

MONTAUK CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
May 1, 2023

Attendance: 25 present (33 members)

Members Present: L. Barnds, T. Berger, T. Byrne, D. Ceva, J. Chimples, C. Cortese, L. Cortese, L. Creegan, T. Creel, T. Flight, D. Freudenthal, B. Grimes, A. Harris, D. Hausman, J. Iacono, J. James, D. Monahan, S. Sennefelder, L. Siedlick, R. Silver, M. Tripp, M. Waterman, K. Weiss, R. Weiss, C. Yula

Members Absent: R. Cortell, L. Daunt, J. Fowkes, S. Kalimnios, L. Michaels, P. Monte, T. Ries, K. Tyler

Guests: Maureen Cahill (Playhouse Foundation Board)

Board Liaison: David Lys

The meeting was called to order at 6:04pm and the **Minutes** of the April meeting were adopted, upon motion by L. Barnds, seconded by S. Sennefelder.

Community Organizations:

Chamber - D. Lys mentioned that Music Mondays on the Green and the Farmers' Markets will begin soon.

Community Church - S. Sennefelder reported that the next Rummage Sale will be Saturday of Memorial Day weekend. The new toddler playground is now open.

Litter Action Committee - R. Silver reported that on May 19 there will be a cleanup effort from West Lake to Ditch beginning at 10am. There is an anti-litter PSA video competition for kids from grades 6 to 12 with prizes. See ehlitteraction.com.

CCOM - D. Freudenthal reported that Laura Tooman has stepped down as CEO, but will continue to consult, and Kay Tyler has joined CCOM to do fundraising. The floating wetlands will be installed in Fort Pond on May 20 and volunteers are needed. Relic trash baskets have been placed at beach entrances and CCOM is one of several sponsors. Contact David if there are no baskets.

EH Shellfish Program - C. Yula reported that the very successful program in Lake Montauk will open this year on Sunday, May 7 at 1pm.

Old Business:

Airport Subcommittee Report: B. Grimes reported that there are no updates on the SEQRA scoping process. D. Lys said that scoping sessions will take place soon.

Beach Subcommittee - No report.

Councilperson's Liaison Report:

Summer Season Readiness - D. Lys thanked the Chamber for the April 5 meeting with Town enforcement agencies. SLA pre-checks have found no violations. Staffing is the "best since COVID" with Marine Patrol fully staffed (added one new position) as are Code Enforcement and Buildings & Grounds, although more lifeguards are still needed. EHPD has received one more resignation.

Beaches - Annual Beach Renourishment - At tomorrow's meeting, the Town Board will adopt a resolution to undertake the sand stabilization work. White sand from Georgia will be placed on the beach between S. Emery and Lowenstein Court at a cost, shared between the Town and the County, of \$966,000. Work will begin around May 15 and will be completed in time for Memorial Day weekend. **Overpasses** are being designed (cost is \$250,000) and there is damage to overpass at E. Embassy where the pilons are out.

FIMP - Weekly meetings are taking place with ACOE. TOEH is moving forward to obtain easements which must be in place within two months.

Ditch - parking signs will be redone; grading and paving will be done.

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Infrastructure - Rough Riders work is deemed complete. **ADA ramps** on Carl Fisher Plaza will be added with a grant to the Chamber. **IGA lot** reconfiguration will be done by the end of May. **Stop Signs** requested by MCAC have been added. **Carl Fisher House** license agreement for 25 years has been signed with Montauk Historical Society.

Property Taxes are due May 31.

Upcoming Town Board Agenda Items: Public Hearings will be held on Tuesday on accessory structures and apartments, on Thursday on CPF acquisition of .37 acre at 12 S. Fey Street, and in June on 395 Pantigo Project for 16 quarter acre housing sites. At work session Cate Rogers will lead a discussion on zoning.

Q&A: Code Enforcement has added 2 full-time positions, more than ever. License plate readers (needed before paid parking can be implemented) research continues. Building inspectors are needed - there is one open position. Planning Department is interviewing to hire for spot vacated by Eric Schantz' move to become new Housing Officer.

New Business: Members expressed concern about **loss of doctors** in Montauk, Amagansett and Sag Harbor and whether the satellite ER in East Hampton will be able to hire staff. The root cause is lack of affordable housing. The new Housing Committee is looking at potential solutions; SBSH and Meeting House are looking at whether they can buy housing for medical staff. Cate Rogers has begun looking at **zoning** and what can be done to move toward "orderly growth".

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm upon motion by L. Barnds, seconded by A. Harris.

The next meeting will be on Monday, June 5 at 6pm

Respectfully submitted,
Marcy Wilkov Waterman