

MONTAUK CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING via Zoom

January 7, 2021

Attendance: 31 present (39 members)

Members Present: B. Akin, J. Allen, T. Berger, J. Buklad, J. Chimples, S. Conway, R. Cortell, C. Cortese, L. Cortese, T. Creel, L. Creegan, H. D'Agostino, J. Evans, D. Freudenthal, B. Grimes, A. Harris, D. Hausman, B.J. Howard, J. James (joined 7pm), R. Monahan, P. Monte, J. Murtha, T. Ries, S. Sennefelder, L. Siedlick, R. Silver, E. Steck, M. Tripp, K. Tyler, M. Waterman, C Yula, (lost connectivity) Z. Zweig

Members Absent: L. Barnds, D. Ceva, L. Daunt, B. J. Howard, S. Kalimnios, B. Mulligan, K. Weiss, R. Weiss

Guests: M. Wright (EH Press)

Board Liaison: Sylvia Overby; David Lys

Minutes of December meeting adopted on motion of A. Harris, seconded by T. Creel.

Election of Officers: On motion of E. Steck, seconded by R. Cortell, **Diane Hausman** was unanimously elected Chair; on motion of L. Creegan, seconded by T. Berger, **Marcy Wilkov Waterman** was unanimously elected Recording Secretary.

Community Activities: None reported

Councilperson S. Overby introduced **Councilperson D. Lys**.

Old Business:

Beach Subcommittee Report R. Cortell reported on Subcommittee meeting with D. Lys, Ed Michels and others from the Town to discuss specific measures to address shared concerns, including increased Marine Patrol staff (in the works), beach fires, container removal, beach cleanup and increased Code Enforcement. All plans for Summer 2021 must be in place by St. Patrick's Day. Constructive dialog will continue.

Tesla/EA Sign Lights are offensively bright. D. Lys agrees and has sent a photo to Supervisor Van Scoyoc. Follow up will continue.

Updates: Wind Farm Landing site - public hearing on easements and community host benefit agreement will take place at the Town Board meeting on 1/12/21; **Wainscott incorporation** - petition delivered to Supervisor Van Scoyoc for determination of validity, public discussion will take place before any referendum; **East Hampton Airport**- FAA grant funding expires in 10/2021 and the Town will take more active control; all options must be examined, including the possibility of closure; Town has not yet hired consultants to assess economic value of the airport, alternate land use and impact of closure, including on diversion to Montauk. MCAC Subcommittee (T. Creel and J. Chimples) was created to address potential airport diversion issues.

Councilman D. Lys report: Town COVID update - A new drive through testing site has been established at Town Hall complex, including rapid antigen, PCR and antibody testing. The goal is to remove distance and cost obstacles and make testing more accessible. The site is open daily from 7am to 9pm and walk ups are accepted. The vendor has a 6 month license from the Town. **COVID Vaccine** - Phase 1 (essential front line workers) is under way. Preparations are in the works at all government levels to roll out vaccine administration. MCAC will be kept informed. **Beach parking/driving permits** must be renewed in 2021. There are no plans to reopen the Playhouse Town Clerk's office at the moment. **Upcoming public hearings** - leaf blower ban (already took place), seaplane ban (1/7/21 at 2pm), South Fork Wind Farm (discussion on 1/12 at 11am). **Historic preservation** - Second House restoration work in interior is ongoing; hope to be able to host arts fairs in the summer. Colonial and Indian cemeteries are being restored throughout the Town, including First House. **Wildlife/Fisheries** - hunting season is underway this month; new regulations are in the works for commercial fisheries. **Recreation** - D. Lys leads the committee responsible for upgrading and expanding Montauk Skate Park; hopefully work will be complete in time for summer. **Water Quality** - upgrades in septic systems and Town comfort stations (including Montauk) are happening with much more to do; Lowenstein Court filter installed and functioning; storm water pipe abatement action plans for Star Island, South Lake and West Lake boat ramp. **FIMP** - Supervisor Van Scoyoc is demanding that Montauk receive priority for FIMP soft solution sand replenishment work. **Nature Preserve** - trail head maintenance is needed due to heavy usage this year; D. Lys is advocating for redesign; Shadmoor has an erosion problem requiring re-routing. **Public Safety** - Emergency Management has been working on storm damage protocols with the County. **Highways** - Thanks to Fred Thiele, NY DOT has funding for design phase of plan to resurface Montauk Highway from S. Etna to Montauk Point; work expected to be done late in 2021.

New Business: L. Creegan asked about the possibility of communicating with other CAC's. Minutes are posted on the Town website. A Harris mentioned CCOM webinars - 12/16/20 session with Supervisor Van Scoyoc and more than 70 participants was on Coastal Resilience; it's posted on CCOM website. Status of Lighthouse revetment - a

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bid to do the work has been accepted; R. Silver inquired about who is responsible for removal of dune fencing on Ditch beach - the issue has been raised to the Town Board and S. Overby is still looking into the matter.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm upon motion of R. Cortell, seconded by J. Allen.

The next meeting will be on February 1, 2021 at 6pm via Zoom.