

Wainscott Citizens Advisory Committee (WCAC)
Meeting of April 1, 2017

Member Attendance:

Jose Arandia, Co-Chair
Frank Dalene
Barry Frankel, Co-Chair
Simon Kinsella
Carolyn Logan Gluck
Susan Macy
Bruce Solomon
Cindy Tuma
Phil Young

Excused Absences:

Kathleen Begala
Dennis D'Andrea, WCAC Chair Emeritus
Virginia Edwards
Rick Del Mastro, WCAC Chair Emeritus
Sally Sunshine

Elected Official:

Kathee Burke-Gonzalez, Town Councilwoman, Liaison to WCAC

Members of the Public:

Michael Crecco
Howard Fine
Michael Hansen
Sean O'Brien
Carole Slater

Housekeeping:

The next meeting will be held on May 6, 2017

Minutes

The March 4, 2017 minutes were seconded and approved.

Liaison Report:

4-Way Stop

The public hearing regarding the 4-way stop at the intersection of Wainscott Main Street and Hollow Road was held on March 16. Councilwoman Burke-Gonzalez noted the record would be kept open until the next public hearing on April 6. The Wainscott School Board does not support the addition of stop signs on Main Street and instead would like the installation of a 20 mph School Zone on Wainscott

Hollow Road. The WCAC has not yet taken a formal position. Chief of Police Michael Sarlo and Superintendent of Highways Stephen Lynch will be invited to the May meeting. Further discussion was postponed until then.

Golden Car Wash

The revised site plan is on the Town Planning Board work session agenda for Wednesday, April 19. The Planning Board has a new chair: Job Potter, and a new member: Randy Parsons. It is hoped public comments will be welcomed. The property still is for sale. It was clarified that, with the owner's approval, additional applications could be made to the Town. There is an application before the Board for a car wash in Springs. A group has been formed to oppose it.

Hamlet Studies

Member Kinsella asked whether anyone knew when a draft of the Wainscott Hamlet Study would be made available for review. Councilwoman Burke-Gonzales said that progress is being made and the studies should be on the Town Board work session agenda shortly. Given the one-year duration of the moratorium, it is hoped the hamlet studies will be made available soon.

Ride-Sharing

Governor Cuomo is pushing for legislation that will give the State control over ride-sharing services. Supervisor Cantwell aired the problems for East Hampton that would arise if such legislation were enacted. At present the Town requires that such businesses have an office in the Town and that the vehicles for hire be owned by the business.

Sanitary System Upgrades

Legislation is moving forward in the drafting of the septic system rebate program. Up to \$15,000 could be available to homeowners meeting certain criteria though Sara Davison, Executive Director of Friends of Georgica Pond, pointed out that this sum would not be enough to cover all costs, \$30-40,000 being a more realistic number. Member Dalene will present his idea for a full-containment Biogas system to the Energy Sustainability Town Advisory Committee.

Airport

East Hampton Town filed a petition in the Supreme Court to regain control over the airport. At present, there are no curfews in place and operators have been asked to follow noise-abatement guidelines voluntarily. An analysis of complaints will be presented at the April 18 Board work session and Jeff Smith of the Eastern Region Helicopter Council has been invited.

RECenter

In response to growing concern about substance abuse among young people, members of the community spoke up at the March 16 Town Board meeting calling for the YMCA RECenter to refocus its mission as a center for youths. Councilwoman Burke-Gonzalez pointed out that 44% of its 4300 members are youths and

membership is free for those up to 18 years old. The Board of Managers has met its operational goals and found a balance between its programs for youths and seniors. Programming is limited mainly by the physical size of the RECenter: 21,000 sq. ft.

Upcoming Events

Saturday, April 29, 9:00AM-2:00PM Town-sponsored Drug Take-Back Day. Pharmaceuticals can be dropped off at Town Hall, White's Pharmacy, the Senior Center and police department.

Committee Topics for Discussion:

Environmental Sub-Committee

Member Kinsella distributed a Chairman's Up-date (attached) on the ESC meeting of March 24 with County Legislator Bridget Fleming and representatives from the SCDHS: Jason Hime, Senior Public Health Engineer, and Amy Juchatz, Environmental Toxicologist.

Member Kinsella also distributed his final letter dated January 31, 2017 (attached) addressed to Dodson & Flinker requesting protection of the hydrologic system in Wainscott. As a first step in organizing community-wide well testing, Member Kinsella will initiate a survey of wells owned by members of the WCAC.

Traffic Sub-Committee

Discussion is postponed until the May meeting.

Town and Committee Updates:

Energy Sustainability Town Advisory Committee

The Deepwater Wind open house on March 9 was well attended. Participants spoke out both for and against, many of those against being members of the fishing community. There is a plan to put fishermen here in contact with fishing communities in Europe where similar wind farms have been installed.

Other Business

With the goal of inviting John Tintle, owner of the former sand and gravel pit, to an upcoming meeting, Member Frankel agreed to put together a list of issues to discuss.

Member Del Mastro is arranging to purchase a new bench for Beach Lane Beach.

Member Solomon reported the pine beetle infestation that is so evident in the Pine Barrens along Route 27 is now evident in Wainscott. There are no known preventive measures that can be taken and the infestation may last around four years.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting.