

Amagansett Citizens' Advisory Committee
March 14, 2022
Regular Meeting VIA Zoom

Members Present: Rona Klopman(Chair), Dawn Brophy(Secretary), Jaine Mehring, Lisa Farbar, Amanda Merrow, Michael Diesenhaus, John Broderick, Michael Jordan, Gail Jordan, Elizabeth Hotchkiss, David Hillman, Michele Hugo, Seth Turner, James MacMillan, Tom Field, Lena Tabori, Elaine Jones.

Guests Speaker: Presentation by Carolyn Logan, Chair of Wainscott CAC and Sara Davison, Georgica Pond Foundation

Others Attended: Michael Wright- East Hampton Press, John Whelan

Liaison: Sylvia Overby

Call to Order

Approval of the Minutes-

Jaine Mehring, Michael Jordan seconds with Gail Jordan (name correction).

Guest Speaker –

Presentation by Carolyn Logan, Chair of Wainscott CAC and Sara Davison, Georgica Pond Foundation

Topic:

Proposal to subdivide 70 acres to 50 commercially industrial zoned unites
Georgica Pond Foundation is a not for profit 501 C3 with a mission to restore water quality in Georgica Pond.

Presentation recap:

- Developer is before the Planning Board to subdivide 6 parcels.
- Issue is Town Wide – not just localized to Wainscott.
- Population growth affecting nitrogen in ground water.
- Subdivision surrounded by existing commercial, residential, Georgica Pond and Talmage creek and is currently cleared.
- New Roads proposed in subdivision
- Concern with full build out density with setbacks – and how wastewater would be treated.
- Scale of project affecting existing residential areas. By Comparison Bridgehampton Commons is 30 acres as it relates to scale of proposal.
- Wainscott Hamlet Study proposes an alternative use of property which is a mix use public/private/recreation proposal.
- Traffic impact is a concern as a new traffic light has been proposed to handle new traffic patterns. Significant traffic impact of commercial traffic to residential neighborhoods.

ACAC Discussion with Guest Speakers:

- What does an Industrial Commercial usage would look like.?
- How would this affect the environment including water pollution and traffic?
- Wainscott CAC supports the Wainscott Hamlet Study's alternative proposal and welcomes other hamlet comments, addressed to EHT. Would like EHT to acquire parts of the property.
- 6 parcels currently. Developer would be willing to engage conversation on town acquiring some of the parcels. Developer would sell individual parcels.
- Affordable housing has been dedicated to in Hamlet Study.
- Each buyer would put up own building. Gradual build out over time.
- Jaine Merhing has additional information concerning this project.
- Individuals can contact Wainscott CAC to follow up as individuals.
- Tom Fields and other members would like to invite the Developer to speak to ACAC. Pointed out the need for spaces to put business and would like more information.

LIGHTING COMMITTEE

Lighting Committee Report for Main St. and Parking lot– Chair John Broderick

John Thanks Committee for attending the first meeting which was a walk-through town.

Lighting Safety and Esthetics

Patchwork of lit areas that plummet into dark areas.

Streetlights half working- many are out.

Needs a complete overhaul for pedestrians and drivers with safety in mind.

Need attractive fixtures placed properly that enhances business area while keeping the old town historic feel of hamlet.

Biggest community complaint is that parking lot is dark at entrance.

Encourage the installation of Solar lights to supplement existing parking lot lighting.

Concerns are from Brents to Gansett Meadows and Saint Michaels senior housing.

Tax Bill has line item called Amagansett Lighting District. How is money applied and how much per year and who is in charge of spending it and how is it used?

Are different kinds of funding available?

Lighting Expert needs to be engaged who knows residential and commercial lighting.

Sylvia Overby-Liaison to Amagansett

-Town has engaged in Work Sessions and Presentations with NY Power Authority. Signed Contract with NYPA. 729 streetlights will be looked at to install LED and looking at efficiency of placement.

-Appropriate Historic lights will be looked at for Main Street.

-Lighting code is currently at 3000 Kelvin.

-Agrees with John about staggering the lights and will investigate parking lot inclusion.

-Kim Shaw is working with NYPA and is the point person.

-Would like Kim Shaw to attend an ACAC meeting.

ADDITIONAL CONCERNS:

- New Clearing Code has come out of Wainscott CAC and new Tree Committee.
- New building code - Clearing must be staked before construction and clearing. Clearing lines are to be surveyed.
- Outdoor dining legislation & Dining Pilot program - - new legislation permits 100 percent outdoor seating in commercial district or 75 percent in neighborhood Business. Owners need an application to planning dept. Need lighting application.
- Scoping session for airport closes March 18th where you can bring ideas about airport to EHT. What does the airport look like? Not looking for statements saying close the airport.
- Montauk Airport is private. It is a prior permission airport. Town is doing a diversion study.
- Susan Harder is working on changing lighting code. Would like input. Ask Rona for contact info.

OLD Business

Post Office -Jim MacMillan

Post Office has employee shortage in addition to finance issue.

Amagansett School – Seth Turner

Covid Mask Changes

5th and 6th graders won a huge game and in finals at SYS.

March 29th Board of ED Meeting concerning budget

Crossing Guards in place

Jaine Merhing

-45 to 50 properties for sale in Amagansett - 54 Surf Drive is on the market

-216 Main Street – Tina the Trunk – for Sale- Is the real estate ad from brokerage, correct?

ARB and **Planning** forecast to be light. 12 Amagansett Square – Old Hampton Chutney building is being renovated.

. -**ZBA** – Amagansett heavy in upcoming weeks

Of Note: 60 Seabreeze Lane – 2200sqft to 48,000 sq ft GFA. Huge excavation of the bluff.

NEW BUSINESS

Elaine Jones – Parking at Indian Wells –

Sylvia – David Lys is looking at all parking lots at beaches. Parking proposal - Take out sidewalk and replace with parking. People are currently parking on sidewalk during summer.

Lina Tabori

Energize – is on town website. Webinar 3/15/22, 6:30 to 7:30. Heating and Cooling.

Green Team can be contacted with alternative ways to heat and cool. Rona has contact information.

Motion to Adjourn.....8:20 pm

Janie Merhing and John Broderick seconds.