

MONTAUK CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING via ZOOM

March 1, 2021

Attendance: 32 present (39 members)

Members Present: B. Akin, J. Allen, L. Barnds, T. Berger, J. Buklad, J. Chimples, R. Cortell, L. Creegan, T. Creel, H. D'Agostino, L. Daunt, J. Evans, D. Freudenthal, B. Grimes, A. Harris, B.J. Howard, J. James, S. Kalimnios, R. Monahan, P. Monte, T. Ries, S. Sennfelder, L. Siedlick, R. Silver, E. Steck, M. Tripp, K. Tyler, M. Waterman, K. Weiss, R. Weiss, C Yula, Z. Zweig

Members Absent: D. Ceva, S. Conway, C. Cortese, L. Cortese, D. Hausman, B. Mulligan, J. Murtha

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

Board Liaison: David Lys

Minutes of February 1, 2021 meeting adopted, as amended, on motion of T. Creel, seconded by R. Cortell.

Community Activities: L. Tooman announced election of the new CCOM Board Chair, David Freudenthal. Ed Braun will remain on the Board. K. Tyler reported that the Wastewater Committee is holding meetings about downtown Montauk and the Town has hired a consultant. K. Tyler is the Committee Chair and L. Tooman and L. Daunt are members of the Committee.

Old Business:

Beach Subcommittee Report- R. Cortell reported that the Town is awaiting guidance from the Governor about beach parking and so issuance of non-resident beach parking stickers is on hold; a private donor has committed money to purchase two drones which, according to D. Lys, will only be used as necessary to monitor beach safety and ensure compliance with State beach capacity limitations. There was discussion of privacy concerns relating to the use of drones. D. Lys noted that the Town budget has money for more boots on the ground for Marine Patrol and expanded hours until 1 or 2 am. D. Monahan, who attended a life guard meeting, reported that drone operators must go through an FAA course and become certified. It is a time consuming and expensive process. The Town expects 8-10 people are needed to cover Amagansett and Montauk. Thirteen people have expressed interest. The Town Board will decide how to proceed. The Subcommittee will remain in contact with Town Beach Committee.

East Hampton Airport Subcommittee Report- T. Creel reported that the Subcommittee (T. Creel, J. Chimples, B. Grimes, R. Cortell), which has no Chair, are monitoring activity and there has, so far, been none. There was discussion about the future of the airport.

Councilman D. Lys Liaison Report:

Town COVID update - Testing: The Town-sponsored Montauk site is now open Monday - Friday 7am to 9pm and Saturday-Sunday from 7 am to 5 pm. Appointments are available and walk ins are accepted. Visit testbeforeyougo.com.

COVID Vaccine: The East Hampton site at CDCH has administered 300 doses to teachers, grocery workers and first responders; working with pharmacies, which have limited doses, to vaccinate those over 65 and with co-morbidities; The County web site is available for pre-registration. The State is not providing help, despite consistent requests from the Town. People can sign up for alerts from the Town for when doses become available. **Events:** Town Board is developing guidance for how to conduct events permitted by State guidelines. Everyone has to be tested before the event. **Recycling permits** are now on sale. Applications are available online.

Capital Projects: \$1.2 million is in the budget for Montauk. **Second House** - interior is the next phase; public hearing was held on historic landmark designation; public support is welcome; **Skate Park**- early fall construction is expected; design team is working with constituents; private fundraising is ongoing and roughly \$150,000 has been raised to date; **West Lake Comfort Station** - work date has been pushed back to September; cost is approximately \$500,000; **Beach Stairs** - are getting washed out, especially at Lowenstein Court; temporary replacements for now; **FIMP**- will happen but the timing has been pushed back to September 2023 and Montauk is now #3 in priority. This means the Town must continue to pay for sand replenishment which will take place this year by May 15. The cost to the Town of this delay is \$1 million. This delay is unacceptable; **Lighthouse Revetment** - contract has been awarded. **Community Oyster Gardening Program** - site is off East Lake; contact John Dunn; **Napeague Antenna Tower** - is no longer operational; should it be taken down? **Leaf Blower Ban** - there will be another public hearing on 3/4 on a new version that includes a ban on Sunday for both commercial and residential use.

New Business:

Beach Parking & Driving Passes were discussed. D. Lys shared pricing for 2021. K. Weiss questioned classification of coop hotels for purposes of pass issuance and discussion ensued. Most hotels in Montauk are coops. D. Lys will look into the issue.

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South Fork Wind - L Barnds asked about whether East Lake inlet would be used for storage and cranes for the project, as mentioned in the EH Star letter. D. Lys replied that the draft BOEM Environmental Impact Statement suggested that that was possible, but nothing can happen without going through the Town Planning process. He said the final EIS must come first and he would communicate with the MCAC well before there would be any impact on Montauk. **Affordable Housing** - P. Monte asked that the Town Board look at affordable housing for Montauk., especially seasonal housing. **Commuter Transportation** - is needed for the summer; "Final Mile" commuter service has not been funded by the State for this year; the County has removed some transit bus lines due to budget cuts; the Hopper loop in Montauk has not yet been discussed by the Town Board. D.Lys agreed that transportation is needed and he will look into it.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm upon motion of L. Barnds, seconded by B. Grimes.

The next meeting will be on April 5, 2021 at 6pm via Zoom.