



TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON
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Citizens' Advisory Committee for East Hampton and Sag Harbor

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Date: May 7, 2018 6:00PM

Present: Prudence Carabine, Katy Casey, Ed Geus, Anthony Liberatore, Mary Ella Moeller & Peter Van Scoyoc

Next Meeting: June 4, 2018 at 6:00PM – Town Hall

Minutes

Ed Geus made a motion to accept the minutes from the April 7, 2018 meeting. Mary Ella Moeller seconded and the motion carried.

Old Business

Farm Museum

Henry Osmer will be coming to the Farm Museum on May 19, 2018 to discuss the military installations in Montauk during WW I.

Fowler House

Allison McGovern, the archeologist researching the Fowler house will be giving her report next month. Her research in the basement of Fowler House has yielded many great discoveries

The Dunes

ZBA hearing is scheduled for May 15th at 6:30pm. The Chairman of the ZBA, John Whalen has recused himself and therefore the remaining 4 members of the ZBA will hear the case.

New Business

Kay Hutton Bench

The Kay Hutton Bench has been carved and is at the Parks Department. They are trying to determine the best place to install the bench at Sammy's Beach. Hoping to have a dedication of the bench before July 4th.

Long Wharf Events

The Village of Sag Harbor recently received ownership of Long Wharf from Suffolk County. Since taking over the management of Long Wharf, they have announced plans to improve pedestrian walkways and parking. Bay Street Theatre was informed that this will be the last year they will be able to host their annual Gala on Long Wharf.

Sag Harbor Community Housing Trust Project:

The proposed project to build 8-9 units of affordable housing on Rt 114 has run into issues and will need to develop a new plan to increase the number of units offered. We will invite them back to make a presentation once the new plan has been established.

LIRR Trestles:

Village Preservation Society had an article on the LIRR Trestle Project. (See attached) Committee members again expressed concern about the projected increase in the number and size of vehicles that will have access to various streets east of the trestles once they are raised.

Farm Museum

There will be a movie screening on the Farm Museum property sometime in July.

Suffolk County Senior Luncheon:

The Suffolk County Office for the Aging and the Suffolk County Senior Citizen Advisory Board will be hosting their annual Senior Celebration Luncheon on Thursday, May 17, 2018. The celebration is in observance of Older Americans Month and will be held at Villa Lombardi's, 877 Main Street in Holbrook, between the hours of 10:30 AM to 3:00 PM. Mary Ella Moeller and Jola Marcario will be attending as private citizens and will report anything of interest to the CAC.

Cedar Street/North Main Intersection:

The CAC briefly discussed the hazardous traffic patterns surrounding Cedar Street and North Main. It was agreed to discuss in greater length at another meeting.

Wainscott Water District:

The CAC briefly discussed the process for funding the Wainscott Water District.

Topics For Next Meeting:

- Cedar Street/North Main Intersection

Adjourned: 7:15 pm – Mary Ella Moeller Motioned and Prudence Carabine Seconded. Motion Carried.

Next Meeting: Monday June 4, 2018 at 6:00PM - Town Hall

Councilman, Jeff Bragman are to be congratulated for helping to establish this important principle.

Unfortunately, this summer will continue to bring unwanted aircraft noise impacts to our community. As the Town labors through the Part 161 process, by which the FAA may permit certain aircraft restrictions for noise reduction purposes, aircraft noise complaints remain a critical data point by which the Town will defend these goals. Please continue to log your noise complaints online at: <https://airnoisereport.com> or the Town's website at <https://www.planenoise.com/khto/> or by calling 1-800-376-4817. This is going to be a long hard fight, but one that we can ultimately win, with everyone's help.

LIRR BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECTS

by Gene E. Cross, Jr.

The MTA/LIRR has begun work to replace the existing bridges on North Main St and Accabonac Rd originally constructed in 1895. Because the tracks are supported from below, limiting vertical clearance to only 10-feet, the existing bridges are struck by large vehicles several times each year. Preliminary plans call for new steel bridges that will eliminate the masonry piers midway between the existing bridge abutments and provide 14-feet of vertical clearance. To achieve a gradual incline, the roadbed east and west of the existing bridges must also be raised. Retaining walls between the two bridges and east of Accabonac Rd are necessary to contain several feet of backfill material needed to raise the roadbed. All work, including necessary clearing, is proposed within the railroad's 66-foot wide right-of-way. Along the northerly side of Hook Mill Ln, the new retaining wall will be approximately 9-ft in height above street level.



All vegetation has been removed within the LIRR right of way along Hook Mill Ln. Village government reportedly will have some input on re-vegetation.

In addition to replacing the existing bridges, the MTA/LIRR is restoring the East Hampton Train Station to its original condition of red brick and green trim.

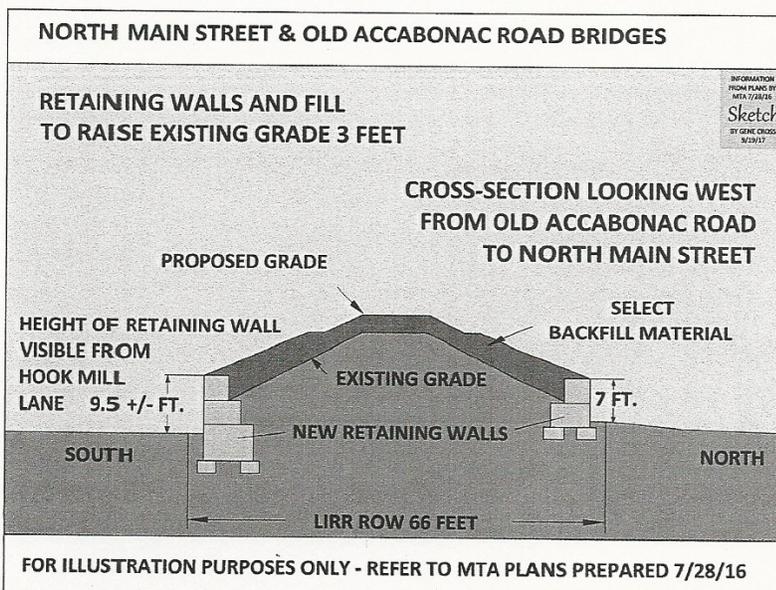
LOW NITROGEN SEPTIC SYSTEMS – THE NEW WASTEWATER PARADIGM

By Kathleen Cunningham

To begin the process of restoring the health of our surface water bodies and drinking water, the Town of East Hampton adopted regulations requiring any new building or redevelopment representing 50% of the size or value of an existing property to install a new, low nitrogen septic system. These systems are often referred to as "I/A" systems, meaning "Innovative Alternative" systems and they represent a big shift in how we think about and treat our wastewater. The Village is poised to adopt the same requirements for Village properties although a time line for this is not presently available.

The main function of these systems is to remove nitrogen from our wastewater stream by running the polluted water through bacteria rich filters that feed on the nitrogen, dramatically reducing the amount that stays in the water before it reenters the ground. Our old septic systems do not do accomplish this, which is the primary reason why our water bodies, like Georgica, Hook and Town Ponds, are so unhealthy and challenged.

In an effort to promote better public understanding of how these systems operate, how they are maintained, general costs and other site requirements, the VPS will conduct an informational forum on Saturday, June 2, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at Hoie Hall, 18 James Ln, East Hampton. To ensure adequate seating is available, please call 631-324-3524 and indicate the number in your party. Mr. Joe Densieski, regional distributor of the Hydroaction System from Riverhead and Mr. Brvan McGowin, regional distributor of Funi



Sketch: Gene E. Cross, Jr.

This rendering envisions the size of the retaining walls built to contain the project and earth needed to raise the track bed.

Systems, both approved by the Suffolk County Department of Health Services, will make presentations and have systems available for viewing after their talks.

Rebates for priority properties are available through the Town via the Community Preservation Fund, a portion of which was approved by voters to fund water quality improvement projects last year. There is also a pool of State and County funding to help boost the program along. Priority properties are coastal areas and lands closest to surface water bodies as they contribute nitrogen quickly as separations from ground water are not very great. Percolation rates of

polluted water are based in large part to their proximity to ground water. The closer a system is to surface or ground water, the faster the nitrogen will make its way to the water. In fact, as water tables have been quite high with recent storms, some systems for shoreline homes are likely in surface water bodies or ground water. Other pollutants like fertilizers, personal care and cleaning products, as well as pet waste, also contribute to the degradation of our water. We hope the public will take advantage of this opportunity to learn more about how we can improve our water supply by installing these septic systems in our community.

EAST HAMPTON'S GIFTED WOMEN, PART II: Continued

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Mary Hamlin ventured into saving old village houses with her purchase of two dilapidated buildings in 1924. She moved them to property she purchased on Egypt Lane. Today, these two houses are known as Rowdy Hall and Gansett House. At a later date, she was appalled to learn that an unsympathetic stranger to East Hampton purchased the old John D. Hedges house at the head of Town Pond. Her family stayed there during the boarding house days and she knew it well. The new owner cut down the elms in front of the house and replaced them with giant sign advertising "Duck Dinners and Juicy Steaks". Mrs. Hamlin felt it her civic duty to save the entrance to the village from such desecration. She bought the place, and soon was running an inn herself with an English butler and Austrian chef. Her guests insisted that staying there was more like a house party than a hotel.

In 1927, the landmark known as Home Sweet Home was threatened. Mary Hamlin persuaded Nelson Osborn and Mrs. Francis Newton to establish a fund of \$60,000 to save the house and its collection of antiques and china. The fund held the house off the market until a village referendum was held, at which time East Hampton citizens voted to acquire the house for a museum. It has served as a major village attraction for the past 90 years. She bought the old Schellinger house in Amagansett and had it moved to Stony Hill. It became her own home and retreat and where she established a farm and dairy for her own use. Actor, Alex Baldwin, today owns the house.

Her enthusiasm extended to her social life as well. Although the doyenne of the Maidstone Club, she was irked that the club had no private bathing facilities in its earliest days. Using powerful persuasion and her resources, she bought the Main Beach bathhouses and later the old Sea Spray Inn for the use of Club members. She furnished the

Inn with more antiques and kept it until the new Club, with cabanas, was built on the dunes. After that, the Sea Spray Inn Realty Corporation was dissolved and the property reverted to the Terbell family who ran the hotel for years. East Hampton Village acquired the Main Beach bathhouses. Another energetic project that could not have happened without her interest was the creation of a Riding Club, opposite the Spring Close Inn at Pantigo. She helped buy the old Baker house there, fully furnished it with pieces from her antique collection and proceeded to buy up land for riding trails around and in back of the Spring Close property. The East Hampton horse shows of that time were gala events each summer until World War II ended the gaiety.

Mary Hamlin was immersed in her efforts to beautify the village as long as she lived. Her last great preservation effort was to save the old Mulford House next door to Home Sweet Home from vanishing in 1948. Part of the house was acquired by the Metropolitan Museum for an exhibit on period American homes. Hamlin took her cause to the beach, going to sunbathing members of the Maidstone Club for donations to save the house. Her efforts resulted in the two oldest houses in East Hampton still

sitting side-by-side overlooking the village green. It was an outstanding 300th birthday gift for the village.

From riding clubs to cabanas, museums and early houses, Mrs. Hamlin's legacy lives on today. Her only daughter, Judith married an Englishman and went to Buckinghamshire to live where her mother frequently visited. She died there in 1958, but East Hampton should never forget her efforts to make our village the most beautiful in America. Wizard Oil made it all possible.

