

WAINSCOTT CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE



Meeting of September 9, 2023

Members of the committee:

Carolyn Logan Gluck, Chair
Lori Anne Czepiel
Dennis D'Andrea
Hersey Egginton
Pamela Mahoney
Barry Raebeck
Bruce Solomon
Sally Sunshine
Phillip Young

Excused Absence:

Jose Arandia
Barry Frankel
Anthony Liberatore

Elected Official:

Deputy Supervisor Kathee Burke-Gonzalez

Invited Speaker:

E.H. Police Chief Michael Sarlo

Members of the Public:

Rosemarie Arnold
Stacey and David Brodsky
Vincent Covello and Carol Mandel
Ellen Corwin
Tracy Coyle

Lynn Cronin and Howard Fine
Jim Daigle
Sara Davison, Friends of Georgia Pond Foundation, Executive Director
Cynthia Del Mastro
Jennifer Del Mastro
David Doty, East Hampton CPF Citizens Committee. Commissioner, Suffolk County
Planning Commission
Abigail Fleming
Sheryl Gold
Annie and John Hall
Jaine Mehring, Build In Kind, Amagansett CAC
Pat Loret De Mola & Tori Butt
Tanya & Richards Nevins
Roxana Pintilie
Lee Schlissel
Carole Slater, WCAC Chair Emeritus, and Marty Boorstein
Daniel Spelman
Jon Stoner
Jen Tanzmann
Jon and Candace Wainwright
Dianne Wallace
Christopher Walsh, The East Hampton Star
Lori Weinstein
Mike Wright, The Press News Group

Wainscott CAC Meeting, September 9

EH Chief of Police Michael Sarlo was the invited guest. The meeting was called to order at 9:05 by Chair Carolyn Logan Gluck.

Chief Sarlo used to attend one CAC meeting a year. Now Lt. Peters is liaison to WCAC. The Chief reported a low incidence of crime in the Wainscott hamlet. Target data from speed signs is used for enforcement. 8249 calls for service were received between Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends. 395 motor vehicle accidents. 395 calls on Labor Day weekend. 20,000 calls for service a year.

Maidstone Gun Club is used for mandatory arms training - between 90 and 100 officers - 68 sworn, 5-7 part-time, 15 marine patrol, 5-6 court officers. Groups of 8-10 go to the range to qualify. 2 armorers are present. Use the southeast section for police. The main part of the club uses its own section. Train 1/month. While MGC is closed the force has been using the facility in Westhampton Beach. Chief said that logistics in scheduling trainer and armorer to support the training can be complicated when traveling to Westhampton. There have been no incidents with police training. Of the 68 sworn officers 22 are not East Hampton residents.

Regarding the incident of bullet striking a Merchant's Path home, responsibility of the Police Dept. at the Gun Club is limited to investigating possible crime. The Chief was asked to offer an opinion of how to resolve the current impasse. Chief's opinion is that there should have been better maintenance. Safety should have/could have been sufficient but one of the safety measures at the rifle range failed.

Does a place require a certification for police training? No, just the trainers. Required certification once a year, but EH Police practice three times a year. Emergency Services unit trains once a month. Police have their own dedicated space within the property. No Police use of MGC facilities, other than as private citizens. Maybe only one member of the force belongs. Question about monitoring and control of MGC. It would be their responsibility. Chief is not a safety officer or expert in range management. No crime committed. Situation of bullet hitting a house was not a crime. It is a safety issue, but not a crime. Could be construed as negligence but that's up to the courts.

Shooting on trails is urban legend. There is very little shooting along the power line. Regarding supervision at the gun club, there are two different levels. 2 qualified instructors oversee police. MGC responsible for its own safety measures. A question was asked about the new regulation regarding poaching crabs at Georgica Pond. Poaching will now be an aggravated crime. Adopted maybe not yet by NY State. Question about dirt bikes and ATVs on trails. Difficult to apprehend or even control. Effort to be strategic. A participant in the meeting asked the Chief to consider using a drone to track them.

Carolyn acknowledged Kathee Burke-Gonzalez for suggesting that Chief Sarlo be invited as a guest. Liaison Report: Honey Harvest Festival at EH Airport today. Just Plane Fun will not be held this year — the brainchild of the late Kent Fuerring. Sept. 30 120 bike riders through hamlet, also 700-rider Tour of the Hamptons on Oct. 1. Zoning Code work group continues to make progress and getting closer to a public hearing on Purposes. Plane Noise and Air Noise dot I o complaints are being received by Town. Kathee gave updates on 3 Airport lawsuits. 2 appealed, one ruled in favor to the Town. Update will be given on airport superfund site at Town Board work meeting on Sept. 19. Carolyn got agreement to forward notes of WCAC's prior discussions and presentation on MGC to Kathee, David and Cate.

Sally Sunshine made a presentation on proposed 14' x 20' picnic shelter for Del Mastro Park to be built on a cement slab, ADA compliant. \$25K of \$36.5K estimate already raised. All participants who would like to contribute should write checks to Friends of Georgica Pond Foundation, and send to PO Box 1393.

ZBA's Aug 15 hearing for a tennis court on a Sayres Path property was canceled. ARB public hearing for pool and deck on Beach Lane to be scheduled. Sept 18 at 3:30 is next CPF meeting. 105 Beach Lane is up for sale. CPF advisory board is aware of it. David Doty encourages people's participation in meetings. Request for participation needs to be filed first.

Code enforcement reported violations during the month. Library budget vote on Sept. 23. Community service and beauty award Nov. 4. Bruce Wayne Solomon would like to have the hamlet signs replacement on the agenda for next month.

Meeting adjourned at 10:53.