

Town of East Hampton  
Community Preservation Fund Advisory Board Minutes  
Regular Meeting, September 22, 2016

Present:

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**Advisory Board Members:** Tim Brenneman, Rav Freidel, Jim Kiley, Philip O'Connell

**Town Board Members:** Supervisor Larry Cantwell

**Town Employees:** Scott Wilson, Marguerite Wolffsohn

**Peconic Land Trust:** Kim Quarty

**Nature Conservancy:** Randy Parsons

Meeting called to order by Tim Brenneman at 3: 30 PM.

A motion was made by Tim and seconded by Jim to accept the **minutes** of August 29, 2016 as presented. The motion passed.

Tim and Kim reported on the Town Board "brown bag" meeting they attended to discuss the **Enhanced Ag Easement**. Kim explained some of the objections the farming community have to the restrictions included, specifically their fear that it would prevent them from altering their crop choices as the profitability/ecological conditions evolve over time. Philip asked if the easements could be amended or "bought back" in the future; Scott and Kim answered that while possible, it would be an extremely difficult process.

Supervisor Cantwell joined the meeting and offered his views on the issue. A broad discussion of what the Town of East Hampton would like to see included in the easement followed. Scott suggested meeting with 2-3 members of the farming community, PLT and a Town attorney to go through the PLT template item by item. Kim suggested that 1-2 appraisers should also attend to fine-tune their method of calculating value. The resulting version could then be presented to the AB and Town Board for further discussion.

Rav questioned Larry as to the status of the District Attorney's investigation into the **555 acquisition**. Larry responded that while the DA has not communicated a decision, he feels the issue will be favorably concluded. Rav asked if the fence could be removed; Larry replied that he likes the look of the fence and would prefer it stay. Scott advised that new RFP's for use of the barn and farm lands will be sent out next week.

The **next meeting** was set for October 31, 2016 at 3:30 PM.

Tim made a motion to go into **Executive Session**; seconded by Rav and carried.

A motion was made by Philip, seconded by Jim, and carried to **adjourn** the meeting at 5:09 PM.

Respectfully submitted;

Chris Rowan