

WAINSCOTT CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE



Meeting of February 5, 2022

Members of the committee:

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

Excused Absence: Lori Anne Czepiel, Barry Raebeck

Elected Officials:

Sylvia Overby, Town Councilwoman, Liaison to WCAC
Cate Rogers, Town Councilwoman

Members of the Public:

Rosemarie Arnold
Carole Slater and Marty Boorstein
Julie Burmeister, Bridgehampton Civic Association
Mary Luster Carpenter
Douglas Carey
John Cullen, Northville
Patricia Currie, Noyac CAC member, Director, Say No to KHTO

Jim Daigle
Franklin Davidson
Sara Davison, Executive Director, Friends of Georgica Pond Foundation
Gouri and Alex Edlich
Virginia Edwards
Lynn Cronin and Howard Fine
John Finley
Abigail Fleming
Doreen Fox and Eric Steinhauser
Alex Gertsen, Director, Airports and Ground Infrastructure, National Business Aviation Association
Washington, DC
Sheryl Gold
John and Annie Hall
Michael Hansen, Wainscott United, Win With Wind
Chris Hayward
Leigh Hoagland, Wainscott Tree Society
Si Kinsella
Rona Klopman, Chairwoman, Amagansett CAC
Jo Carole and Ronald Lauder
Bud and Phyllis Leventhal
Susan Macy
Jaine Mehring, Amagansett
Richard Myers, WCAC Chairman Emeritus, Town of East Hampton Architectural Review Board Chairman Emeritus
Bonnie Myers
Richard and Tanya Nevins
Lee Schlissel
Daniel Spelman
Jon & Julie Stoner
Jon and Candace Wainwright, Friends of Georgica Pond Foundation
Dianne Wallace
Christopher Walsh, The East Hampton Star
Mike Wright, The Press News Group

The December 4, 2021 were seconded and approved.

Liaison Report: Councilwoman Sylvia Overby

As of January 26, 2022, there were 23 covid patients at Southampton Hospital, 150 at Stony Brook University Hospital, and 3 at Eastern Long Island Hospital, all numbers down from the previous week. The East Hampton covid testing site run by Care One at CDCH will now run on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9-5pm. Care One reported a positivity rate of 7.02% in East Hampton for week ending January 30, 2022.

East Hampton Police Chief Sarlo honored 15 officers, including Officer of the Year to James Gesa.

165 rooftop solar systems have been installed since Energize East Hampton's inception in 2016, 63 of which were completed in 2021.

The Elaine de Kooning House and Studio has been listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The Town received a letter from the FAA after it had been sent to airport interests and the press. In this letter, the FAA stated that it may take up to two years to verify whether it's safe or not to reopen. The Town intends to move forward with option #2, which will offer flexibility needed to run a private use airport. The Town Board has responded to the letter. The press release can be found on the Town's website.

Questions were raised about the PFAS contamination at the airport. Councilwoman Overby indicated that the affected 47 acres will be cleaned up. It was asked if the Town has posted communications between the Town and the FAA and when will the Town post rules and regulations? Also questioned was the procedure of granting permissions without a tower.

Playing Fields

There was discussion regarding the relocation of the playing fields from the current location on Pantigo Place to Stephen Hand's Path to accommodate the construction of the Stony Brook Southampton Hospital emergency center. Soccer fields and volleyball courts are already located there, and the new ballfields would be upgraded to include dugouts, bleacher seating and scoreboards. There is considerable concern about plans to use artificial turf. It was noted that the area has been devastated by the Southern Pine Beetle. Member Liberatore asked if there will be stadium or nighttime lighting. Councilwoman Overby indicated that there would be new dark sky compliant LED lighting. It was asked if this will affect the trail system. Sara Davison has concerns about clearing the pine barrens, necessary for the ecosystem and an overreaction to the pine beetle. There was discussion about the amount of use of the soccer fields which do see considerable activity. Councilwoman Overby indicated that residents could volunteer to help with maintenance.

Beach Parking

Surveys are available. It was suggested that the ROW on the western side could be cleared a bit. Different layouts are being considered and Councilwoman Overby indicated that the town would propose a layout. Suggestions included an area for k turns, parking for residents only, designated parking for larger commercial vehicles and more bike racks. Member Liberatore mentioned the flooding issues at the parking lot each time it rains. There are similar parking space issues at Town Line Rd. and ROW clearing is an issue. Chair Logan Gluck pointed out the need for spring cleaning and cleanup of electrical pieces. The poor condition of the roads was noted, especially potholes along Beach Lane. Member Solomon wondered about using seasonal help to aid with parking and mentioned that he has seen close calls. Also suggested was using a

traffic guard or college students for temporary day and evening supervision. Councilwoman Overby reminded the group that picking up after beach fires is a personal responsibility. Member D'Andrea mentioned that a lot of money flows from Wainscott to the CPF.

South Fork Wind: Cate Rogers

There are weekly construction updates that we can subscribe to. Interested parties can reach out to Megan Aconfora and cc Cate. Councilwoman Rogers indicated that information would be posted to a page on the town website. Tree clearing has already started, and trenching is scheduled to begin in 2-3 weeks.

Gouri Edlich asked if the required U.S. Army Corps of Engineers "Section 404" permit had been executed, necessary before construction can proceed, and asked about any conditions. Councilwoman Rogers responded that she has seen a signature page only, via Zoom and will follow up. Gouri also asked why South Fork Wind has not placed monitoring wells at intervals specified by the Easement Agreement, whether the required testing had been performed, and what were the results.

Councilwoman Rogers indicated that PFAS is present in a lot of places, not at the Super Fund level and not in the septic system. PFAS concentration was higher near the airport where foam used entered through the soil vertically. She indicated that the sampling/testing results will be made public. Also, due to concerns of the parties, dewatering had been addressed. A 4' separation of soil between the vaults and the water table is to be maintained until a higher water table is reached. Water will be removed to frack tanks, tested, and sent to a hazardous waste disposal facility if necessary. She was assured that enough wells were drilled but will check on it.

Gouri Edlich asked why doesn't the town Foil the permit. She indicated that the well testing should be done before the project can proceed.

Member Liberatore has not seen wells near his home on Wainscott NW. Si Kinsella asked if the testing was done recently and to what depth. He felt that the testing has not been sufficient and asked if the project will be held up until the testing is complete and the results made public as he felt it should.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.