

**Wainscott CAC
Environmental Sub Committee Meeting
Feb 2, 2018
MINUTES (DRAFT)
East Hampton Town Hall**

Present: Susan Macy, Carolyn Logan Gluck, Rick Del Mastro, Sara Davison, Kim Shaw, Jeff Bragman

Excused: Virginia Edwards

A guest, Michael O'Neill (studio@michaeloneill.com/ 917-696-0330) was also present.

Carolyn called the meeting to order and stated that the ESC was regrouping with a new Town Board liaison and the departure of Si Kinsella. She will be serving as the new Chair and Sara Davison will serve as the new Secretary. She welcomed our new Town Board liaison Jeff Bragman.

The minutes from the following meetings were approved: Nov. 13, 2017 & Dec. 1, 2017

Carolyn restated the mission statement for the committee: “to be concerned with groundwater, surface water, natural habitat and air quality in Wainscott and environs.”

Two agenda items were discussed in detail: 1.) Drinking water contamination by PFCs in Wainscott and 2) Deep Water Wind.

Drinking Water Contamination

Town officials had participated on the weekly call with state and county officials that morning. Jeff reported that a triage approach would work well with a long-term goal of getting everybody in Wainscott hooked up to public water. In the interim, POET (point of entry) charcoal filter systems should be installed to everyone with a detect in the 2 study areas. PFCs readily bond to carbon. Approx. cost for POET systems is \$3-5k/well.

A map of existing SCWA water mains was distributed and those who are on the water main route should be encouraged to hook up immediately. Approx. cost \$10k/house.

Estimated cost for public water hook up for every house in Study area I is \$10 million.

Supervisor VanScoyoc stopped in briefly to reiterate his concern about the water contamination and that he had confidence that county and state representatives whom he has met with have this high on their radar screen.

The DEC has started their investigation and are examining all uses at properties in the vicinity of the airport. Jeff stated that these chemicals can cause serious health impacts and that the most conservative approach in terms of detection levels must be taken. SCHD has installed new wells south and north of the airport to better understand groundwater flow and contamination levels.

Testing of private wells continues but is still slow. Kim reported that 6 of the 9 non-public water suppliers (places which serve multiple customers like restaurants, delis, etc.) had detection and that the “Wainscott Pit” refused to be tested.

Rick Del Mastro will finalize WCAC letter regarding drinking water and make it stronger to support Jeff’s position.

Deep Water Wind

Jeff discussed the planning process and believes that even though the SEQRA review is subordinate to Article 7 in this case, it still doesn’t prohibit local review. He is pushing to require a Town Natural Resources Special Permit, which would consider all alternatives (such as other landing sites). Carolyn noted that in the Block Island case, DWW originally proposed a Town beach and after public opposition, selected a RI State Beach.

WCAC will send a short letter to the Town Board requesting a NRSP review of the project. Carolyn will draft with Sara.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 3:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Davison