

MONTAUK CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
March 6, 2023

Attendance: 24 present (33 members)

Members Present: L. Barnds, T. Berger, T. Byrne, J. Chimples, R. Cortell, L. Cortese, T. Creel, T. Flight, J. Fowkes, B. Grimes, A. Harris, D. Hausman, J. Iacono, S. Kalimnios, D. Monahan, P. Monte, S. Sennefelder, L. Siedlick, R. Silver, M. Tripp, K. Tyler, M. Waterman, K. Weiss, R. Weiss

Members Absent: D. Ceva, C. Cortese, L. Creegan, L. Daunt, D. Freudenthal, J. James, L. Michaels, T. Ries, C. Yula

Guests: Bill Akin, Robert Whalen, John Whalen, Charles Whalen, Richard Whalen, Tom Ruhle, Dermot Hickey, Tina Plessit, Chris Ganitch, Jaine Mehring, Michael Wright (The Press)

Board Liaison: David Lys

The **Minutes** of the January meeting were adopted, upon motion by S. Sennefelder, seconded by R. Cortell.

Community Organizations:

Chamber - J. Fowkes reported that the Eggstravaganza will take place on April 1 from 10am to 1pm on the Green and that L. Gross will host the Tango Festival on March 31-April 2. The Chamber is looking for a local artist to repaint the MTK sign in time for unveiling Memorial Day Weekend. Designs are due April 5.

Community Church - S. Sennefelder reported that 2022 was the best year ever for the rummage sales and the Church was able to donate \$10,000 to the Food Pantry.

Old Business:

CAC Meetings on Zoom - D. Lys stated that Wainscott has been conducting Zoom meetings "outside the law" and they have been notified to that effect. The Town Board is looking into whether to change the rule.

IGA Parking Lot Traffic redesign - D. Lys presented a revised map with diagonal parking spaces, and, upon motion by J. Chimples, seconded by J. Fowkes, the following motion was unanimously adopted:

Resolved that the Montauk CAC requests the Town Board to implement the schematic dated 1/31/23 to reconfigure the IGA parking lot on S. Elder Street to have diagonal spaces oriented toward the south.

There was also support for the addition of two stop signs at the intersection of S. Edison and S. Elmwood so that the intersection will become a four-way stop.

Beach Subcommittee - R. Cortell reported on the concerns and D. Lys responses as follows: (1) lifeguards are being hired now, but there is a lot of competition and salaries may need to increase; (2) new informational beach rule signage for bay side guarded beaches will be installed before the Season; (3) implementation of plan for paid parking on S. Edison and S. Edison is pending funding for infrastructure; (4) continued monitoring of downtown sand levels in anticipation of need to cover the beach stabilization project infrastructure; and (5) discussion started with ACOE (Army Corps) about repair and/or replacement of crossovers that were damaged in beach stabilization work - Town Board expects cost of repairs to be \$250,000. R. Monahan suggested Town look into potential for built-in in-ground fire pits as done in Stuart, FL.

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Airport Subcommittee Report: J. Chimples reported on the public hearing at the January 17th Town Board work session regarding the scope of the draft EIS. Several people from Montauk spoke, including Fire Commissioner Schoen who expressed concern about Montauk Fire Department obligations in case of plane crashes due to increased traffic at the Montauk Airport (a crash truck is expected to cost \$1 million).

Wastewater Committee: T. Flight reported that the Committee has not met since the County Parks Trustees voted to oppose the land swap.

Councilperson's Liaison Report: ACOE dredging of inlet - meeting tomorrow; project updates are on Town web site; work may start by September and continue through December; Members noted that there is a water line under Lake Montauk providing water to East Lake and ACOE should be aware and take care.

Erosion at Rheinstein Park is dangerous and paths must be re-routed; communications are planned to alert the public. New IA **West Lake comfort station** will be installed in April to be operational for the summer; IA **comfort station at Lions Field** will be installed starting March 13. RFP bids within budget have been received for 2 new **pickleball courts** and work should begin in April. **Roughriders road work** will begin end of March and will take 6-8 weeks. Hearings will be conducted on **Management Plans** for Avalon Property (passive use with walking trail to Fort Pond) and Amagansett Plains (fka 555), although ACAC has asked for a 90 day delay on the Amagansett Plains plan. **Special Events** rules will be changed - be aware and check Town web site. **New (sea gull resistant) Trash Cans** are coming to Montauk. **Long Island Greenway** extension (long term State project) will eventually come to the East End, State funding is needed for engineering study on how to link up. **Accessory Affordable Housing** - Town is looking at how to create new incentives and is moving toward a public hearing. **Capital Projects** will be on the Town Board agenda tomorrow for a three year project that will include Second House restoration, HVAC for Montauk Playhouse, police body cams and cameras on EHPD cars, \$1 million for clean energy initiatives (e.g., LED lighting, e-cars and trucks), and \$3.5 million for repairs to West Lake dock and Ecker Pier. **Season Prep** - meeting with Chamber and enforcement agencies will take place on April 5. Congratulations to Jim Grimes, **Grand Marshal of Friends of Erin Parade** to take place on March 26.

New Business: EH Litter Committee - R. Silver and Jaine Mehring reported on the Committee's work. Committee is trying to engage with business owners and trades people to reduce littering. Will meet with Fred Thiele about litter on State roads. Will revamp Adopt-a-Road program and celebrate Earth Day (April 22) for one month with "No Fling Spring" awareness initiative. Are looking at opportunities to amend the Town Code to control litter. Chamber and CCOM will have baskets at beach heads to encourage carry in/carry out.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50pm upon motion by A. Harris, seconded by J. Chimples.

The next meeting will be on Monday, April 3.

Respectfully submitted,
Marcy Wilkov Waterman