

## Montauk Citizens' Advisory Committee October 4, 2021 via zoom

**Attendance:** 28 present (38 members)

**Members Present:** B. Akin, J. Allen, T. Berger, J. Buklad, D. Ceva, S. Conway, R. Cortell, C. Cortese, L. Cortese, L. Creegan, H. D'Agostino, L. Daunt, D. Freudenthal, B. Grimes, A. Harris, D. Hausman, B. J. Howard, S. Kalimnios, R. Monahan. P. Monte, T. Ries, S. Sennefelder, E. Steck, M. Tripp, K. Tyler, K. Weiss, R. Weiss, C. Yula

**Members Absent:** L. Barnds, J. Chimples, T. Creel, J. Evans, J. James, J. Murtha, R. Silver, L. Siedlick, M. Waterman, Z. Zweig

**Guests:** Supervisor Peter Van Scoyoc, Councilperson Kathee Burke-Gonzalez, Theresa Eurell, Mike Wright (EH Press)

**Minutes:** September 2021 meeting minutes were adopted on motion of J. Allen, seconded by E. Steck

**Community Organizations:** Kay Tyler of the **Chamber of Commerce** reported that the Fall Festival will be this weekend October 9-10. Volunteers are still needed to help out. Tickets can be purchased in advance for some items – mugs, food tickets, ride tickets. Theresa Eurell of the **Montauk Village Association (MVA)** requested an update to its request for the Town to remove overgrown greenery and debris from the area around the gazebo now that the summer season is over.

Kay Tyler asked about about the **memorial garden upkeep of the hedges**. Some complaints are coming in about them. Theresa Eurell advised that per Marge Harvey, the MVA never took care of those hedges, and does not have the money to do it. L. Creegan stated that the Town always maintained those hedges. Councilman Lys stated the Town will help with both greenery issues. The Supervisor stated perhaps some alternative plantings can be done. The MVA will contact Councilman Lys directly to discuss getting this work done.

### **Old Business:**

**Airport Subcommittee:** B. Grimes stated there is not much new to report, but encouraged everyone to write directly to the Town, which is still accepting public comments, and there is no deadline yet for a decision. At the Town Board work session on October 12<sup>th</sup> the results of the comments and diversion study will be discussed. On October 19<sup>th</sup> the Board will begin discussion on what options there are for the airport, including restrictions which could be put in place. Supervisor Van Scoyoc stated that there are restrictions that are in place under the FAA. L. Creegan asked that the list of these be sent to the public.

**Beach Subcommittee:** R. Cortell stated that there is nothing to report.

**Other:** R Monahan asked for the answer he posed in September's meeting about the number of beach fire violations that were issued in the summer. The Supervisor stated he did not have that answer yet, but will get it.

**Councilperson's Liaison Report:** D. Lys reported that the **fisheries** core team is gathering information with a questionnaire regarding fishing stock. Information will be sent to MAFM for research and possible changes. There are 2 **pump out stations** in Lake Montauk. The Town wants to add more, perhaps at Star Island. The Town is looking into **renovations for the docks**. The Town prevailed in the **jetty lawsuit**. Court ruled that the Town is not liable.

The most recent **COVID** positivity rate is 15% for East Hampton, 12% for Montauk. The Supervisor is opening another testing site in Wainscot, which will be open on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 10

AM to 6 PM to start. Discussion ensued about how the positivity rates are determined. The Supervisor stated that the rate the Town reports for Montauk is the number for those tested in Montauk, regardless of the person's residency. This is different than the way the County reports it.

Questions came up about the vaccine boosters vs. a 3<sup>rd</sup> shot. B. J. Howard said she will get clarification and send the information out to MCAC.

Two weeks ago the **South Lake abatement project** was presented at the Town Board meeting. They are going to look further regarding parking requirements, and site questions to ensure it fits into the character of Montauk. The Town will be adding more **EV chargers** on the Town campus, including adding solar power banks. The Town Board will begin discussion regarding **cannabis legislation**. The **police** department is looking to add more officers and coverage in the Town. The Town will submit applications to NY State for the **skatepark** and to do a new IA low nitrogen septic system at Lion's Field. The Board approved the **West Lake comfort station renovation**, and it will get done in the spring.

**Upcoming Meetings:** On October 5<sup>th</sup>, the Board will discuss the 2022 budget, LED street lights, and non-fossil fuel alternatives. October 12<sup>th</sup> will have a public hearing on the 2022 budget. The budget must be adopted by November

On October 7<sup>th</sup> there will be a public hearing at the Board meeting for legislation to ban helium balloons.

**There were no new resolutions proposed at this meeting.**

**The next meeting will be November 1, 2021 at 6 PM, via Zoom.**

Respectfully submitted by Theresa Berger, as acting Secretary