

Wainscott Citizens Advisory Committee (WCAC)  
Meeting of October 7, 2017

Member Attendance:

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

Excused Absences:

Kathleen Begala  
Frank Dalene  
Susan Macy  
Cindy Tuma

Elected Official:

Kathee Burke-Gonzalez, Town Councilwoman, Liaison to WCAC

Members of the Public:

David Fink  
Michael Hansen

**Housekeeping**

The next meeting will be held on November 4, 2017

Minutes

The September 2, 2017 minutes were seconded and approved.

**Liaison Report**

Swamp area acquisition

During the October 5 public hearing, the East Hampton Town Board voted unanimously to acquire the old swamp area. Since the property is in foreclosure, the Town will now work with the bank to finalize the acquisition. The Town would welcome usage recommendations for this property from the WCAC. Those who raised funds for this acquisition including Sara Davison, Anne Hall and Priscilla Whittle were thanked.

Moratorium

The moratorium will need to be extended as it will expire at the end of December.

### Airport

On October 5, the East Hampton Town Board voted unanimously to prepare a Part 161 process to enact local restriction on the airport. The first step will be to hire consultants to carry out an economic analysis, curfew proposal, frequency proposal, etc. Once complete, Morrison Foerster, and noise consultant, HMMH will prepare and file a Part 161 with the FAA. This process is slated to take a few years and cost between 1.5 and 2 million.

The main taxiway will be paved and completed in the spring, which will help with flow and provide more opportunity to air traffic control. Within the next 6 months, and following completion of a wind analysis, and pavement analysis, the Airport Management Advisory Committee (AMAC) will make a recommendation as to whether runway 1634 (near terminal by where Daniels Hole Road turns), or runway 422 (by Industrial Road) will be used as a secondary runway. It is acknowledged that changes on the ground affect both noise and flow of traffic.

A new fuel farm is currently being installed at the Airport.

Chair Emeritus Del Mastro's motion to revive the airport committee was seconded and approved. Committee members include Chair Emeritus Del Mastro, Co-chair Arandia, and member Gluck.

### CDCH

The Town is currently vetting Gersch Academy, a private school that works with K-12 aged children with autism to take over operations of the former Child Development Center of the Hamptons.

### 2018 EH Town Budget

The 2018 Town budget will be discussed during the next two work sessions, and will include funding for a full-time marine officer, an office clerk, and someone working on the digitization project in the building department.

## **Special Presentations: Meet the Candidates for East Hampton Town Council**

### **Democrats:**

#### **Bridget Fleming, Re-elect Suffolk County Legislature**

Ms. Fleming will continue to focus on preservation of natural resources through the septic grant and loan program, public health focusing on tick borne illness and the opioid crisis, and economic development including traffic calming and affordable housing.

Ms. Fleming has worked with the WCAC ESC, and reports that after years of litigation, the court has ordered entry onto the Noyac site to carry out ground water testing. She acknowledges that it takes too long to get test results from water testing.

#### **Peter Van Scoyoc, Town Supervisor**

Councilman Van Scoyoc has served as liaison to CACs for 6 years. As such, he has been involved in many issues important to the citizens of East Hampton including but not limited to the hamlet study, aircraft noise, and wastewater management.

Van Scoyoc brought the 2018 budget from a 27 million deficit into a 38 million surplus, and reduced the total debt. These increases can be attributed to contractual agreements with the Civil Service Employees Administration (CSEA) and Patrolmen's Benevolent Association (PBA), a health benefit increase, and the debt service technological upgrade.

Van Scoyoc has been involved in securing grant funding for the Coastal Assessment Resiliency Plan (CARP). Phase I, computer modeling of CARP is complete. Phase II, planning how to adapt and accommodate so as to not have huge disruption to the community is underway.

Given East Hampton's 100% renewable energy goal, a more resilient grid must be built out, and new construction must require energy efficiency.

The Town must address the drinking aquifer by protecting the ground water, and being vigilant going forward. Since you cannot legislate against the use of fertilizer, pesticides, insecticides, etc, the Town must educate and inform the public about the effects of use of these substances on drinking water. If there are contaminated wells, Suffolk County water will be provided.

Van Scoyoc acknowledges that this area was not built for the amount of cars on the road today. The free shuttles that ran in Montauk this summer were hugely successful at reducing traffic. He would like to see this continued and expanded. In addition, the Town will work with the LIRR and Assemblyman Fred Thiele to increase the number of trains and train times, which will be implemented in the Fall of 2018. Bus service should be provided from train stations to destinations, and safe pedestrian bicycle lanes should be created to reduce traffic. Member of the public Fink asks whether landscape vehicles crowding streets can be ticketed, and whether speed bumps can be installed to slow traffic. Van Scoyoc notes that the police schedules have been changed, which allows targeted enforcement of traffic infractions. Highway Superintendent Stephen Lynch is not in favor of speed bumps as it makes it difficult for plows and emergency vehicles to navigate the roads. Member Kinsella suggests using plastic removable speed bumps. Van Scoyoc will look into.

### **Kathee Burke-Gonzalez, re-election to Town Council**

The CPF was extended through 2050, which will include \$200,000 for septic rebates up to \$1600 per household. This funding may also be used for the public education that Councilman Van Scoyoc mentioned with regards to preservation of natural resources. Councilwoman Burke-Gonzalez continues to work with the WCAC on traffic issues, including legislation to lower the speed to 25 mph on Wainscott Main, and Wainscott Stone Road.

### **Jeff Bragman, Town Council**

Mr. Bragman is an expert in the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR), and zoning codes. He has over a 30 year record of fighting for water production, and believes a

threat to water anywhere is a danger everywhere, and as such will work to maintain vigilance to protect the environment. In addition, he will work to rid planned development district (PDD) zoning, while revising noise and building codes.

**Rona Klopman, EH Trustee**

Ms. Klopman is an activist in the community, and has attended every Town Board meeting for 8 years.

**Francesca Rheannon, EH Trustee**

Ms. Rheannon is a Springs resident, and lifelong environmentalist hosting the radio show Sustainable East End.

**John Aldred, EH Trustee**

Mr. Aldred's experience lies in the marine biology field. He has helped develop, and has served as the Director of the East Hampton Town Shellfish Hatchery for over twenty years.

**Bill Taylor, Re-election to EH Trustee**

Mr. Taylor currently serves as the deputy clerk of the EH Trustees. During his tenure he has helped move the issue of water quality to the forefront, and has increased cooperation with other organizations to get work done. He notes the current board is open, accessible and knowledgeable and would like to keep the momentum they have established moving forward. He believes it is important to cooperate and work with the CAC's.

**Susan McGraw Keber, EH Trustee**

As a real estate agent, Ms. McGraw Keber is familiar with zoning and planning codes. She is a certified scuba rescue diver and underwater first responder. She lives on the water and knows marine life well. She plans to preserve and protect the environment, and wants to give back to the local community.

**Francis Bock, Re-election to EH Trustee**

Mr. Bock currently serves as the Trustee clerk. During his term, he has seen extensive work on water quality, and real work in the environment. He would like to use the Friends of Georgica Pond Foundation as a template going forward for Wainscott Pond.

Note: Rick Drew, Brian Byrnes, and Dell Cullum couldn't make it today as they were working. The candidates note that they are an integral part of the group that they would like to see on the board.

**Republicans:**

**Manny Vilar, Supervisor EH Town**

Mr. Vilar has a firm grasp of environmental law enforcement, and environmental conservation, and knows how to work with state and federal agencies. He believes that every problem has three parts; an immediate solution, a short term solution, and a long term fix. He believes that the East End is underserved by the MTA, and proposes a regional transporta-

tion service. He would like to work towards reducing carbon emissions and getting vehicles off of the road. Vilar believes there is a cost of living problem on the East End and that more economic opportunities are needed to attract people to live here without having to commute from up island.

Member Kinsella asked whether Vilar believes there to be a conflict of interest with Jerry Larsen, EH Town Board candidate owning a private security business while he served as EH Village Police Chief. Vilar stated that if Larsen violated the NY public officers law, it would be a crime that needs to be prosecuted. If elected, Vilar would support the NY public officer law, and bring forth legislation to ensure transparency in office.

Member of the public Fink asked about the recruitment of minority and disadvantaged people in East Hampton. Vilar stated that the office actively recruits minorities and disadvantaged people and offers extra training. He does point out that there is a civil service process, and therefore taking the civil service exam must be encouraged. Vilar believes the problem is that this is an expensive place to live, that the African American community in EH has decreased, and that despite an increase in the Hispanic population, once these children graduate, they are leaving the East End. If elected, Vilar will look into and address this discrepancy.

#### **Diane McNally, Re- election to EH Trustee**

Ms. McNally would like to continue trustee projects including the dredging of Georgica Pond, work at Wainscott Pond, and work at the Shellfish Hatchery.

#### **Committee Topics for Discussion**

##### **Hamlet Study Sub-Committee**

The sub-committee will take the second half of the hamlet study and craft it into a second submission focused on vistas. In addition, the sub-committee will work on recommendations for the swamp property.

##### **Environmental Sub-Committee**

The budget for Wainscott Pond Project (Aug 1, 2017 – Jul 31, 2018), is \$179,000. The residents living immediately about Wainscott Pond very generously contributed \$232,500 – Thirty percent (30%) above the funding requirement for the year. The excess funds of \$53,500 will be applied to the annual budget for 2018/19. The telemetry buoy launched and captured 90% of August data. Member Kinsella will meet with Dr. Gobler and provide an up-dated report.

A more detailed submission of what is being proposed within Wainscott will be provided in the next few weeks according to an email received from Clint Plummer of Deepwater Wind.

11 of 14 (79%) WCAC members voted via email to send to the East Hampton Town Board a written response to its Water Advisory of October 11, 2017 about Perfluorinated Compound (PFC) contamination detected within Wainscott. Three members abstained from voting.

##### **Traffic Sub-Committee**

Chair Emeritus Del Mastro will circulate the agenda for input by the sub-committee, which will include the left turn off of Wainscott Main as very dangerous.

### **Town and Committee Updates**

#### Code Enforcement

Chair Emeritus Del Mastro will look into whether the committee can simply compile checks from its members and members of the public to provide to the Town directly for purchase of Wainscott speed readers.

### **Other Business**

#### Business Community Awards

The business community awards will be presented with media coverage to The Seafood Shop for visual landscape, and Wainscott Walk In Clinic for service following the November meeting.