

MONTAUK CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
July 11, 2022
Via Zoom

Attendance: 27 present (41 members)

Members Present: J. Allen, L. Barnds, T. Berger, T. Byrne, D. Ceva, J. Chimples, S. Conway, R. Cortell, J. Fowkes, A. Harris, D. Hausman, B.J. Howard, J. Iacono, J. James, S. Kalimnios, P. Monte, T. Ries, S. Sennefelder, L. Siedlick, R. Silver, M. Tripp, K. Tyler, M. Waterman, K. Weiss, R. Weiss, C. Yula, Z. Zweig

Members Absent: B. Akin, F. Brooks, S. Brooks, J. Buklad, C. Cortese, L. Cortese, L. Creegan, T. Creel, H. D'Agostino, L. Daunt, J. Evans, D. Freudenthal, B. Grimes, D. Monahan

Guests: Michael Wright (Press), Josh Greene (student intern for D. Lys)

Board Liaison: David Lys

Minutes of the June meeting was adopted upon motion by S. Sennefelder, seconded by R. Cortell.

Letters Received: B. Grimes wrote about e-bikes and e-scooters (see below) and M. Waterman wrote about the site for the downtown wastewater facility (see below).

Community Organizations: A. Harris reported on CCOM activities, including the upcoming Summer Soiree at Gurney's on 7/15, and events at Ditch on 7/23, 7/30 and 8/5. The Chamber hosted the first fireworks display and boat ride since 2019 and is sponsoring Concerts on the Green every Monday 6:30 - 8:30 pm. The Library is hosting movies every Wednesday afternoon and the Friends Book Fair over July 4th weekend raised nearly \$8,000 for the benefit of the Library. The Historical Society will be sponsoring three craft shows this year, the first of which was last weekend and was a great success; the next one will be at the end of August.

Old Business:

Beach Subcommittee Report: D. Monahan's report was read by D. Hausman. Beach raking is taking place every Monday and Friday, but not at Ditch. Junior Lifeguard program had to move from Ditch to Kirk Park because of lack of sand. Drones are in use in Montauk. Marine Patrol have not been spotted every day, but were on the beach last night. Ditch beach party on 7/4 left behind a big mess. R. Cortell suggested creation of a "quality of life patrol" because more enforcement is needed to keep dogs off the beach. No "no smoking" signs have been seen.

Airport Subcommittee Report: J. Chimples asked about why the Town had not been able to buy the Montauk Airport. D. Lys responded that the sellers wanted a stock sale and the Town is not legally able to purchase stock. J. Chimples asked what leverage the Town can exercise with the new owner to limit traffic at the Montauk Airport, other than use of zoning restrictions. D. Lys said that the Town is open to speaking to the new owner. He reported that the TRO relating to the EH Airport is still in effect, so no operational changes can be made at the now-private airport (recognized as such by the FAA), that no decision has been made about full closure of the Town-owned airport and that all options are being explored. What is at stake is whether the Town will be able to make any changes. J. Chimples reported that the Subcommittee is concerned about the size of fees being paid by the Town to outside counsel in the airport litigations and would like the Town to try to negotiate with the plaintiffs. D. Lys said that the Town believes that legal fees are being paid out of the airport's surplus from user fees.

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Downtown Montauk Wastewater - M. Waterman asked for an update on the site location. P. Monte (member of the advisory committee) reported that the engineers have said that the size of the plant envisioned requires a 14 acre site, so the 7 acre site identified in Hither Woods is inadequate. Parkland alienation is a moot issue. D. Lys reported that the Town continues to look for an appropriate location.

Charging Stations for Hybrid Vehicles - K. Weiss again asked about charging stations. D. Lys will follow up.

Councilperson's Liaison Report:

North Shore Road/Industrial Road Intersection: D. Lys presented a conceptual engineering plan to redesign the complex and dangerous intersection to install the first roundabout in the Town and ameliorate long standing flooding and traffic safety issues. This plan, which has been vetted with property owners, the Highways Department and EHPD, will be presented at the Town Board tomorrow. Discussion included concerns about more concrete in the area, phragmite roots, large vehicles, PSEG financial involvement, status of old PSEG facility.

Town Board issues and actions: Community Housing Fund - will be subject to a referendum in November and FAQ's are being prepared for circulation Town-wide in an effort to make the very large plan understandable to the voters. Planning Director Jeremy Samuelson and a Town attorney will attend the September MCAC meeting to explain the plan and answer questions. Outdoor Dining and string lighting rule updates were passed last Thursday. FAQ's to follow. Planning Department officials will meet with Chamber members to explain. Senior Center Survey - the Town is seeking public input on the design of the new Senior Center and the survey is being distributed widely in both English and Spanish. Bureau of Administrative Adjudication - the new bureau to address "quality of life ticketing" will be headed by Steve Tekulsky (no conflict for a judge to serve in this position). Hopper - free summer bus service is being funded by the Town. It will operate around Montauk through 9/4 every day from 10am to 10pm. CPF Acquisitions in Montauk - the Town is in the process of acquiring two pieces of property on Star Island, 229 East Lake Drive, and 66 East Lake Drive. Dock Projects - there are three projects around Lake Montauk for shoal removal at West Lake docks and increasing capacity of the pump out station on Star Island. Natural Resources has applied to the U.S. for \$350k grant for wildlife and resilience/living shorelines.

New Business: In an email, B. Grimes expressed concern about the proliferation of e-bikes and e-scooters and their dangerous operation. D. Lys said that bicycle rules apply to e-bikes, e.g., no riding on sidewalks. S. Conway requested bike racks at the beach.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm upon motion by T. Berger, seconded by P. Monte.

The next meeting will be held on August 1, 2022 at 6pm. TBD whether the meeting will be in person or on Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,
Marcy Wilkov Waterman