

WAINSCOTT CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE



Wainscott Citizens Advisory Committee (WCAC)
Meeting of September 12, 2020
(Remote meeting via Zoom video conference)

Member Attendance

Carolyn Logan Gluck, Chair	Lori Anne Czepiel
Dennis D'Andrea, WCAC Chair Emeritus	Anthony Liberatore
Barry Frankel, WCAC Co-Chair Emeritus	Pam Mahoney
Jose Arandia, WCAC Co-Chair Emeritus	Bruce Solomon
	Sally Sunshine
	Bill Williams
	Phil Young

Elected Officials

Peter Van Scoyoc, Town Supervisor
Jeff Bragman, Town Councilman, Liaison to WCAC

Members of the Public

Marty Boorstein	Michael Hansen
Lynn Cronin	Sam Holland
John Cullen	Judith Hope
Patricia Currie	Rona Klopman
Barbara D'Andrea	Sam Kramer
Sara Davison	Judith Lanier
Cynthia Del Mastro	Francine Lembo
Jen Del Mastro	Richard and Tanya Nevins
Alex Edlich	Doreen Niggles
Virginia Edwards	Michael O'Neill
Quincy Egginton	Barry Raebeck
Howard Fine	Lisa Schultz
John Finley	Carole Slater
David Fink	Amy Turner
Abigail Fleming	John and Candace Wainwright
Anne Gilchrist Hall	Michael Wright, The East Hampton Press
Sheryl Gold	

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Carolyn Logan Gluck, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 am after circulating by email the names of each participant who had rsvp'd in advance to be on the call.

Approval of Minutes

Chair Logan Gluck asked the Board for approval of the August minutes, which Co-Chair Emeritus Barry Frankel moved and Member Bill Williams seconded. The Board unanimously approved.

Next Chair Logan Gluck recognized and thanked Barbara D'Andrea for her work on recreating the business community award.

Liaison Report: Councilman Jeff Bragman

Next Councilman Jeff Bragman was invited to present his report.

Wainscott Green

Councilman Bragman updated the meeting on the status of finalizing Wainscott Green. He noted that there had been delays related to the funding for the completion of the parking lot and loop trail, as there was a question about whether CPF funds could be used. There also were delays involving questions regarding drainage and the parking lot.

Deepwater Wind

Councilman Bragman discussed the Host Community Agreement (HCA) incorporating a community benefits package proposal that was recently reported in the press and his view about how that relates to, impacts and distorts the environmental regulatory review process.

Airport

Councilman Bragman will be meeting with a consultant who would coordinate the presentations and revisioning process, including a public process where the public will have the opportunity to discuss alternatives.

Members of the WCAC then raised questions, including about: the recent news reports about the Pit and contamination, the impact on the approval process or redevelopment plans, how the Pit development plan relates to the hamlet study proposals for the Pit property, the status and process for evaluation of the development plan and introduction of alternatives, means for public input, related processes including SEQRA and other environmental review and/or Suffolk County, relationship to airport revisioning and development and possibilities for zoning changes and the proposed development for Happy Hound on the airport perimeter property at Daniels Hole and Industrial Road. Supervisor Peter Van Scoyoc also weighed in on certain questions.

The public participants followed with additional questions and discussion including about the recently announced easement through Wainscott for Deepwater Wind and the extent to which alternative sites were considered. It was noted by several public participants that the negotiations with Deepwater Wind continue to be confidential, and their views that there is relevant information that will eventually be disclosed and come to light. There also was a discussion about the planning of the Deepwater

Wind project by Orsted and wind projects generally, including the recommendation by NYSERDA against a similar small project for the same reasons. Supervisor Van Scoyoc invited citizens to email or call with additional concerns and questions.

Additional public input included calls for rezoning the Pit and the Industrial Road/airport areas to control the type of development and protect the natural vegetation particularly as development of the heavily wooded airport perimeter properties is considered. Member Bruce Solomon also noted that 13 homeowners on Hedges Lane near the Pit have written letters about issues with the proposed development plan.

Subcommittee Reports

Environmental Committee

There was an update on Georgica Pond from committee member Sara Davison.

Highways/Police/Traffic

Member Anthony Liberatore referred the WCAC to the traffic signal reports he had circulated to the WCAC Members prior to the meeting.

Airport

Co-Chair Emeritus Frankel indicated that the revisioning committee will return to developing its thoughts on the airport. Member Bill Williams also reported on his first airport meeting. Councilman Bragman and Member Williams also discussed the airport traffic reports for August and last year. Questions were raised about helicopter noise and routes that seem to be going south. Public discussion ensued including about jet traffic, airport-related emissions and environmental impacts such as climate change and carbon footprint issues. There was further questions and discussion by the public participants about the consultants being engaged and the type of analyses they may conduct.

Councilman Bragman also indicated that the Town is considering adopting a law to address leaf blowing noise, along the lines of the East Hampton Village law.

ARB/ZBA

Member Pamela Mahoney reported on the Southampton Hospital extension planned for East Hampton. She also reported on a few architectural approvals under consideration, on Cowhill, Wainscott Stone and Wainscott Hollow.

Code Enforcement

Member Sally Sunshine reported that Wainscott is the hamlet with the least amount of code enforcement complaints, and noted that the complaints consisted of (i) rentals, (ii) building without permits, (iii) noise and (iv) parking. From March through June there were 97 complaints. Residents can call 631-423-3858 with any issues.

Other Business

Sam Kramer briefly addressed the upcoming planning board meetings that would discuss approvals requested with respect to the proposed veterinary clinic on the

Town's property along the airport at Daniels Hole and Industrial Roads (9/16 meeting), the Pit (10/7 meeting), the expansion of ARF, a cell phone tower at Stephen Hands Path and a temporary tower at the same location. He also reported on the Home Sweet Home cupula/antenna approval and a new application to turn the site into a self-storage facility.

Chair Logan Gluck stated that she would prepare a letter of support regarding Wainscott Green. She also reminded the meeting of the upcoming Town Board work session on Tuesday regarding the Deepwater Wind HCA package. Finally, Chairman Logan Gluck announced that the Business Community Award ceremony would be at noon following the October meeting.

The meeting then was adjourned at 11:55am, upon motion by Member Mahoney and seconded by Member Solomon.

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Next Meeting: October 3, 2020, 9am, via Zoom video conference.