

# MONTAUK CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## MEETING MINUTES

January 9, 2023

ATTENDANCE; 24 PRESENT (32 MEMBERS)

**Members Present:** L. Barnds, T. Berger, T. Byrne, D. Ceva, R. Cortell, C. Cortese, L. Cortese, L. Creegan, T. Creel, L. Daunt, T. Flight, B. Grimes, A. Harris, D. Hausman, J. Iacono, S. Kalimnios, L. Michaels, S. Sennefelder, L. Siedlick, R. Silver, M. Tripp, K. Tyler, R. Weiss, C. Yula

**Members Absent:** J. Chimples, J. Fowkes, D. Freudenthal, D. Monahan, P. Monte, T. Ries, M. Waterman  
K. Weiss

**Guests present:** C. Duryea, C. Poli, D. Barrisi, B. Akin

Motion to approve December minutes – C. Yula 2<sup>nd</sup> by M. Tripp

**Community Organizations:** A Thank you to Chamber of Commerce for a festive holiday event.

T. Flight – many organizations have volunteered for the interviewing process of selecting a new Superintendent.

D. Lys – discussed sign/traffic issues w the suggestion of 2 stop signs on the corner of S. Eton & S. Emerson (by Hero motel) 3 incidents in 10 years. A “wait and see” from Advisory Board once sand is pushed back to beach.

Second traffic issue – IGA parking lot – suggestion for diagonal parking and also ramp from Public Lot – Lighting at IGA was also addressed.

**Airport Subcommittee** – T. Creel – “what will be the effect on Montauk by the restrictions of EH” ? will there be more flights; increase of traffic on East Lake Drive, increase of traffic on 27, pollution of Big Reed Pond – these are just some of the concerns to be addressed.

### **Wastewater Discussion**

Plethora of info online; D. Lys said there would be a public meeting in a few weeks – Mar/April – we should prepare our questions and concerns in advance. Many of the questions offered for discussion were: Is Wastewater committee representative of hamlet? Is it a “done deal”? Is there a Plan B? Do the consultants have any self interest in this project? Are there any other options? All options should be explored. Is this project funded by grants? If so, is there a time limit? Need more scientific info on HH - does it go into existing aquifer? Nothing set in stone – we have time – is a “centralized system” as proposed better than individual? L. Daunt said meeting of Wastewater Committee 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month. This will be an ongoing issue and needs the input of the entire community. Suggestion: to set up a forum on Town page so people can communicate to Town. L. Cortese alarmed us with the fact that 173,000 gallons of sewage goes into septic systems – most of it goes into ocean!

This is a “fact finding” endeavor at this point.

**Councilperson’s report:** Chamber of Commerce received a grant \$21,588 community development. Cybersecurity system upgraded to protect user data. RFA – proposals out there for EH Town Water Quality – open application. Senior center project on track. Bamboo not to be planted in Town. Maidstone Gun Club – lawsuit filed.

Motion to adjourn:

Respectfully submitted:

Linda Barnds