

WAINSCOTT CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE



Wainscott Citizens Advisory Committee (WCAC)
Meeting of July 13, 2019

Member Attendance:

Carolyn Logan Gluck, Co-Chair
Susan Macy, Co-Chair
Dennis D'Andrea, WCAC Chair Emeritus
Rick Del Mastro, WCAC Chair Emeritus
Jose Arandia, WCAC Co-Chair Emeritus
Lori Anne Czepiel
Michael Hansen
Bruce Solomon
Sally Sunshine
Phil Young

Excused Absences:

Barry Frankel, WCAC Co-Chair Emeritus
Frank Dalene
Cindy Herbst
Anthony Liberatore

Elected Official:

Jeff Bragman, Town Councilman, Liaison to WCAC

Members of the Public:

Jim Dagle	Si Kinsella
Frank Davidson	Rona Klopman
Sara Davison	Sam Kramer
Virginia Edwards	Michael Mahoney
Kurt Fisher	Pam Mahoney
David Gruber	Jordy Mark
Leonard Harlan	Richard Myers
Steve Kaufman	Lois Sachs
Alan Kava	Carole Slater
Ben Kava	Michael Wooten

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

June 1, 2019 minutes

The June 1, 2019 minutes were moved and seconded for approval by Co-chair Susan Macy and Co-Chair Emeritus Jose Arandia, respectively, and then approved by the Members.

Events, Announcements

Next, Chair Emeritus Dennis D'Andrea encouraged people to attend two upcoming community events at the Wainscott Chapel: (i) an historical talk by Hilary Osborn Malecki about farming in Wainscott from 1875-1900, to be held on Saturday, July 27, from 10-11am, and (ii) the Wainscott Sewing Society's annual Rummage Sale fundraiser for the upkeep of the Chapel, to be held on Saturday, August 17, starting at 9am (donations are accepted by calling 631-537-1330).

Liaison Report: Councilman Jeff Bragman

Deepwater Wind Update

Councilman Bragman noted that the discovery stage of the Article 7 review process was beginning. He expects that at the upcoming Board work session there will be discussion about hiring scientific experts to support the Town, including a marine biologist or other fish expert and an engineer with major project experience. He also noted that there may be some effort of the Board to continue discussions about easement terms pending the Article 7 review, although Councilman Bragman still believes nothing should proceed on the requested easement pending the completion of the Article 7 review. He also noted that the Trustees seem to be proceeding on a separate negotiating track from the Town Board. Questions were posed by Co-Chair Emeritus Arandia and Chair Emeritus Rick Del Mastro.

Wainscott Moratorium

Councilman Bragman next stated that the previously discussed moratorium is in something of a limbo, based on the implementation delay of the originally proposed extension and the related July expiration date if the extension were finally enacted. He provided an overview of his discussions with John Jilnicki, the new Town attorney, about an appropriate approach.

Other Local Issues Not Specific to Wainscott

Councilman Bragman then proceeded to update the meeting on several local East Hampton issues that are not specific to Wainscott, including the status of the previously-discussed Peak Savers proposed program, the proposal from Tesla to install branded and non-branded electric car charging stations in Montauk, issues with the Stephen Hands Path/Long Lane Intersection and the proposed Aquaculture Center on Gann Road.

Wainscott Green

Councilman Bragman updated the meeting that the town is continuing to work on a management plan for the park, targeting a July 18 approval date (which may facilitate an opening/ribbon cutting ceremony in August). He noted that some clean-up has occurred, and that the major issue at this time is still drainage. The town also plans to add a stockade fence to block the park from the adjacent property on which the frame shop sits as the Town previously had promised the neighboring property owner. Chair Emeritus Del Mastro offered his thanks to Councilman Bragman and member of the public Sara Davison for their efforts to bring Wainscott Green to fruition, and Councilman Bragman echoed the recognition of Ms. Davison's efforts. Councilman Bragman also credited David Lys for his preliminary early work on the project.

Scenic Conservation and Agricultural Easements

Councilman Bragman reported that the previously discussed law has passed, and that he will next work to make sure the database is being populated and a process is implemented to periodically review and follow-up on the law and related issues. Co-Chair Susan Macy commended Councilman Bragman for his efforts.

Q&A

Councilman Bragman then invited questions. Member Michael Hansen asked about the status of the Hamlet Study and the timing of approval, emphasizing the importance of implementing the traffic recommendations of the Hamlet Study and suggesting a need for a traffic study on the impact of the traffic light at the intersection of Route 27 and Wainscott NW Highway on traffic running through the residential neighborhoods south of the highway. Councilman Bragman stated that there is no specific targeted approval date and anticipates it will be soon. He also suggested that it would be orderly to conclude the Hamlet Study and then move forward on proposed zoning and other changes suggested in the Study.

Discussion then ensued among Chair Emeritus Del Mastro, Members Hansen, Bruce Solomon and Phil Young and member of the public Sam Kramer about the history of the stoplight and related processes, considerations and suggestions.

Member Hansen then asked about the East Hampton cover crops law, given that his wife works at a farm near Long Lane. Councilman Bragman replied.

Co-Chair Logan then asked Councilman Bragman to consider asking the Town to conduct and fund a study of Wainscott traffic, including the issues in the neighborhoods south of the Highway. Councilman Bragman suggested that the WCAC send the Town a letter reflecting this request. Chairs Emeritus D'Andrea and Del Mastro endorsed such a letter, and Co-Chair Logan asked for a show of hands of the WCAC members to approve sending such a letter that she would draft; all the Members present raised their hands approving a letter. Later there was some additional discussion about the specific terms of the proposed letter.

The Q&A session then opened to members of the public. Discussion ensued about the proposed electric car charging stations and signage, the Aquaculture Center and the status of the requested Wainscott Pond Study.

Sub-Committee Reports

Environmental Sub-Committee

Co-Chair Logan Gluck then turned to the Environmental Sub-Committee, and asked Ms. Davison to update the meeting on the Georgica canoe launch/rest stop. Co-Chair Emeritus Arandia next asked about the frequency of Police patrols on the Wainscott Beaches, emphasizing issues with dog owners not cleaning up after their pets.

Hamlet Sub-Committee

Co-Chair Logan noted that these issues had been addressed earlier in the meeting.

Traffic Sub-Committee

Chair Emeritus Del Mastro reported on the speed sign the WCAC had funded, which has been ordered and is pending delivery.

Airport Sub-Committee

Member Hansen next reported that flights of all types have increased slightly, and that there have been more complaints about helicopters. Chair Emeritus Del Mastro then weighed in on the noise, and a broader discussion ensued. He also shared the following number for public noise complaints: 1-800-376-4817.

Code Enforcement

Chair Emeritus Del Mastro reported on a pending request by Home Sweet Home to install a second turret for another wireless tower, for AT&T. He shared photos and details about the proposal and asked if the WCAC wanted to provide any input on this issue. Discussion then ensued, and he volunteered to share with the WCAC the materials about the proposal.

Chair Emeritus Del Mastro next reported on his communications with the Highway Dept. about flooding at the HomeGoods entrance off Route 27, and Councilman Bragman offered some suggestions of the persons that Chair Emeritus Del Mastro and Co-Chair Emeritus Arandia should contact about these concerns.

Co-Chair Logan noted that there had been a June 26 East Hampton Planning Board meeting at which it was mentioned there would be a Verizon and T Mobile tower site at 411 Wainscott NW Rd. She asked Co-Chair Emeritus Arandia to investigate this and report back to the WCAC.

Other Business

Co-Chair Logan Gluck then asked about the status of and candidates for the WCAC Community Awards. Chairs Emeritus D'Andrea and Del Mastro committed to recirculate the list for discussion at the next WCAC meeting.

Member Sally Sunshine next reported on a request from the Bridgehampton CAC for members of the WCAC to consider weighing in on the proposed gym to be built across from Bridgehampton Commons at or before the July 25 public hearing at Southampton Town Hall. Member Young and Chair Emeritus D'Andrea posed questions.

There followed a general discussion by members of the public about various matters of interest.

The meeting then was adjourned at 11:40am, pursuant to a motion by Co-Chair Macy that was seconded by Member Solomon.

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Next Meeting: August 3, 2019, 9am, Wainscott Chapel.