not get paid.

Trustee and Town support - Mr. Plummer stated that Deepwater has an ongoing dialogue with the Trustees regarding landfalls, and coordination with the fishing community, however not as in depth as has been discussed today. The Trustees have not taken an official

position yet. Councilwoman Burke-Gonzalez stated that the Town Board is currently supportive of the project. Deepwater will be presenting at the August 16 Town Trustee meeting and encourage attendance.

Environmental concerns - There are no environmental concerns yet. The formal proposal is expected in early 2018, which will include technical and environmental impact studies.

Safety concerns - There are no adverse health affects when exposed to the cable.

Energy storage - LIPA plans to build two battery facilities in Montauk and East Hampton to store energy created and not used during the winter months to be used during the summer.

Post project maintenance - Deepwater will carry out an annual visual inspection. Deepwater will have a mitigation plan such as a sand replenishment project if signs of beach erosion present after their agreement with LIPA expires.

Future development offshore - Deepwater has a 30 year lease with the Federal Government of 250 square miles. This project will use 15% of the site, and Deepwater plans to further develop the site as needs grow in future, including running cables to New England to bring power to MA.

Alternative Routes - <http://dwwind.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/2017-SFWF-Info-for-Mariners-web2.pdf>

Alternative to digging up parking lot - Mr. Murphy thinks it's a great idea to explore burying the cable along the shoulder of the parking lot.

Town and Committee Updates

ZBA

124 Beach Lane - Seeking variance setback from Town barrier dunes and wetlands. Public hearing was on July 25, and the record will remain open until August 22. Members of the WCAC and public may look at the plans and submit letters as private citizens if interested in doing so.

Other Business

55 Wainscott Hollow Road

The development plans calling for seven lots scattered throughout the 40 acre property, which lie between Wainscott Hollow Road and Sayers Path have been approved. Approximately 28 acres of the land will be preserved as farmland, however Wainscott stands to lose approximately 58% of its rural vistas. Though this project is a done deal, the CAC asks that Councilwoman Burke-Gonzalez invite someone from the Town Attorneys office to discuss whether something can be done retroactively to ensure the landscaping and hedges are not used to diminish Wainscott's rural vistas.

Co-chair Frankel emphasizes that it is our responsibility as a committee to better communicate with the Planning Department going forward.

Attachment 1: Deepwater Wind Presentation to Wainscott Citizens Advisory Committee