

MONTAUK CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING via ZOOM

February 1, 2021

Attendance: 31 present (39 members)

Members Present: B. Akin, J. Allen, L. Barnds, T. Berger, J. Buklad, J. Chimples, S. Conway, R. Cortell, C. Cortese, L. Cortese, L. Creegan, T. Creel, H. D'Agostino, L. Daunt, D. Freudenthal, B. Grimes, A. Harris, D. Hausman, B.J. Howard, J. James, S. Kalimnios, R. Monahan, J. Murtha, T. Ries, S. Sennefelder, L. Siedlick, R. Silver, M. Tripp, K. Tyler, M. Waterman, C Yula

Members Absent: D. Ceva, J. Evans, P. Monte, B. Mulligan, E. Steck, K. Weiss, R. Weiss, Z. Zweig

Guests: M. Wright (EH Press), Laura Tooman (CCOM)

Board Liaison: David Lys - new Town Board Liaison to MCAC

Minutes of January 2021 meeting adopted on motion of J. Allen, seconded by B. Akin.

Community Activities: None reported

Old Business:

Beach Subcommittee Report-Town is awaiting guidance from the Governor about beach parking and issuance of non-resident beach parking stickers is on hold; three-year capital budget includes funding for new beach raking tractor; a private donor has committed money to purchase drones to monitor beach safety and ensure compliance with State beach capacity limitations

Tesla/EA Charging Stations-EA green lights that were too bright have been turned off indefinitely.

East Hampton Airport Subcommittee Report- T. Creel reported the Subcommittee (T. Creel, J. Chimples, B. Grimes) have reached out to EH Pilots Association; process is in early days, but the Town and various parties (Montauk United, East Hampton Community Alliance, which did its own economic study) are aware the Subcommittee has been formed and will be monitoring. D.Lys said that things will pick up soon as the Town is working with outside legal advisors and expects to do its own studies.

Councilman D. Lys Report: Town COVID update - Testing: The Town is finalizing an agreement for a testing site in Montauk near the DEC boat ramp on S. Erie; services will be provided under the same license as the testing site at Town Hall under the same terms; the site will open later in February and will remain open through the summer.

COVID Vaccine: The East End has no vaccination sites now, but the Town is preparing the CDC building to be ready as of 2/5 to provide vaccinations whenever vaccines become available. Local electeds are pushing the County and the State to provide vaccines ASAP. Stay tuned. **Capital Budget-** discussion will take place at 2/9 meeting. One line item is \$500,000 to replace the West Lake comfort station with a prefab ADA accessible toilet. Installation would require closing the station in May/June. CAC endorsed closure for upgrade. Upgrade of comfort station at Lions Field across from Montauk Brewing is also on list. **Recycling permits** are now on sale. Applications are available online. **CPF** management stewardship hearing 2/4; Avalon, purchased by Town two months ago, will be demolished. **Recreation** - Turkey Trot to raise money for three local food pantries raised just over \$2,000, less than in a normal year. Tar Works, trail west of Ed Ecker Park, will have vegetation work to remove non-native plants and restore native grasslands. **Zoning-** Use designation for 400 Pantigo Place was changed from recreation to commercial to enable building of SBSH ER satellite; new ballfields will be at Stephen Hands. **Water Quality** - surveys to take place at Star Island, West Lake and South Lake for water quality projects. CCOM will install floating wetland in Fort Pond as part of effort to reduce nitrogen level. **FIMP-** Funding secured for replenishment of beach in downtown Montauk in 2022 per Zeldin press release. **Lighthouse Revetment** - Stay tuned. **South Fork Wind Farm-** Easement from Wainscott to Cove Hollow was approved. D.Lys explained he had initially opposed this but changed his vote after he learned more about the subject; US BOEM public hearings will take place 2/9, 2/11 and 2/16. Draft Environmental Impact Statement addresses impact on fisheries. **Edgemere Pedestrian/Bike Safety-** The Town is undertaking a feasibility and cost assessment of the long-discussed project to build a sidewalk from the train station to downtown. The County has authorized \$400,000 as seed money for the project, but this is a low priority for the County. D.Lys and K.Burke-Gonzalez are working with Steve Lynch to be ready when the time comes to go forward. **Old Montauk Highway work** - Wiring and sidewalk repaving work continues in phases. **Upcoming public hearings:** Historic Landmark designation for Second House and barn 2/18 (goal to seek grant toward listing on National Historic Register); Leaf Blower Ban being redrafted, to be discussed on 2/2; Montauk Skate Park renovation/expansion to be discussed 2/2.

New Business: Addressed above.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm upon motion of J. Chimples, seconded by R. Cortell.

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