



TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON
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Citizens' Advisory Committee for East Hampton and Sag Harbor

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DATE: 10/17/2016 – 06:00PM

Present:

Katy Casey, Ed Geus, Prudence, Carabine, Jola Marcario, JB DosSantos, and Sylvia Overby
Guests: Elaine Jones, Rona Klopman, and Jon Winkler (Press News Group)

Next meeting: November 07, 2016 at 6pm – at Town Hall – Town Hall

Minutes:

Meeting came to order at 6:15pm due to Arts Committee running late

A motion was made by Ed Geus and seconded by JB DosSantos to accept the Minutes for the September 12th meeting. Motion carried.

EECO Farm:

Sylvia reported to the committee the Town Board has retained the services of American Analytical Labs from Farmingdale, NY to sample and test soils from the Town's site located at Long Lane for arsenic content at 12 sampling locations. Results should be in by November. Town Board will have Kim Shaw go over the results at a Town Board Session. Sylvia will keep EH/SagH members informed of the meeting so members can make arrangements to attend it. It was asked to perhaps have Kim Shaw present Town Board with empirical data attesting to that fact.

A conversation ensued with members and guests talking about what goes on at the EECO Farm site. It was mentioned that the Jewish Center brings the children for glining as part of their religion education and being exposed to the environment without gloves or masks.

Remarks were made that EECO Farm was originally responsible for the testing and now the town is testing at the Town's expense which may indicate that EECO Farm is not complying with Lease Agreement terms. It was also pointed out that there is a difference between uses of the terms *certified organic* vs. *organic*, and the town wants to do what is best for its people.

The word *organic* is misleading. EECO Farm reportedly drops off produce at Windmill Village and Saint Michael's. Some farmers lease large parcels at EECO Farm and later sell their produce as organic. Community members in attendance believe the town should test the soil often in order to give assurance to parents that their children will be safe at the high school grounds.

Conversation turned to water quality at EECO Farm and whether the water is not potable only because of the pipes and the possibility of arsenic in the pipes. In the end the town should have produce from EECO Farm correctly labeled at points of sales, i.e.: organic, certified organic, or just regular.

It is a legacy issue important for all of us to talk about and is part of an education process.

Trestles

Stephens Hands Path is not happening – MTA is only working on the two in the village. As per Chief Sarlo, there's no record of accidents at the SHP trestles. Sylvia suggested re-sending a letter to town board in order to reiterate our desire for something to be done as the bridge sits on an angle that creates line of sight issues.

The East Hampton Historical Farm Museum

The Committee was updated about the clam pie sale taking place this Saturday at the Museum. There are about four or so pies left as everyone has bought ahead of time. Conversation turned to the Fowler House – Prudence Carabine has volunteered to assist and would like to move forward with discussion to engage someone to clean up the property and secure the structure.

Comments and Announcements: It was suggested that the CAC should appoint someone to attend the planning board meetings and report back to the committee. Since agenda is online, Katy will send link to Jola Marcario in order to keep track of meetings.

Rona Klopman – brought up the issue that ACAC has agreed to submit their minutes for publishing on Town's website.

Elaine Jones made remarks about Senior Citizen Center moving to location of former CDCH on SHP saying that there's a petition going on against it as it is too far from center of town. Members of the CAC reminded her that the local papers have had innumerable letters of support for the relocation.

Sylvia mentioned the town has issued RFP for the Manor Houses to be construed on Accabonac Road.

Questions were raised about new septic system for single family housing – as per Sylvia, there's no news on that issue.

There was also a brief discussion on Damark's Deli expansion.

Prudence Carabine made motion for adjournment – Ed Geus seconded it – adjourned 7:20pm.