

WAINSCOTT CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE



Wainscott Citizens Advisory Committee (WCAC)
Meeting of June 1, 2019 Member Attendance:

Carolyn Logan Gluck, Co-Chair
Susan Macy, Co-Chair
Dennis D'Andrea, WCAC Chair Emeritus
Rick Del Mastro, WCAC Chair Emeritus
Barry Frankel, WCAC Co-Chair Emeritus
Lori Anne Czepiel
Frank Dalene
Michael Hansen
Anthony Liberatore

Excused Absences:
Jose Arandia, WCAC Co-Chair Emeritus
Cindy Herbst
Bruce Solomon
Sally Sunshine
Phil Young

Elected Officials:
Jeff Bragman, Town Councilman, Liaison to WCAC

Invited Guest Speakers:
Michael Sarlo, East Hampton Town Chief of Police

Members of the Public:

David Berg	Dr. Stacey Colle	Jonathan Friedman
Kathryn Berg	Jim Davre	Michael Friedman
Myles Berkman	Alexander Edlich	Mark Frons
Bonnie Brady	Ginny Edwards	Merry Frons
Rachel Buchwald	Mark Evans	Marshall Gluck
Brian Cohen	John Finley	Judi Grodin

David Gruber
Judith Hope
Judy Kaufman
Steve Kaufman
Si Kinsella
Larry Kirshbaum
Franziska Klebe
Ellen Klein
Francine Lembo
Marian Lindberg
Alain Louvel
Michael Mahoney
Pamela Mahoney
Mark McGrath
Charles Moss

Richard Myers
Michael O'Neill
Irving Paler
June Paler
Anthony Ponzini
(Lauder)
Chris Prause
Judith Prause
Lois Sachs
Roz Block Sherwood
Richard Shinder
Harvey Silverman
Carole Slater
Jonathan Sobel
Lisa Solomon

Mitch Solomon
Carole Suchman
Jordan Teramo
Reine Turner
Margot Vaughan
Aaron Warsaw
Brian Waterman
Lauren Lesser
Waterman
Holly Whitmore
Michael Wootton
Michael Zambrelli
Sharon Zambrelli

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Carolyn Logan Gluck, Co-chair, called the meeting to order at 9:05 am.

May 4, 2019 minutes

The May 4, 2019 minutes were moved and seconded for approval by Chair Emeritus Rick Del Mastro and Co-chair Susan Macy, and then approved by the members.

Presentation by Invited Guest Michael Sarlo, East Hampton Town Chief of Police

Chair Emeritus Del Mastro introduced Michael Sarlo, East Hampton Town Chief of Police.

Chief Sarlo first reported on the speed sign/sensor rotation program that has been in effect for about six years, rotating the sensors between locations on Stephen Hands Path and several spots in Wainscott south of the highway. He discussed the procurement and maintenance cost regulations that have contributed to a slight delay in installing the sensor/sign donated by the WCAC and noted that the sensor/sign should be up and running in two to three weeks. The Chief also noted that they will track which sensor/sign was donated by the WCAC to rotate it among the three to four Wainscott locations. He also noted that the department is looking at solar options to cut back on battery usage. Member Michael Hansen then noted that he has called the Police Department about speeding and other traffic violations he has observed and shared the following phone number to call: 631-537-7575.

Chief Sarlo noted that there is not a lot of new information for him to report to the WCAC since his presentation last year. He did note that they continue to be focused on safety concerns for schools and houses of worship, and continued training in light of the continuing changes in the policing environment.

He noted that on Memorial Day weekend they had a busy start to the season. The number of accidents remained about the same as in past years despite the growing amount of traffic, but they are seeing an increasing number of injury accidents. DWIs continue to be an issue.

Next the Members including Chair Emeritus Del Mastro, Members Hansen and Anthony Liberatore and others raised questions for Chief Sarlo about topics such as jaywalking in East Hampton Village, the possibility of young traffic monitors in Wainscott, beach permit parking and the recent shooting at the municipal building in Virginia. Thereafter numerous members of the public then posed questions about topics such as additional ways to control speeding, handicap parking at the beach and music/outdoor stereo systems. The Chief and Town Councilman Jeff Bragman committed to reach out to Parks and Recreation to address the handicap parking. Then Chief Sarlo discussed at some length the fact that residential noise complaints have increased whereas commercial noise complaints have decreased. He discussed some of the possible reasons, including the increased use of outdoor technology for music, and the local regulatory and fine schemes and how the department deals with complaints it receives. He noted that there is an apparent loophole for noise from garbage trucks, particularly early in the morning, and suggested to Councilman Bragman that the Town Board might investigate addressing it.

Chief Sarlo ended by encouraging residents to email him any questions or suggestions at the email address on the Town website. Lastly, Co-Chair Logan Gluck thanked Chief Sarlo.

Wainscott Sewing Society Strawberry Festival June 16

Next Chair Emeritus Dennis D'Andrea encouraged people to attend the upcoming traditional annual Strawberry Festival at the Wainscott Chapel on Sunday, Jun 16 from 2-4pm. He emphasized that the festival and other events held from time to time at the Chapel help bring and hold the Wainscott community together.

Other Events

Co-Chair Logan Gluck noted that later this day, June 1 from 11am-3pm, the Town of East Hampton was sponsoring an Eco Fair at East Hampton Town Hall.

Liaison Report: Councilman Jeff Bragman

Public Water Update

Councilman Bragman began by noting that out of potentially 520 SCWA connections in Wainscott, 256 are in service and 113 are applications in process – so SCWA has installed about 49% of the potential connections. There are 368 registered participants now, with a 71% participation rate.

Wainscott Moratorium

Councilman Bragman next reported that the moratorium is on the agenda for the upcoming Tuesday meeting. He stated that he expects that it will be approved, but that it will probably expire July 1 given the implementation delay from when the extension was first proposed.

Wainscott Pond

Councilman Bragman noted that he has been engaged with member of the public Si Kinsella, Brian Frank, Chief Environmental Analyst, Planning Department, and the Trustees about the proposed Wainscott Pond filtration project. Councilman Bragman has encouraged Mr. Frank to address concerns with Wainscott Pond and Georgica Pond, and to develop long-term management plans.

Wainscott Green

Councilman Bragman noted that the town is continuing to work on a management plan for the park and that the major issue at this time is drainage. He noted that Tom Talmage, Town Engineer, suggested that consideration be given to moving the parking closer to Eastgate. He noted that the sign should be installed soon, and that further discussion will occur with the subcommittee and Chair Emeritus Del Mastro.

Scenic Conservation and Agricultural Easements

Councilman Bragman reported that on June 6 there would be a public hearing on the amendments to the Town Code he had proposed and discussed at previous meetings.

Deepwater

Councilman Bragman noted that while he favors wind power generally, he continues to be focused on the environmental issues relating to the Deepwater proposals in the Wainscott/East Hampton community and the need for full environmental review prior to any discussion of community benefits. He reported that as of this time both the Town Board and the Trustees have come to share his viewpoint. Accordingly, it is the current position of the town that easements will not be granted until after full environmental review. He noted that there are also BOEM delays and anticipated adjustments to the proposals, and that Rhode Island also has expressed some concerns about the impacts of the ocean cable on fisheries.

Q&A

Councilman Bragman then invited questions. Co-Chair Susan Macy asked whether the WCAC should submit a letter supporting the scenic vistas amendments, and Councilman Bragman agreed that the WCAC and individual support would be useful. She asked whether there would be any retroactive impact on properties, such as potential enforcement involving the property at 55 Town Line Road. Councilman Bragman indicated that the process would be orderly and that he suspected, like with noise code violations there may first be a warning issued.

Next Co-Chair Emeritus Barry Frankel asked about the status of the LBO designation for the west corridor of the business district, and Councilman Bragman confirmed that it will remain in the Hamlet study. He then reiterated points made at prior meetings that at this

time the designation is only a recommendation as part of the comprehensive Hamlet study and that if a similar proposal for zoning designation were to occur there would be public hearings, a SEQRA review process and other processes.

Co-Chair Emeritus Frankel next asked about the status of the anticipated DEC testing at the Wainscott Sand & Gravel property that had been discussed at prior meetings. Councilman Bragman noted that he did not know the current status of the DEC's efforts. Co-Chair Emeritus Frankel also asked about the property owner's ties to a Noyac property discussed at prior meetings and whether there is a way to connect that property to the Wainscott property. Councilman Bragman stated that he believed not, as it is his understanding that the properties are owned by separate entities. Councilman Bragman added that a state law has been enacted, as championed and discussed by State Assemblyman when he met with the WCAC in the Spring, that will require water testing at NY state mining sites. Councilman Bragman credited State Assemblyman Thiele for his efforts.

Member Hansen next asked about the expected timing of the approval of the Hamlet study, and Councilman Bragman stated that it is coming up, but no precise timetable has been set. Member Hansen continued with questions about sea planes at the airport. Councilman Bragman reviewed his prior reports on his discussions with airport representatives, controllers, contractors and associations like the Helicopter Association, and the unique mix of aircraft and challenges at the airport creating a tough situation to balance. Member Frank Dalene followed up with questions about safety, particularly noting the recent Hudson River crash involving a Blade helicopter. Member Dalene and Councilman Bragman then discussed back and forth concerns about helicopter safety and other issues.

Chair Emeritus Del Mastro then stated his view that the WCAC should draft a letter for the June 6 public hearing supporting the scenic vistas amendments. He also thanked Councilman Bragman for his efforts on the LBO designation in the Hamlet Study. Chair Emeritus Del Mastro then stated his view that the pressing issues involving the airport are not about noise but safety and engaged in a discussion with Member Dalene about such issues.

Member Liberatore then asked Councilman Bragman about a proposed law Assemblyman Thiele had mentioned at his previous presentation to the WCAC, for LIPA to disclose their rates. Councilman Bragman offered to look into it.

Co-Chair Macy then questioned the status of the moratorium's expected July 1 expiration in light of the timing of the still-pending approval of the Hamlet Study. Discussion then ensued among Councilman Bragman and Co-Chair Emeritus Frankel. Co-Chair Emeritus Frankel then asked whether there was an anticipated date for the completion of the Wainscott Green and discussed ensued with Councilman Bragman and Richard Meyer of the Architectural Review Board about some of the issues.

The Q&A session then opened up to members of the public. Wainscott resident Alexander Edlich began by reporting that Orsted had written to Citizens for the Preservation of Wainscott (representing 1,300 Wainscott signatories of a petition against the Deepwater proposal in and through Wainscott and at Wainscott Main Beach). According to Mr. Edlich the letter stated that while Orsted is not yet prepared to change their route to Hither Hills they are looking at trying to make the Hither Hills route work. The room broke into applause. Mr. Edlich stated that he would try to obtain Orsted's approval to share the full letter with the WCAC and more widely/publicly. Chair Emeritus Del Mastro thanked and complimented Mr. Edlich and his group, several of whom were present including Wainscott resident John Finley, for their efforts to date. Discussion then ensued among members of the public at the meeting (including numerous individuals, advocates, politicians and candidates who do not reside in Wainscott), Mr. Edlich and Mr. Finley about topics including: the developments relevant to the Wainscott community; people's individual views on the issues impacting Wainscott; people's individual views about climate change and renewable energy matters generally worldwide; local Democratic Party perspectives; and next steps to address the matters relevant to the Wainscott community.

Mr. Edlich noted that the Public Service Commission was holding two hearings at 2pm and 6pm on June 11 at 1 Cedar Street in East Hampton and encouraged Wainscott residents to attend and make their voices heard. He also encouraged people to register to vote in Wainscott. Mr. Finley emphasized that while the Orsted letter was directionally helpful, it was not a final decision by Orsted and as such there was much work to be done. At one point during the discussion Councilman Bragman noted the importance of having Wainscott's interests represented professionally and legally in the Article 7 review. The discussion continued until 10:50am.

Other Business – Report from Member of the Public Si Kinsella about his efforts with respect to Wainscott Pond and his legal action against Deepwater Wind, LIPA, et al

Co-Chair Logan Gluck next introduced Mr. Kinsella, to discuss his legal action against LIPA, Deepwater Wind and the NY State Comptroller in an effort to learn the price to be paid for electricity generated by the wind farm.

At this point, Member Dalene asked that the minutes reflect his objection that “a political candidate is making presentation and I object to his campaigning here.” Member Liberatore then interjected that “I object to the objection and believe that Si Kinsella should be allowed to speak, as a Wainscott community member, about environmental issues important to Wainscott.” Co-Chair Logan Gluck then reminded Mr. Kinsella to limit his presentation to matters relevant to the Wainscott community as that is the purpose of the WCAC meeting, and Mr. Kinsella confirmed that was his intention.

Mr. Kinsella then proceeded to discuss issues relating to Wainscott Pond, Deepwater and the costs of electricity that he is spearheading. Discussion ensued among those members

of the public who were in attendance as described above. Mr. Kinsella concluded his presentation at 11:15am.

Additional Discussion about Upcoming June 11 Public Service Commission Hearings

Co-Chair Logan Gluck and Chair Emeritus Del Mastro then encouraged people to attend the June 11 PSC hearings. Discussion ensued among members of the public about the importance of speaking in person rather than submitting written statements.

Sub-Committee Reports

Co-Chair Logan Gluck then asked for a motion to table the sub-committee reports until the next meeting. Member Liberatore so moved, and Co-Chair Emeritus Frankel seconded; the motion passed.

Other Business

Co-Chair Logan then asked the WCAC about the letter discussed earlier to support the scenic vistas amendments. Member Liberatore agreed to prepare a short draft.

Member Dalene then stated that a new organization had been started at the East Hampton home of Judith Hope, who spoke at the meeting during the discussion of the DeepWater issues relevant to Wainscott, intended to support wind power generally called Win with Wind. Member of the public and Wainscott resident Carole Slater then asked whether there were any pending permits that would benefit from the moratorium expiring on July 1, and Councilman Bragman committed to look into that.

Member of the public and Wainscott resident Myles Berkman then suggested that Wainscott consider recommending that the Town engage an environmental consultant to represent the interests of the hamlet of Wainscott and its residents in the process, and Councilman Bragman committed to consult with the Town on this. Co-Chair Logan Gluck then asked for a sense of the WCAC about whether to officially request that the Town engage an independent engineer and corresponding budget to advise Wainscott in addition to legal counsel, whether funded by Deepwater (not part of the community benefits program) or paid by East Hampton Town. The WCAC concurred. Councilman Bragman expressed agreement that the community should get advice and help on understanding and evaluating these issues as a matter of ordinary prudence. Discussion ensued.

The meeting then was adjourned at 11:35am, pursuant to a motion by Chair Emeritus Del Mastro that was seconded by Member Dalene.

Next Meeting: July 13, 2019, 9am, Wainscott Chapel