

WAINSCOTT CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE



Meeting of March 4, 2023

Members of the committee:

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

Excused Absences:

Lori Anne Czepiel

Elected Official:

Sylvia Overby, Town Councilwoman, Liaison

Members of the Public:

Rosemarie Arnold
Julie Burmeister, Member, BH Civic Association
Tori Butt and Pat Loret de Mola
Doug Carey
Mary Luster Carpenter
Tracy Coyle
John Cullen

Patricia Currie, Noyac CAC Member, Co-founder Say No to KHTO
Sara Davison, Executive Director, Friends of Georgica Pond
David Doty, East Hampton CPF Citizens Committee. Commissioner, Suffolk County
Planning Commission
Virginia Edwards,
Lynn Cronin and Howard Fine
Abigail Fleming
John and Annie Hall
Chris and Melanie Hayward
Rona Klopman, Chair, Amagansett CAC
Ken Landis
Bud and Phyllis Leventhal
Irwin Levy
Marian Lindberg
Mike Mahoney
Jordy Mark
Jaine Mehring, Founder, Build.In.Kind
Bonnie Myers and Richard Myers, WCAC Chairman Emeritus, Town of East Hampton
Architectural Review Board Chairman Emeritus
Richard and Tanya Nevins
Marylin Ornati
Christine Sampson, East Hampton Star
Lee Schlissel
Carole Slater, WCAC Chair Emeritus and Marty Boorstein
Daniel Spelman
Jon Stoner
Jen Tanzmann
Candy and Jon Wainwright
Lori Weinstein
Michael Wooton
Mike Wright, The Press News Group

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Meeting called to order at 9:06 by Chairperson Carolyn Logan Gluck. There are 46 participants on the Zoom call. The February draft minutes were moved for approval and passed.

Councilwomen Sylvia Overby's liaison report. Beach Lane wifi would need infrastructure which doesn't exist presently and isn't included in the Town's plan to provide wifi to guarded beaches. South Fork Wind cable pull from off shore begins Wednesday March 8. Airport attorneys will see final SEQRA scope and Town will post it March 17. It's slated for adoption on March 23. Meeting is being called with the Gun Club officials to begin negotiations for a new lease. The Town Supervisor is a member of the Gun Club and will recuse himself from any negotiations. Member Liberatore suggested that any Town official with connections to the Gun Club be disclosed. East Hampton Arts Council Creative networking night on Thursday, March 16, 6 pm. Montauk St. Patricks Day Parade on March 25.

A question raised about the impact of the sonar mapping of the sea bottom by Orsted and the recent die off of whales on East Coast beaches. David Doty, a Wainscott resident and Commissioner on the Suffolk County Planning Commission, made a presentation on the recent meeting of the Commission to discuss the Wainscott Commercial Center. The Town Planning Board-accepted DEIS was unanimously found to be incomplete and sent back to the Planning Board. The traffic study needs to be redone and the plat redone so that it's consistent with the Hamlet Study and the Town Comprehensive Plan. The effect of the development on ground water and Georgica Pond also needs to be re-evaluated and additional consideration given to a sewage treatment plant. A question was asked when Planning Commission's judgement overrides the Town Planning Board's acceptance of the DEIS. There was considerable discussion about the impacts from the Commission's decision. Application is no longer considered complete. Deadline for written comments to the Town Planning Board is March 13. Member Young suggested that the Town rezone Commercial Industrial properties Town-wide to limit the size of a development - for example, to 18 acres within a 3 mile area. Sylvia confirmed that the Town has begun the appraisal process of the property. A question was asked about the airport routes for the upcoming season.

The Chair asked the WCAC whether we should send a follow-up letter regarding suggested parameters that the Town should consider in their re-negotiation of the Gun Club lease.

Code enforcement has focused on uncovered construction dumpsters. Wainscott Green will have an additional memorial bench, bringing total to four. Town will construct a shelter and ADA compliant bench, with acknowledgment to the efforts of Councilman Lys.

Committee reports. Nothing new on CPF. Member Arandia discussed a new subcommittee on pedestrian and vehicle traffic. No Highway or Police reports. Litter Action will have a No Fling Spring series of events from April 22 to May 24, including a Bathgate Rd. And Wainscott Village clean-up on April 29. ARB & ZBA - ZBA had a hearing on the Wainscott Commercial Center to consider whether a Special Permit should be required; 8 Sayres Path is coming back before the ARB after it was tabled in August. The next ZBA meeting will include a presentation by the Peconic Land Trust on agricultural overlays. ARB is considering holding public hearings on the ag overlay. WCAC will send a letter to Sylvia supporting public hearings. Member Solomon reported on replacing the Wainscott boundary signs on Rte. 27. The estimate is \$5K. Can the Town assist with this initiative? Sylvia will follow-up. Tax deductible contributions can be made to the Town for this purpose; also to the Wainscott Heritage Project. A hamlet member suggested that the South Fork Wind monies for Wainscott (\$5M) be used. The Chair suggested a temporary subcommittee be formed on replacing the Wainscott signs.

Friends of Georgica Pond have hired a wastewater management professional who is available to consult with homeowners considering upgrading their septic systems.

Discussion on the Beach Lane beach parking for upcoming season. The recommended parking plan made by the subcommittee was reviewed. An attendee suggested that more parking isn't the objective, but rather safer and more easily navigable parking should be the objective. Limit additional parking and restore the grassy areas where South Fork Wind has presently paved for beach access.

Catered beach parties will be addressed in the April meeting. The meeting adjourned at 11:57.