

WAINSCOTT CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE



Meeting of October 1, 2022

Members of the committee:

Jose Arandia
Lori Anne Czepiel
Dennis D'Andrea
Hersey Egginton
Barry Frankel
Anthony Liberatore
Pamela Mahoney
Barry Raebeck
Bruce Solomon
Sally Sunshine
Phillip Young

Excused Absence:

Carolyn Logan Gluck, Chair

Members of the Public:

Rosemarie Arnold
Julie Burmeister, Bridgehampton Civic Association
Tori Butt and Pat Loret de Mola
Doug Carey
Mary Luster Carpenter
Ellen Corwin
Vincent Covello and Carol Mandel
Tracy Coyle

John Cullen, Riverhead Airport Noise Task Force, Northville, NY
Patricia Currie, Say NO to East Hampton Airport, Noyac
Jim Daigle
Sara Davison, Friends of Georgica Pond Foundation
Cynthia Del Mastro
David Doty, Member, East Hampton CPF Citizens Committee. Commissioner, Suffolk
County Planning Commission
David Fink, WCAC Chair Emeritus
John Finley
Abigail Fleming
Doreen Fox and Eric Steinhauser
Sheryl Gold, Say No to East Hampton Airport, East Hampton
Leonard and Fleur Harlan
Bryan Hunt
Rona Klopman, Chair, Amagansett CAC
Judith Lanier
Bernard and Phyllis Leventhal
Jaine Mehring, Amagansett CAC
Tanya and Richard Nevins
Chris and Roxana Pintilie
Lee Schlissel
Daniel Spelman
Jonathan and Isabel Stern
John Stoner
Jennifer Tanzmann
Christopher Walsh, The East Hampton Star
Lori Weinstein
Michael Zambrelli

Co-chaired by Barry Frankel and Anthony Liberatore.

Meeting was called to order at 9:06 by Barry Frankel. Jose Arandia moved and Bruce-Wayne Solomon seconded and the members voted to approve the September minutes.

Nominating Committee announced names of those nominated to serve in 2023. Members voted to approve the names for submission to the Town Board.

Town Board Liaison Sylvia Overby was not able to attend the meeting so no liaison town report was given. However, Barry Frankel read several comments on key topics provided by Sylvia Overby prior to the meeting.

Town Covid Testing Site: reduced hours to one day a week. Southampton Hospital is starting vaccinations again in October.

Airport

Article in 27 East said that Town suggested only 2 routes, one over Georgica Pond. The airport reporting on traffic may be inaccurate as it is easy for planes to turn off transponders. There is

no evidence of any disciplinary actions by airport manager. It may be time to consider a change in managers. The low elevation of helicopter approaches was also noted. Jose Arandia referenced the Town's leasing the airport to the operators and suggested holding the tenants responsible for the terms of their lease. The comment was seconded by another participant. Pam Mahoney shared a phone app, Flightradar24, that will identify the aircraft in the area. However, the app has no complaint mechanism. airnoise.io registers complaints. Questions were asked about what the town can do in view of the TRO. Can the town afford to mount a defense against the combined law suits and appeal the TRO to another court? Why isn't the airport manager accountable to the town? Is a class action suit an option? The Coalition to Transform the Airport funds could be used for a suit. There was agreement that the Town cannot just sit by. Can we invite the Town supervisor to a WCAC meeting; he's the liaison to the Airport.

Lease Renewal on the Gun Club:

According to Barry Raebeck, there are 3 issues - the \$100 annual lease for the 97-acre property in place for the last 40 years which he says is an illegal gift; pollution associated with the lead from the bullets; and the noise pollution from the firearms. Barry Frankel commented that we should reach a consensus or at least a majority on a POV. Lori Anne stated that we should start to have the conversation about solutions. Barry Raebeck will draft something that he'll circulate to the WCAC. A caller at the meeting who is located a mile from the club has had her house hit by bullets. She reported 5 houses that have been hit. Another caller on Merchants Path reported that 2 bullets have been found in her house. Caller reported her house being hit in 2004 which prompted closing the club for a period of time. Subsequent incidents have escalated to the State Police. Are Town Board members members of the gun club?

SFW will start onshore road construction again on Oct. 3rd. Pam Mahoney commented on the impending construction on Beach Lane; it will be a challenging season. She reported a depth issue with the services that were buried at the south end of Beach Lane in November '21, which could impact the procedures of burying the cable. Question was raised about who is the on-site liaison from South Fork Wind. Question was asked about the referendum on incorporation. There is no current movement to incorporate. PSC and BOEM gave approvals for SFW; there's a pending appeal of those approvals. Motion to dismiss in DC the suit against BOEM. Also an appeal of the Army Corps of Engineers approval of the project. Discussion between John Finley and Si Kinsella and their respective cases.

Coalition to Stop the Wainscott Commercial Center spokesperson Sara Davison commented on the extreme threat to our quality of life that the proposal represents. She questioned whether the Town will invest in the recommended feasibility study for a sewer district. Applicant hasn't yet submitted their responses to the Planning Board's concerns with the DEIS.

Crab Poaching in Georgica Pond:

Arrests were made in the past week.

Ball Fields on Stephen Hands Path:

Town is starting construction on the ball fields on Stephen Hands Path.

Trees:

David Fink commented on the removal of 13 mature trees by the town in Wainscott. Highway Dept. has no trained arborist on staff to evaluate the trees before they were removed. Going forward it was suggested that an amount in the Town budget be designated for arborists to be consulted before tree removal. Motion made and passed to draft a recommendation for Sylvia to bring to the Town Board.

ARB:

95 Beach Lane is before the ARB. 170 Sayres Path application before the ARB for demo and new construction was tabled.

Highway/Police:

Nothing from Highway or Police. Reminder to lock cars in private driveways.

Oakwood Court Issue:

Why Code Enforcement didn't close down the Oakwood Court 3-day event is being pursued. A TRO would have been feasible since the event started on a weekday. 3 violations totaled \$1400 in fines which is not a deterrent to the organizers.

Meeting adjourned at 11:40.