

WAINSCOTT CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE



Meeting of January 7, 2023

Members of the committee:

Carolyn Logan Gluck, Chair
Jose Arandia
Lori Anne Czepiel
Dennis D'Andrea
Hersey Egginton
Barry Frankel
Anthony Liberatore
Pamela Mahoney
Barry Raebeck
Bruce Solomon
Sally Sunshine
Phillip Young

Elected Official:

Sylvia Overby, Town Councilwoman, Liaison

Invited Speakers:

Sara Davison, Executive Director, Friends of Georgica Pond and Jaine Mehring, Founder, Build.In.Kind
Wainscott Commercial Center DEIS and the SEQRA Process

Members of the Public:

Rosemarie Arnold
Loring Bolger, Chair, Springs CAC
Carla Caccamise Ash, EH CAC member
Julie Burmeister, Member, BH Civic Assoc.
Jerry Butler, VP East Hampton CAC
Doug Carey
Mary Luster Carpenter
Katy Casey, EH/Sag Harbor CAC Chair Community Housing Opportunity Fund Committee Member Executive
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Tracy Coyle
Trish Currie, Say No to KHTO
Jim Daigle
Cynthia Del Mastro
Barbara DiLorenzo, East Hampton
David Doty, Member, East Hampton CPF Citizens Committee. Commissioner, Suffolk County Planning Commission
Lynn Cronin and Howard Fine

Abigail Fleming
Christine Ganitsch
John and Anne Gilchrist Hall
Elizabeth Hedges
Sam Holland
Frederick Kelly
Rona Klopman, Chair, Amagansett CAC
Ken Landis
Esperanza Leon
Phyllis and Bud Leventhal
Irwin Levy
Marian Lindberg
Bonnie Myers and Richard Myers, WCAC Chairman Emeritus, Town of East Hampton Architectural Review Board
Chairman Emeritus
Richard and Tanya Nevins
Marylin Ornati
Amy Rifkind
Stacey Ruiz
Janet Samuels
Lee Schlissel
Suzanne Sinenberg
Carole Slater, WCAC Chair Emeritus
Daniel Spelman
Jen Tanzmann
John Tintle
Jonathan and Candace Wainwright
Brian Waterman
Lori Weinstein
Donna and Michael Wolfe
Mike Wright, The Press News Group

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The meeting was called to order at 9:06. There were 56 attendees on the Zoom meeting. Sylvia Overby will remain as our Board liaison for the coming year. We will keep momentum from 2022 going. Carolyn thanked the participants from outside the hamlet. Motion and second to approve minutes from December; minutes approved unanimously.

Carolyn introduced the guest speakers, Sara Davison, Executive Director of Friends of Georgica Pond and founder of the Coalition to Stop the Wainscott Commercial Center and Jaine Mehring of the Amagansett CAC and Build.In.Kind, a non-profit intended to address overbuilding in East Hampton.

Sara presented a PowerPoint showing the scale of the proposed development on the site. Presentation referenced reducing nitrogen in ground water by 63% by Suffolk County code. Jaine focused on the process and the public hearing participation. Topics required to be addressed per scoping have in some way been “adequately addressed.” Areas to address in public comments - environment, water quality, traffic and others.

Questions asked about zoning changes, source of traffic numbers. Look at other factors that were not analyzed in the DEIS. Impact on aquifer. Industrialization of Wainscott. Traffic impacts on East Hampton and surrounding towns. Climate impacts should be raised during the public comment period. New York Climate Action Council 2022 imperative. Sylvia talked about the Town’s Comprehensive Plan and the Hamlet Studies – roadmap for all boards.

Basis that courts would look at. Important that citizens show up at the public hearing, show emotion. Applicant spoke in support of the application. The development will proceed over time thus not possible to have advanced wastewater treatment serving entire site. Town would have option to acquire several parcels.

Councilwoman's report. Councilwoman Overby commented on Sara's slide showing that I-A septic systems do not eliminate nitrogen. SFW is decommissioning the drilling site on Beach Lane. Free compost available for gardens at Recycling Center. Maidstone Gun Club remains closed pending next court date, Jan. 9. Millers Ground Preserve which adjoins the Gun Club is under stewardship of EH Town and it has EH Trails Preservation Society trails which are impacted by the Gun Club's safety oversights.

QandA: Repaving of Beach Lane before spring was requested. Results of Oct. 22 police investigation at Gun Club have been made public.

CPF/Planning Dept. No news re: CPF; already discussed Planning Dept. action regarding WCC application. A new committee is in formation on traffic and pedestrian issues.

ARB. 6 Osborn Farm Lane approved - demolishing existing structure and constructing a 3,900 sq. Ft. Structure. Declined a generator application due to excessive noise. Question about codes about generator noise.

Litter Action. Initiative to reach out to businesses serving food to help them with litter issues. Reminder: dumpsters at construction sites are required to be covered from 7pm to 8:30am.

Meeting adjourned at 11:31.