

**Wainscott Citizens Advisory Committee (WCAC)**  
**Meeting of June 10, 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  
Sally Sunshine  
Cindy Tuma  
Phil Young

**Excused Absences:**

Kathleen Begala  
Bruce Solomon

**Elected Official:**

**Kathee Burke-Gonzalez, Town Councilwoman, Liaison to WCAC**

**Guest Speakers:**

East Hampton Town Highway Department - Stephen Lynch, Superintendent

**Members of the Public:**

Julie Burmeister, Bridgehampton CAC  
Lynn Cronin  
Lori Ann Czepiel  
Jim Daigle  
Sara Davison, Executive Director, Friends of Georgica Pond Foundation  
Howard Fine  
Michael Hansen  
Ted Lederman  
Francine Lembo  
Barbara Raeder  
Carole Slater  
Michael Wooten

**Housekeeping:**

The next meeting will be held on July 8, 2017

### Minutes

The May 6, 2017 minutes were seconded and approved.

### **Guest Speaker: EH Town Highway Department - Stephen Lynch, Superintendent**

Widening Sandy Bridge was looked at as an alternate solution to the proposed 4-way stop at Wainscott Main Street and Wainscott Hollow Road discussed in past meetings. It was determined that a 4-way traffic sign would result in turning problems for farm machinery, which would result in a backup of traffic. The top overlay of Sandy Bridge was redone in the late 90's, and the visible wear has nothing to do with the integrity of the bridge. Prior to even beginning work to expand the bridge, the engineering would cost around \$50,000, and since it does not need updating, moneys do not exist for such a project. Councilwoman Burke-Gonzalez read from a letter from the Wainscott School which did not endorse the stop-sign installation, but suggested a 20 MPH school zone, and rigorous monitoring. The WCAC will continue to explore other options, including the purchase of speed trailers.

The Town Highway Department is working to keep roads paved and safe. They are currently working on a pavement preservation program on Wainscott NW Road from Route 27 to Industrial Road to minimize the presence of potholes. The potholes near the Police Department will be repaved this fall. Members of the public expressed concern regarding weight restrictions and speeding on this stretch of road. Though speeding is an enforcement issue, Mr. Lynch will check the code book and ensure that there is a 35 MPH sign. Mr. Lynch also stated that railroad trestles will be raised, which will pull trucks off the back roads and back on to 27. Trucks will be able to remain on 27, go through the Village and under the trestle on to North Main Street.

The Town Highway Department is looking into water issues. The drainage project on Wainscott Hollow Road was carried out to prevent less water from entering the pond. Given that ground water is higher than sea level at Beach Lane, there isn't much that can be done about drainage there.

### **Liaison Report:**

#### Airport

The petition seeking to control EH Airport is now fully briefed, and will be going to conference on June 22. The Town should know by the end of the month if the Supreme Court will grant review of the petition. Visit [airnoisereport.com](http://airnoisereport.com) to report complaints. The Town is using data from this website. The Town is committed to restoring local control, however cannot do so until 2021 as they accepted Federal funds in 2001. In anticipation of potentially needing a 'Plan B', the Town hired the legal counsel who recently reached the historic settlement with the FAA where the City of Santa Monica regained local control of airport land.

### Hamlet Study Presentations

Councilwoman Burke-Gonzalez will pass feedback received to the consultants. A public hearing before adopting recommendations will be the next step, followed by zoning changes, town work, public/private partnerships, etc. Councilwoman Burke-Gonzalez will provide a timeframe once she hears back from Councilwoman Sylvia Overby.

These are simply the planner's recommendations. Recommendations such as a transportation hub and jitney stops may or may not be incorporated into the final plans. However, affordable housing with no impact on the Wainscott school district will be considered a priority.

The traffic flow presenter was not present at the presentation. Councilwomen Burke-Gonzalez will look into whether he can attend a WCAC or sub-committee meeting.

The WCAC Hamlet Sub-Committee will hold meetings to recommend priorities in the plan for WCAC discussion, approval and presentation to the Town by the anticipated September submission deadline.

### Zoning issues

Instead of rezoning the proposed car wash area as a Limited Business Overlay (LBO), perhaps reviewing the Central Business (CB) zoning designation for change would garner less push-back. Councilwoman Burke-Gonzalez will discuss businesses being grandfathered in with the Town Attorney, and believes it would be on a case by case basis.

### Moratorium

The moratorium will be extended if the Hamlet Plan is not completed and appropriate zoning changes instituted by December.

### Key Implementation Measures (p. 7)

-Wainscott Business Overlay District or Form Based Code governing keys areas of concern.

Member Kinsella suggested adding a section for the shallow aquifer as an overlay district with boundaries including everything south from the water recharge overlay district (end of airport to Atlantic Ocean and contained within Wainscott) including the Pitt, business district, etc.

Member of the public Davison wondered why the decentralized community wastewater treatment or innovative alternative is listed under Affordable Housing, and suggested it be placed under the whole Hamlet for central business as its own category.

Car Wash - Member of the public Daigle wondered whether time is ripe for purchase of the car wash property with CPF funds. He believes the property value will decrease if the moratorium is extended, or further restrictions/a change of zoning occurs. Co-chair Arandia made clear that the

seller must be willing, and Councilwoman Burke-Gonzalez reiterated that properties are brought to the CPF all the time for evaluation, and there is no guarantee of purchase.

Member Edwards suggested looking into Marin County Mart as a guide for the hamlet study.

#### Committee Topics of Discussion:

##### Environmental Sub-Committee Update

Member Kinsella had a productive meeting with scientists at Rothamsted Research, an agricultural research institution in England regarding how they handle pesticides. He hopes to introduce scientists at Stony Brook to those at Rothamsted. On July 16, the Lauder family will host a Wainscott Pond information and awareness event, during which fundraising for the creation of a Wainscott Pond Association will be discussed.

Chair Emeritus Del Mastro reached out to Suffolk County regarding dust from the Pitt. Suffolk County inspected, and came back with recommendations to wash down the exit on 27 and Georgica Drive, and install a sprinkler system. Nothing has been implemented to date. Mr. Del Mastro has recommended undercarriage washes.

Georgica Pond environmental update (Sara Davison): Blue/green algae is currently above the state limit. The public should not swim or wade in the water, and if exposed should hose down immediately. The Friends of Georgica Pond Foundation hopes to negotiate with the State Department of Environmental Conservation for an emergency permit to open the pond to the Atlantic this summer.

##### Traffic Sub-Committee Update

Member of the public Michael Hansen is now a member of the sub-committee. If interested in contributing to the purchase of speed signs, please feel free to see members of the sub-committee.

##### Hamlet Study Sub-Committee Update

All WCAC members and members of the public should come prepared with comments for discussion to the July 8th meeting. Recommendations will be prepared by the August meeting.

John Tintle, owner of Wainscott Properties will attend a WCAC or sub-committee meeting in the Fall. It is the hope that he will incorporate the Hamlet Study into his movements going forward. The sub-committee's position and agenda will be established in time for this meeting.

#### Town and Committee Updates:

##### Energy Sustainability Town Advisory Committee

June 28 from 1-6pm at LTV - South Fork 100% Renewable Energy Forum

### ZBA

15 Wainscott Hollow Road - setback for side yard tennis court. This matter remains open for comments.

Gilchrist property - Decision tabled as attorneys have to submit paperwork.

1 Association Road (My Wife Really Likes It LLC) - permit to clear phragmites.

Other Business:

### Beach Lane Bench

Co-chair Frankel will arrange for press coverage and a photo op of the dedication by the WCAC of the new bench following July's meeting, assuming that the bench is installed at that point. If not, the photo opportunity will be held following the August meeting

Events:

June 15, 6:30 PM at Town Hall - Public hearing on proposed legislation regarding low nitrogen public sanitary systems. Letters will be accepted by 5pm if you want to be part of record.