

# WAINSCOTT CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE



Meeting of September 10, 2022

## Members of the committee:

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

## Excused Absence:

Dennis D'Andrea, Barry Raebeck, Phil Young

## Elected Officials:

Sylvia Overby, Town Councilwomen, Liaison

## Members of the Public:

Carole Slater & Marty Boorstein  
Julie Burmeister, Bridgehampton Civic Association  
Doug Carey  
Mary Luster Carpenter  
Vincent Covello and Carol Mandel  
John Cullen, Riverhead Airport Noise Task Force  
Jim Daigle  
Sara Davison, Friends of Georgica Pond Foundation  
David Doty, Member, East Hampton CPF Citizens Committee. Commissioner, SCPC  
Virginia Edwards

Lynn Cronin and Howard Fine  
Trish Currie, Say No to KHTO  
David Fink  
Abigail Fleming  
Doreen Fox and Eric Steinhauser  
Sheryl Gold, Say No to East Hampton Airport  
Bryan Hunt  
Marie Jose Hunter  
Si Kinsella  
Ken Landis  
Marian Lindberg  
Jaine Mehring, Amagansett CAC  
Tanya and Richard Nevins  
Tom Ogden, Coalition to Transform East Hampton Airport  
Amy Rifkind  
Daniel Spelman  
Jonathan Wainwright, Director, Friends of Georgica Pond Foundation  
Christopher Walsh, The East Hampton Star

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 by Chairperson Carolyn Logan Gluck. The August minutes were approved. A summary of the announcements in the agenda was given. The Mulford Farm event will be on October 1st, not today. Residents need to register for South Fork Wind virtual open house being held on Monday, Sept. 12. A documentary on Chilmark, MA efforts to limit new housing construction will be shown at LTV on October 8. Car Free Day [LI.com](http://LI.com) and the International Coastal Clean Up Day, Sept. 17 at Georgica Pond were added to the announcements.

Councilwoman Sylvia Overby began her report by answering questions posed in the August minutes. SCWA is able to filter PFOAs out of Authority water with charcoal filters. The NYS DEC is conducting a test of contaminants in ground water. In light of media reports of PFOA and PFOS toxicity, a question was asked about the Town requiring disclosure by restaurants, farms, and businesses who are using Water Authority water vs. potentially toxic well water.

Ms. Overby reported that State Supreme Court Judge Baisley has combined all the law suits brought by pro airport interests into one at the end of the summer season. In response to complaints by members of the committee about noise from approaching and departing planes and helicopters she reported that airport flight patterns/routes are voluntary. Routes for next season are likely to be changed. A question asked about trying to influence routes now. According to one member, the flights feel retaliatory. It was asked, why and how are operators allowed to determine routes? There is a concern for safety and fairness. Operators have not been good neighbors. Is anything stopping concerned citizens of Wainscott from starting a group to stop the airport? Information about operators and organizations paying the operators isn't

available. Town appealed the TRO and it was denied by the same judge. It was suggested that we look at lease terms for airport operation. Are other laws being violated by any of the aircraft? Is it possible to change routes? That just moves the problem around. The Town was at the finish line until the operators got an activist judge to issue the TRO. FAA understood where we were going. This is the last thing that the FAA wanted. Is it possible to expand the reach of legislative approval limiting the number of nonessential helicopter flights in Manhattan? Say No to East Hampton Airport is a group of concerned citizens.

Ms. Overby reported 54 Covid patients at Stony Brook University Hospital; 5 at Southampton. Positivity rate between 5 and 25% at 2 testing sites. Local CVS and Walgreens are offering vaccinations. Closest vaccination site for kids is Riverhead.

Stop the Wainscott Commercial Center group wants the town to buy the site. There has to be a willing seller. Planning Department knows nothing about this group. October meeting of Planning Board may be discussing the applicant's complete DEIS.

Route 114 affordable housing. All properties are in the Town of East Hampton. Wainscott School District has contracts to send overflow kids to either Sag Harbor, Bridgehampton or East Hampton. If the Town funds the entire project then there can be a lottery for the selection of residents of Town solely. If county or state funds are used then a wider net of selection is used.

South Fork Wind. Register for virtual meeting at [southforkwindvirtual.com](http://southforkwindvirtual.com). Ms. Overby reported on two meetings in past couple of weeks. Start date for next phase is Oct. 3. SFW conducted In person meetings with residents of Beach Lane. Nov. 1 start date for off shore vessel which will be in place of 3 months.

2 properties came up on ARB and both were tabled. Don't trash East Hampton was slogan coined by Litter Action Committee. Nothing on highways. Police signs that monitor speeding seem to be working. Lock cars in driveways. Code enforcement reported on 9 Oakwood Ct. which had a 3 day event with valet parking and a tent. No permits secured; 3 citations were issues but event continued. Why wasn't party shut down by authorities, Code Enforcement or Fire Marshall? Number 1 Oakwood has over cleared the lot and there are no existing permits.

Good water quality in Georgica Pond this summer according to Friends of Georgica Pond. Question about wetland restoration along the new park property and Georgica Pond.

Wainscott signs on Montauk Highway were done by Ocean Graphics which is now under new ownership. Signs may not be able to be repaired, but replaced instead.

Speed limits on Town roads. Consider what roads should be reduced to 25 miles per hour.

Maidstone Gun Club lease. Increasing concern about the gun club lease being renewed as is. Need for care of the environment before the lease is renewed. WCAC member has family who belong to club and the member isn't in attendance and not able to represent 'the other side'. Discussion tabled for another month. Club has sent letter to Board intending to renew lease. There is another year before the lease is actually renewed.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 11:37.

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