

WAINSCOTT CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE



Wainscott Citizens Advisory Committee (WCAC)
Meeting of August 3, 2019

Member Attendance:

Carolyn Logan Gluck, Co-Chair
Susan Macy, Co-Chair
Dennis D'Andrea, WCAC Chair Emeritus
Rick Del Mastro, WCAC Chair Emeritus
Jose Arandia, WCAC Co-Chair Emeritus
Barry Frankel, WCAC Co-Chair Emeritus
Lori Anne Czepiel
Michael Hansen
Anthony Liberatore
Sally Sunshine
Phil Young

Excused Absences:

Frank Dalene
Cindy Herbst
Bruce Solomon

Elected Official:

Jeff Bragman, Town Councilman, Liaison to WCAC

Members of the Public:

Alex Edlich	Sam Kramer
Mark Evans	Francine Lembo
John Finley	Mike Mahoney
David Gruber	Pam Mahoney
Laraine Hayes	Richard Myers
Steve Kaufman	Daniel Osborne
Ben Kava	

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Carolyn Logan Gluck, Co-chair, called the meeting to order at 9:10 am. She asked members of the public to introduce themselves, and each member did so.

July 13, 2019 minutes

The July 13, 2019 minutes were moved and seconded for approval by Co-chair Susan Macy and Co-Chair Emeritus Jose Arandia, respectively, and then approved by the Members.

Events, Announcements

Next, Chair Emeritus Dennis D'Andrea commended the historical talk by Hilary Osborn Malecki about farming in Wainscott from 1875-1900, held on Saturday, July 27, as a "smash success." He also noted that the Wainscott Sewing Society's annual Rummage Sale fundraiser for the upkeep of the Chapel, will be on Saturday, August 17, starting at 9am (donations are accepted by calling 631-537-1330).

Liaison Report: Councilman Jeff Bragman

Co-chair Logan Gluck asked Councilman Jeff Bragman to present his report.

Update on Wainscott Well Water Testing, Public Water Connections and PFA Limits
Councilman Bragman first reported data about that status testing of the Wainscott wells and public water connections, as follows:

- 500 of the 503 wells that residents have agreed be tested (and out of 512 total wells) have been tested
- 17 were found to be above the current standard of 70 ppt
- 226 wells had detections below that level, of which 46 were found to be above 10 ppt
- 257 wells had no detection
- 9 well owners refused to be tested
- Sample requests were made of 10 well owners that are pending
- 270 connections have been made to the public water to date, which is 52% of the total wells having a connection and an overall participation rate of 72%
- SCWA will be conducting another door-to-door effort soon

Councilman Bragman also reported that NY state is considering implementing a new standard of 10 ppt, and that a 20-day comment period began on July 23 and the consideration process will run through late 2019.

Councilman Bragman also noted that there is a question in his mind about what is being done to test the public water for PFAS and how frequently, noting that he understands that currently SCWA is using a 50 ppt standard for its testing and notifying the authorities if they exceed 70 ppt in an annual test. WCAC Member Michael Hansen interjected that he had pulled up the SCWA website that states it tests the public water four (4) times a year, although it was not clear to him what those tests covered.

Wainscott Sand & Gravel Update

Councilman Bragman reported that the DEC had negotiated a consent order with the owner, and that it expects that testing by the SCWA will occur in September. He noted that it is his understanding that the DEC and the owner have been working together cooperatively.

Deepwater Wind Update

Councilman Bragman noted that the community organization Citizens for the Preservation of Wainscott have made good submissions in the Article 7 review process. He also stated that he had spoken with NY State Assemblyman Fred Thiele, and as a result understands that Assemblyman Thiele will be meeting with Deepwater Wind. Councilman Bregman indicated that he has suggested a mid-Island connection might be more appropriate than either of the currently proposed East End connections (Wainscott and Hither Hills), emphasizing that it is his understanding that there has not been any consideration of transmission issues for the options.

Next Rick Del Mastro, WCAC Chair Emeritus, gave his thoughts about the WCAC's approach to this issue and how best to suggest other landing sites. Member Anthony Liberatore noted that there was a letter from Orsted published in the current issue of the East Hampton Star. Discussion ensued among the WCAC Members about Chair Emeritus Del Mastro's points about the WCAC's position and next steps. Barry Frankel, WCAC Co-Chair Emeritus proposed the WCAC submit a letter to the Town Board updating its position and outlined the proposed terms of such a letter including suggesting that alternative connection sites up-island be considered. Next several members of the public stated their views, including John Finley and Alex Edlich of Citizens for the Preservation of Wainscott, which at previous WCAC meetings had stated it represents over 1,300 Wainscott residents who have signed a petition against Deepwater's proposed connection through Wainscott Main Beach, and David Gruber. Co-chair Logan Gluck summed up the discussions and the terms of the suggested letter, agreeing to prepare a draft for review by the Members of the WCAC.

Sub-Committee Reports

Co-chair Logan Gluck next turned to the WCAC Sub-Committee Reports.

Hamlet Subcommittee

Co-Chair Emeritus Frankel reported that the Business Corridor Moratorium will likely not be renewed and that all efforts are now focused on having the Town vote and approve the Hamlet Plan as a guide to future development and potential zoning modifications.

He noted that on Tuesday, August 6 at 10am there will be a work session about the Hamlet Studies, and that the CECRA process is ongoing. Co-Chairs Logan Gluck and Susan Macy and Co-Chair Emeritus Arandia stated that they plan to attend.

Co-Chair Emeritus Frankel next reported on the status of Wainscott Green, and the public meeting the prior Thursday at which he, Co-Chair Emeritus Arandia and WCAC Member Hansen spoke. He stated that there was not a vote approving the park at that meeting, as the Town is still reviewing the proposed site management plan.

Next Chair Emeritus Del Mastro asked the WCAC to approve the name “Wainscott Green” for the park, which was unanimously approved.

Chair Emeritus Del Mastro then discussed the Community Awards and answered questions about the list of candidates and the criteria for and number of awards. He distributed ballots for the WCAC Members to submit

Planning Board

Chair Emeritus Del Mastro updated the meeting on the proposed cupola addition at Home Sweet Home, for which the owner has been asked to submit a site plan. Next he reported on the proposed tower near the EH police station on Wainscott NW Road, for which an August 14 public hearing is scheduled. Member of the public Sam Kramer then discussed issues about these generally.

Co-chair Emeritus Arandia next reviewed developments related to the CPF that, while not specific to Wainscott, were of general community interest.

Continuation of Liaison Report of Jeff Bragman

Cover Crop Legislation

Councilman Bragman next updated the meeting on the background and issues related to the Cover Crop legislation.

Peak Savers

Councilman Bragman reported that the Wainscott diesel generator was removed from the program.

Continuation of Sub-Committee Reports

Traffic

Co-Chair Emeritus Del Mastro referred to reports he had circulated to the WCAC previously, which showed statistics about traffic in the Wainscott area. He encouraged residents to contact the police with any complaints about traffic issues.

Code Enforcement

Co-Chair Emeritus Del Mastro noted that there have been several rental complaints so far this summer, and encouraged residents to contact Donald Kauth at dkauth@EHampton@NY.gov with any code enforcement complaints.

Other Business

Chair Emeritus D’Andrea next reported on the proposed gym to be built across from Bridgehampton Commons. There followed a general discussion among members of the public.

Co-chair Logan Gluck then noted that there had been several large trees removed on Wainscott Main and asked the WCAC to consider whether there is an interest or role for the WCAC to help replace the trees.

She also noted that next year is the 350th anniversary of the founding of Wainscott and asked the WCAC to consider suggestions for how to celebrate.

The meeting then was adjourned at 11:55am, pursuant to a motion by Member Liberatore that was seconded by Member Sally Sunshine.

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Next Meeting: September 7, 2019, 9am, Wainscott Chapel.