

Wainscott Citizens Advisory Committee (WCAC)
Meeting of August 6, 2016

The next meeting will be held on September 10, 2016

Member Attendance:

Jose Arandia, Co-Chair
Frank Dalene
Dennis D'Andrea
Barry Frankel, Co-Chair
Simon Kinsella
Susan Macy
Rick Del Mastro, WCAC Chair Emeritus
Bruce Solomon
Sally Sunshine
Cindy Tuma
Phil Young

Excused Absences:

Kathleen Begala

Elected Official:

Kathee Burke-Gonzalez, Town Councilwoman, Liaison to WCAC

Members of the Public:

Lynn Cronin
Jim Dagle
Douglas Dowd
Howard Fine
Carolyn Logan Gluck
David Kozatch
Liam O'Braion
Jeff Smith
Michael Wooton

Minutes

The July 9, 2016 minutes were seconded and approved.

Liaison Report:

Status of Guest Speakers at Upcoming Meetings

September - Water quality presentation by Dan Gulizio, Peconic Baykeeper

CPF

There was a public hearing this past Thursday, August 4 to extend the Community Preservation Fund (CPF) through 2050. If the referendum passes in November, it is

believed the revenue over life will be 770 million with up to 20% (152 million) going towards water quality improvement and preservation. Work sessions will be held in East Hampton and Montauk where the public is welcome to comment on the plan and local law in person, or they can do so in writing.

Traffic

Interest in having designation for local deliveries only on Sayer's Path, Wainscott Northwest Road, Wainscott Hollow Road, Wainscott Stone Road, Wainscott Main Street, East Gate Road, West Gate Road, Clyden Road, and Cowhill Lane.

Speed trailer – Member Kinsella plans to reach out to Chief Sarlo to discuss the possibility of purchasing a speed trailer.

Resolution – DOT to study traffic in Wainscott. Councilwoman Burke-Gonzalez is going to request that the study include from County Road 39 to the Village. The timeline for this study is unknown.

Wainscott Properties

According to a June 22 inspection by Code Enforcement, Suffolk Cement, Southampton Masonry, Emergency Mechanical and Landscape Details operate out of Wainscott Properties. The original agreement regarding the gate schedule was entered into for a 12 month time period according to Wainscott Properties. Following the motion to dismiss charges because the agreement was no longer in place, the Judge awarded additional time believing that all parties were working in good faith. The Judge is going to rule on whether the agreement was still in place.

Moratorium

Councilwoman Burke-Gonzalez is still working with planners and the town attorney's office to come up with rationale and data to justify the moratorium on building in the Business District. WCAC members put emphasis on the fact that time is of the essence, and that the point of the moratorium is to allow the hamlet study to be completed to ensure a unified plan going forward.

Car Wash

Update - The next work session is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, September 14 @6:30. Reed Jones, Chairperson East Hampton Town Planning Board allows for public comment; so make sure to attend this session if you want to address the board. This project will be referred to the Suffolk County Planning Division (Sam Kramer) once the application is complete.

Letter submission - CAC's were established to advise the town board; therefore, letters that go to the planning board regarding the car wash cannot be on CAC letterhead. These letters must be addressed from private citizens to the planning board only. You may write "as a concerned citizen, and a member of the WCAC." Chair Emeritus Del Mastro encourages every resident and member of CAC to write a letter. Community member O'Braion (resident of East Hampton) stated that he is a member of a 4-person group who went out to

the community and compiled a database of letters in opposition to the development of the car wash. Despite submitting these letters to the Town, they are not reflected as part of the record. Community members Cronin and Fine hand delivered letters to the planning board, however their letters are not reflected as part of file. Councilwoman Burke-Gonzalez provided her email to Cronin and Fine and asked that they forward their letters to her to ensure they make it to the file. Burke-Gonzalez is going to meet with Marguerite Wolffsohn, Town Planning Director to explore why these letters and others referenced during this and past meetings are not being reflected as part of the record. WCAC members propose receiving a stamped receipt upon submission of letters, or sending them via registered mail. Chair Emeritus Del Mastro is taking responsibility of preparing an email or mailing to the WCAC database urging the public to submit letters, and Co-Chair Frankel is going to reach out to CAC's to write letters from other EH jurisdictions addressing the car wash. In addition, as CAC members, we can approach neighbors to express concern over the car wash, and recommend they write into the planning board. It was emphasized during this meeting that the car wash is not just impacting Wainscott, but rather all of East Hampton.

Possible CPF Purchase – Member Young inquired as to whether the Town has considered purchasing this property. The Town can only pay 10% above the appraisal. Since there is a very large discrepancy between the asking price and appraisal, the Town has not put an offer on the property.

Car Wash Update – Si Kinsella

Half of the submission documents are stamped Tommy Car Wash, essentially a boilerplate car wash that specializes in box sales of car wash chemicals. It seems Tommy Car Wash is just being renamed Golden Car Wash for the application. Everything was submitted in black & white, however, if you go online, Tommy Car Wash's are bright red. The submission shows no environmental standard, the acoustic information is inconclusive, and the Dunn Engineering study is biased and self-serving. In addition, the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) data used assumptive numbers, and there remains a discrepancy between how many cars per hour will pass through the car wash. Member of the public Kozatch suggests asking Southampton Car Wash about traffic, environmental issues, etc to use as a business model. He also points out that Tommy Car Wash is selling volume by selling subscriptions, which could also increase the volume of cars coming through.

Hamlet Study

If anyone would like to re-emphasize the importance of exploring traffic, the potential car wash location, etc, Councilwoman Burke-Gonzalez recommends emailing the consultants at ehhamletstudy@gmail.com as they are still accepting comments.

Wainscott Hamlet Study

Nothing New

Wainscott Pond Water Quality

Will be addressed at the next meeting

Building Department

Renovation & addition at 16 Georgica Association Rd.

Department of Highways

Drainage along Wainscott Hollow Road will be continuing to Main Street. The roads surrounding Roxberry and Two Rod Highway, along with a part of Beach Lane and Main Street have been paved. No parking signs have been installed on Bathgate Road on the north side & 15 minute parking signs on the north end. These signs have already lessened parking in the week since installation.

Community Preservation Fund

Nothing to report

Energy Sustainability

LIPA's CEO sent out a news release saying that they have accepted Deep Water Winds RFP. The meeting to vote for the same was then abruptly cancelled the night before. Governor Cuomo has begun a master plan for offshore wind and wants all to conform to that plan, therefore the vote is being delayed. Deep Water Wind is currently carrying out a pilot project off of Block Island, installing the first ever 5 wind turbines off of the U.S. The proposal for the East End calls for 15 wind turbines for 100% renewable energy.

Planning Department

Bowling Alley moved into article 78 – re-reviewed with traffic studies and additional concerns due to people who have written in.

ZBA

Nothing in near future.

Nominating Committee

Virginia Edwards as possible addition.

Business Community Award

Trunzo

Minutes

Susan will be taking over as back-up minute taker.

October Meeting

Rescheduled for October 8.

Clean-up

Moved to Sept.

Chair-Emeritus Del Mastro will take on the responsibility of addressing the issue of refuse around the Speedway gas station as an individual as he has adopted Bathgate Road. Councilwoman Burke-Gonzalez suggests filing a complaint with code enforcement if the garbage is overflowing from the dumpster onto public property. Member Young will discuss these concerns with Maria, Speedway's manager.