

WAINSCOTT CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE



Meeting of May 7, 2022

Members of the committee:

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

Excused Absence:
Barry Raebeck

Elected Officials:

Sylvia Overby, Town Councilwoman, Liaison

Invited Speaker:

David Eagan, President, Board of Trustees, Wainscott School

Members of the Public:

Rosemarie Arnold
Carole Slater & Marty Boorstein
Julie Burmeister, Bridgehampton Civic Association
Tori Butt & Pat Loret de Mola
Douglas Carey
Mary Luster Carpenter
John Cullen
Patricia Currie, Noyac CAC member, Director, Say No to KHTO

Jim Daigle
David Doty, Member, East Hampton CPF Citizens Committee. Commissioner,
Suffolk County Planning Commission
Virginia Edwards
Lynn Cronin and Howard Fine
David Fink
John Finley
Sheryl Gold, Say No to KHTO
Annie and John Hall
Leigh W. Hoagland, Wainscott Tree Society
Sam Holland
Si Kinsella
Rona Klopman, Chair, Amagansett CAC
Sam Kramer
Anna Lapinska
Jordy Mark
Jaine Mehring, Amagansett CAC
Tanya and Richard Nevins
Doreen Niggles
Jon & Julie Stoner
Jennifer Tanzmann, Beach Lane Parking Committee
Jon and Candace Wainwright, Friends of Georgica Pond Foundation
Dianne Wallace
Christopher Walsh, The East Hampton Star
Michael Zambrelli

The meeting called to order at 9:07 by Chair Carolyn Logan Gluck. The Chair announced that the June meeting would be in-person at the Wainscott Chapel and that coffee and baked items would be available to attendees prior to the 9 am meeting. Following the June meeting the Pride Parade would commence on Main Street, East Hampton Village.

The passing of Iris Osborne, a founding member of the WCAC, was noted and she was remembered fondly by several people attending the meeting.

The Chair acknowledged the work of Wainscott Tree Society members Bruce-Wayne Solomon and Tanya Nevins for soliciting the donation and planting by Landscape Details of a flowering dogwood tree in Wainscott Green, Del Mastro Park.

The President of the Wainscott School Board David Eagan was invited to give his annual report on the state of the school. Mr. Eagan's report was summarized in a letter to the tax payers as the proposed 2022-2023 school budget will require 60% voter approval for passage. The proposed budget of \$4,127,568 is 7% over the current year budget. The Board is proposing a 10.72% increase in the hamlet's tax levy which exceeds the statutory Tax Cap. The vote on the School budget and the District election is Tuesday, May 17, between 2 pm and 8 pm in the New Schoolhouse. President Eagan also mentioned that the bond for the construction of the New Schoolhouse was just paid off.

Enrollment in the District's K-3 Schoolhouse is near an all-time high as is the number of Wainscott School District students attending post-third grade classes in either the East Hampton or Sag Harbor School Districts on a tuition-basis paid from the tax levy budget. President Eagan referenced the high cost for District students who require special education services. Over one-quarter of the District School budget is for special education. The Board is in negotiation with the

Bridgewater School District to add that school at a lower tuition cost versus East Hampton Schools as a post-third grade option for District students. Since the Wainscott School District is considered a Common School (defined by having less than 8 teachers, it cannot access State foundation aid and must rely entirely on its tax levy budget. The district is joining with other Common school districts in Suffolk County to seek redress from our State Legislator, Fred Thiele. Next Town Councilwoman Sylvia Overby gave her liaison report from the Town Board to the WCAC. As a follow-up to the President of the School Board's report, and the fact that the Town has created an affordable housing overlay on town acquired property within the Wainscott School District, Councilwoman Overby committed to having a School District representative participate in discussions on the development of affordable housing at that site.

She reported that planning is underway for the Town's new Senior Center and that the East Hampton Airport would close on May 17 and reopen on May 19 as a private airport with the Prior Permission Required (PPR) for landings. Other than the PPR requirement the airport would operate immediately as it has in the past. During the summer months scheduled landings and take-off will be carefully monitored as part of the SEQRA process to change future operations. A question was asked about the recently completed scoping process and whether questions that were asked in that process about PPR restrictions were adequately addressed.

Councilwoman Overby reported that revegetation fees may be required of building permittees on cases of over clearing.

Ms. Overby gave the report from Councilwoman Cate Rogers on the progress of the South Fork Wind project. Work has ended on Town roads and will recommence in October. The remainder of the month will be devoted to work on the LIRR right of way. A question was asked about the Stephan Hands Path landing location lease vs resolution. According to the questioner, the Town Board resolution language was clear so far as prohibition of any ground water taken from the excavations being transferred to that site while the actual lease for the property didn't contain the same language. Councilwoman Overby stated that if the Town Board has to amend the lease they will do that. It was also reported by a member of the committee that no soil testing done on Wainscott NW Rd from Route 27 to Wainscott Stone Rd. Ms. Overby, as liaison, states that SFW has complied with all PSC requirements. She will look into whether SFW has released all testing results.

Subcommittee reports led to numerous questions. Properties acquired with CPF funds are made available by willing sellers and meet criteria established by the Town including locations in environmentally sensitive areas. Interested citizens are encouraged to attend CPF meetings and to bring potential properties to the Town's attention.

The Beach Lane parking subcommittee presented a revised parking plan that adds both angle parking and parallel parking with the Highway Department cutting back vegetation along Town Right of Ways. The CAC voted unanimously to recommend the plan be adopted by the Town Board and implemented by the Town Highway Department.

The final agenda item, a discussion of the Southern Pine Beetle infestation, was recommended by a member of the Wainscott Tree Society. In light of the continuing and geographically widening devastation it was recommended that our liaison to the Town Board initiate a discussion at a Town Board work session to again waive dump fees for the disposal of effected trees.

The Chairwoman closed the meeting at 11:50 am by thanking all who attended.

