

# WAINSCOTT CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE



Meeting of July 9, 2022

Members of the committee:

Carolyn Logan Gluck, Chair  
Lori Anne Czepiel  
Hersey Egginton  
Barry Frankel  
Anthony Liberatore  
Pamela Mahoney  
Barry Raebeck  
Phillip Young

Excused Absence:

Jose Arandia  
Dennis D'Andrea  
Bruce Solomon  
Sally Sunshine

Elected Officials:

Sylvia Overby, Town Councilwomen, Liaison

Members of the Public:

Rosemarie Arnold  
Carole Slater & Marty Boorstein  
Doug Carey  
Mary Luster Carpenter  
John Cullen

David Doty, Member, East Hampton CPF Citizens Committee. Commissioner, Suffolk County Planning Commission  
Quincy Egginton  
David Fink  
John Finley  
Doreen Fox and Eric Steinhauser  
Alex Gertsen, Director, Airports and Ground Infrastructure, National Business Aviation Association  
Sheryl Gold, Say No to KHTO, East Hampton  
Josh Guberman, Sagaponack  
Chris Hayward  
Si Kinsella  
Rona Klopman, Chair, Amagansett CAC  
Marian Lindberg  
Carol Mandel and Vincent Covelo  
Jordy Mark, WCAC Chair Emeritus  
Jaine Mehring, Amagansett CAC  
Tanya and Richard Nevins  
Lee Schlissel  
Erin King Sweeney, Executive Director, East Hampton Community Alliance  
Jennifer Tanzmann  
John Tintle  
Christopher Walsh, The East Hampton Star  
Mike Wright, The Press News Group

The meeting was called to order at 9:06 by Chairperson Carolyn Logan Gluck. The June meeting minutes were approved. Barry Frankel will chair the August 6 meeting in Carolyn's absence. Tentatively it will be held in person at the Chapel. Andy Drake, Town environmentalist, was invited to speak at the meeting about the impact of the Southern Pine Beetle, but will be unable to attend. He will answer any questions in writing posed by the committee.

A 69 Kilovolt underground cable has been proposed by PSEG from the Bridgehampton to East Hampton substations along the route of LIPA's right of way through the Long Pond Greenbelt. The alternate route would be along Sagg Main to Montauk Highway to Cove Hollow. Letters to PSEG are invited. A question was raised about PSEG's projections about the need for the cable. A comment was made that such projections are at the epicenter of the environmental crises.

Carolyn noted the passing of Judge Walker of Wainscott. Also Mary Niggles, mother of Doreen Niggles. An 11-year-old bicyclist was killed on Town Line Road by a truck backing out of a construction site.

Councilwoman Sylvia Overby's report mentioned the death of 70-year-old bicyclist on highway in Napeague. Questions were raised about the 55 mile an hour speed limit on that stretch of highway and the possibility of creating a rumble strip to separate the bike lane. She reported that positive Covid testing is still evident in the area.

Sylvia provided an airport report from Jim Brundage. '22 vs. '21 - 859 take-offs and landings vs. 743. 2019 1,014. Complaints 12,051 in '22. Are we being held 'hostage' by the airporters? What is the status of the Town's initiative to close the airport? Another restraining order by Judge Baisley preventing even discussing it. Sylvia feels that the 600 acre property has been 'taken away from us.' 'Can't change anything about the airport at this time.' 3 judges recused themselves before Judge Baisley took the case. He just acted on Truck Beach against the Town after years of a restraining order. Any opportunity to resolve this, asked by a member of the community. Anthony Liberatore reported that Fred Thiele is sponsoring a bill to require that NYS airplane owners register and insure their aircraft which is not currently required.

South Fork Wind. Question was raised about smoothing rough patch work on Wainscott roads where export cable has been buried, but agreement is that they not work on roads during the summer. Safety on Beach Lane is an issue. Question raised about fill used on Beach Lane - 'not natural'.

Class action lawsuit has been brought by Wainscott homeowners to recoup expenses of having to connect to SWCA water mains installed as a result of the PFOA contamination of the Wainscott ground water. Dan Osborn is leading the class action lawsuit in North Carolina.

Discussion about dead pines and Southern Pine Beetle. A resident reported an estimate of \$2250 per tree to remove. Forest management issue.

The police report followed up on a suggestion that weight restrictions be established for Wainscott town roads. Such restrictions are up to the Town Board. Letter will be written by WCAC suggesting weight restrictions on roads coming off of Montauk Highway. Sylvia would support the action.

Question about airplanes pulling banner ads and the resulting noise and visual pollution. Can anything be done? Sylvia will follow-up with Jim Brundage.

377 Montauk Highway application for 3-unit subdivision. Home Sweet Home application still before Planning Board. Wainscott Commercial Center DEIS application down to 4 remaining issues.

Barry Frankel reported on a coalition of citizens forming to stop the WCC at the appropriate time.

Other business - Maidstone Gun Club 100-acre lease expires in Oct. '23. They must let Town know their intention to renew no later than Oct. '22. \$100 a year lease

currently. Will now be market value. Require a detailed environmental analysis of the ground and water under the acreage? Lease payments is essentially a gift. Legal to gift public land? No monitoring, no restrictions.

A resolution to the Town Board would be required for a lease renewal. Is it of municipal value? Yes, for a solar farm as an example.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45.