

WAINSCOTT CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE



Meeting of June 4, 2022

Members of the committee:

Carolyn Logan Gluck, Chair
Jose Arandia
Lori Anne Czepiel
Hersey Egginton
Barry Frankel
Anthony Liberatore
Pamela Mahoney
Barry Raebeck
Bruce Solomon
Sally Sunshine
Phillip Young

Excused Absence:
Dennis D'Andrea

Elected Officials:

Sylvia Overby, Town Councilwomen, Liaison

Members of the Public:

Rosemarie Arnold
Loring Bolger, Chair, Springs CAC
Carole Slater & Marty Boorstein
Julie Burmeister, Bridgehampton Civic Association
Doug Carey

Tori Butt and Pat Loret de Mola
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
Lynn Cronin and Howard Fine
Cynthia Del Mastro
David Fink
John Finley
Sheryl Gold, Say No to KHTO, East Hampton
Si Kinsella
Rona Klopman, Chair, Amagansett CAC
Rosemary Kuropat & Susan Slover
Marian Lindberg
Jaine Mehring, Amagansett CAC
Richard Myers, WCAC Chairman Emeritus, Town of East Hampton Architectural Review
Board Chairman Emeritus and Bonnie Myers
Marylin Ornati
Kathryn Slye, East Hampton Aviation Association
Daniel Spelman
Christopher Walsh, The East Hampton Star
Mike Wright, The Press News Group

Prior to the start of the meeting callers raised questions about military helicopters doing low altitude training over Wainscott recently. Councilwoman Overby reported that Jim Brundage, the airport manager, knew the military commander from Westhampton who initiated the training and had advised him to conduct future training elsewhere.

Chairperson Carolyn Logan Gluck called meeting to order at 9:06 on Zoom. Flexibility will be maintained regarding location of future meetings. The first Hamptons Pride Parade will be held today at noon. June 19 is the annual Wainscott Sewing Society's Strawberry Festival, 2 to 4 pm. On June 25 at 10 am Wainscott Sewing Society member Hiliary Osborn Malecki will give a lecture Living Off the Land at the Wainscott Chapel, sponsored by Wainscott Heritage Project. The history of the Wainscott Green was highlighted in the most recent Friends of Georgica Pond newsletter.

Minutes from previous meetings were approved.

Councilwoman Overby gave her liaison report. The Town Board approved the acquisition of 387 Town Line Rd. With CPF resources When the sale closes in 60 days, 4.7 acres in Wainscott will be preserved. The Wainscott Commercial Center DEIS has been resubmitted to the Planning Board. Legislation establishing revegetation fees for lot clearing is being discussed. No South Fork Wind complaints were recorded in the last

two weeks. It was pointed out by a community member that the road patching following the cable excavation was sloppy and as a result cars are avoiding the patched areas.

Councilwoman Overby also provided an update on the discussion at the Tuesday work session by lawyers and the airport administrator concerning the court injunction to stop the temporary closure of the Airport. Councilwoman Overby said she was 'outraged' by what happened. She doesn't know what paths are open for the Town to proceed. There is no time limit on the restraining order. A comment was made about the Sag Harbor seaplane plan as an example of the 'flanks' that the airplane operators are willing to explore to keep operating. It was suggested to restrict seaplanes from letting passengers come ashore. A community member suggested that no compromise has been made by the 'airporters'. A local pilot on the meeting call said that compromise was offered but the Town didn't accept it.

On June 18 the Town will co-sponsor a dedication of the Youth Park in Amagansett; on June 19 there will be a Juneteenth celebration in Herrick Park. There will be an update on the All Hands on Housing initiative at the Tuesday 6/7 work session.

Anthony Liberatore gave the Police report and reminded homeowners to lock cars in driveways. He reported a 22% annual increase in the number of cars hourly in May on Wainscott Main Street. He questioned what percentage of that number are commercial vehicles. Road deterioration from heavy trucks are a danger to pedestrians. It was questioned whether preemptive signage barring heavy commercial vehicles is a possibility. A question was asked about removing the police barricade at the beach end of Town Line Road.

Barry Frankel gave a report on Wainscott Hamlet Study work plan meetings. Five meetings were held with the final meeting considering a re-envisioning of the sand pit as well as consideration of a central sewage treatment facility for the Wainscott commercial district. He reported 150-300 cars an hour are estimated to be moving into and out of the commercial center at full build out of the proposed 50-lot development. Alternatives to the proposal would require consideration of zoning changes. The 70-acre parcel is currently zoned Commercial/Industrial. The purchase of all or part of the land by Town and CPF was discussed in the final meeting. Sewage treatment facilities don't have to increase development density. The Hamlet Study Work Plan also considered visual improvements on Rt. 27, a municipal parking area and a 30-mile-an-hour speed limit.

Issues for the future CAC meetings were discussed - excessive tree clearing on lots in Wainscott; deer control issues due to farm fencing; destruction/removal of dead pine trees.

Other issues brought up included an airport noise easement discussion and a question about gun shots heard at dusk and at night. Farmers are able to shoot deer and other predators. A question was raised about a Home Sweet Home permit to add wireless transmission equipment in an enclosure on a cupola. It was reported that bike racks are

in the handicapped parking space at the end of Beach Lane. Lastly, a question was asked about where hydrologists' reports from the South Fork Wind project can be found.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 am.