

WAINSCOTT CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE



Wainscott Citizens Advisory Committee (WCAC)

Meeting of July 10, 2021

(Remote meeting via Zoom video and telephone conference)

Member Attendance

Carolyn Logan Gluck, Chair

Dennis D'Andrea, WCAC Chair

Emeritus

Barry Frankel, WCAC Co-Chair

Emeritus

Lori Anne Czepiel

Anthony Liberatore

Pam Mahoney

Bruce Solomon

Sally Sunshine

Phil Young

Member Excused Absence

Jose Arandia, WCAC Co-Chair Emeritus

Elected Officials

Sylvia Overby, Town Councilwoman, Liaison to WCAC

Members of the Public:

Rosemarie Arnold

Martin Boorstein

Tori Butt

Douglas Carey

Mary Luster Carpenter

Lynn Cronin

John Cullen, Northville

Patricia Currie, Noyac, Co-founder Say

No to KHTO

Noyac

Patrice Dalton

Barbara D'Andrea

Franklin Davidson

Sara Davison, East Hampton, Friends of

Georgica Pond

David Doty, East Hampton

Alex Edlich

Ginny Edwards

Hersey & Quincy Egginton

Howard Fine

David Fink

John Finley

Abigail Fleming

Sheryl Gold, East Hampton, Say No to

KHTO

Alex Gertsen, Washington DC, National

Business Aviation Association

John Hall, Wainscott United

Michael Hansen, Wainscott United, Win

With Wind

Leonard and Fleur Harlan

Si Kinsella

Rona Klopman, Amagansett

Sam Kramer, Wainscott United

Bella Lewis, East Hampton Star

Marian Lindberg

Pat Loret de Mola

Bud and Phyllis Leventhal

Susan Macy

Jordy Mark
Richard Myers
Bonnie Myers
Richard and Tanya Nevins
Doreen Niggles, Wainscott United
Jenny Princer
Cate Rogers, East Hampton
Tacho Sandoval

Carole Slater
Daniel Spelman
Jon and Julie Stoner, Sagaponack
Jon and Candy Wainwright, Friends of
Georgica Pond
Dianne Wallace
Christopher Walsh, EH Star
Mike Wright, The Press News Group

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Carolyn Logan Gluck, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:06am 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 June minutes. Co-Chair Emeritus Barry Frankel moved to approve the minutes, Member Pamela Mahoney seconded, and the Board unanimously approved.

Chair Logan Gluck then recognized Member of the public Eperanza Leon to address the meeting to summarize developments with respect to the little farmhouse at 66 Wainscott Hollow Rd. Ms. Leon reported that before the July 7 deadline the little farmhouse had been disassembled and the pieces removed from the property and stored until the fall at the offices of Michael Davis construction pending identification of a place to relocate it. 80% of the building was salvaged, including three walls. Chairman Logan Gluck, Chair Emeritus Dennis D'Andrea, Co-Chair Emeritus Susan Macy, Member Bruce Solomon and Jon Stoner were recognized as participating in the efforts. It also was reported that contact had been made with two organizations that may be helpful, Preservation of Long Island and Eastville Historical Society.

Liaison Report: Councilwoman Sylvia Overby

Limited Business Overlay Zoning

Councilwoman Sylvia Overby reported that the public hearing had a flaw in the notice, so the comment period was extended through July 15. She noted that some owners are not supportive of the zoning change. She summarized the different types of zoning, including Central Business, Neighborhood Business and Limited Business Overlay zoning.

Town Board Returns to In-Person Meetings

On July 1 the Town Board started meeting in person again.

Hamlet Study

Dodson & Flinker were hired, as well as other consultants Fine Arts & Sciences and L.K. McLean Associates. The town will be reaching out to business owners as well about the proposals in the hamlet study, and public workshops will begin in September.

Airport

The same consultants were hired to prepare a presentation on the airport. At the recent Town meeting at which the airport was discussed, 42 people spoke and a number of people did not get to speak so there will be other opportunities to do so.

Beach – Sign, Trash

The sign that states the beach is unguarded was removed, so a replacement sign was put up. Councilwoman Overby also suggested a “Carry In/Carry Out” program could be considered at Wainscott Main Beach.

No Parking Sign at Beach and Main Streets

The No Parking sign was put up near the intersection.

Questions then were posed by members of the WCAC and the public, including: questions about the differences and overlap between the zoning/planning study and the airport uses report; the need to reach out to both business owners and business landowners; what if anything is pending for approval in the potential zoning area; the process for the hamlet study, including timing for approval by board and public feedback; the lack of and need for formal Wainscott participation on the relevant decision-making committees rather than just public forums; whether there will be any group or committee involved in and giving input on decision-making or just the Town Board; and the realistic limits on AMAC for providing the type of public input that is important and discussion about other communities that have public participation on airport committees.

Committee Reports

CPF

Questions were posed about which if any Wainscott properties have been funded recently by the CPF or are under consideration for being funded by CPF, and the number of Wainscott property preservation efforts that have been self-funded/donated by Wainscott residents including the recent acquisition of the former Il Mulino restaurant property at Wainscott Stone and Montauk Highway. In the absence of Co-Chair Emeritus Jose Arandia, member of the public David Doty responded. A map of CPF properties located in Wainscott can be found at <http://www.ehamptonny.gov/175/Wainscott>.

Code Enforcement

WCAC Member Sally Sunshine noted that two violation tickets had been issued for leaf blower violations, and that the Gun Club is being monitored for noise violations but that no violations have been identified yet.

Highway

Member Anthony Liberatore reported that there are no new issues.

Police, Traffic

Member Liberatore reported on data from the speed signs, and that the police is reminding the public not to leave keys in their cars. Questions were then posed by members of the WCAC and the public, including about tailgating; whether there is a speed sign on Wainscott Stone; turning from Montauk Highway onto Wainscott Stone; and the possibility of a stop sign at the corner of Fernwood and Wainscott Stone. The WCAC voted to write to the Town Board regarding speeding along Wainscott Stone and Wainscott Northwest Roads.

ARB

Member Pamela Mahoney reported on developments with respect to 81 Wainscott NW; 45 Town Line Road, 8 Sayres Path and 31 Association Road.

Hamlet Study

Co-Chair Emeritus Barry Frankel noted that while much is going on now with the hamlet study, there was nothing additional to report beyond the earlier discussion.

Airport

Co-Chair Emeritus Frankel reported on the May 11 and July 6 Town meetings. He also summarized the Economic Impact Report provided on May 11, a second report on air quality and the discussions at the July 6 meeting about potential changes in the flight routes and the diversion issue if the airport is closed or contracted. Questions were then posed by members of the WCAC and the public, including about Montauk Airport and the surrounding public parks and waterways; various alternate flight routes; issues relating to drone use at the airport; the extent or prospect of commercial distribution operations at the airport in light of Amazon moving a distribution operation to West Hampton Airport; misinformation stated during the Town Board meeting comment sessions, including about Medivac operations, the routes and impacts on various neighborhoods around the airport and Montauk Airport operation. Chair Logan Gluck read a brief update from Councilman Jeff Bragman about the planned citizen participation and consultant hires and efforts.

Tree Committee

Chair Logan Gluck reported on recent efforts, including that there are now 11 committee members including Nikki Wilson, daughter of Scott Wilson and the family that owns 40 acres of tree farms.

Other Business

Georgica Pond

Member of public Sara Davison reported that the draft EIS for the pit development will be reheard in August or so at a meeting of the Planning Board. She reminded the meeting that the development calls for 50 commercial and industrial spaces.

June Strawberry Festival

Member of the public Barbara D’Andrea reported that at the Strawberry Festival held at the Chapel on Father’s Day, 234 bowls of strawberries with homemade shortcake prepared by the Wainscott Sewing Society were served. She thanked the Babinski’s for providing the strawberries.

Next, Member Mahoney moved that the meeting\ be adjourned, which Member Liberatore seconded. Thereafter, Chair Logan Gluck announced the meeting concluded at 11:42am.

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Next Meeting: August 7, 2021, 9am, via Zoom video and telephone conference.

Upcoming 2021 Meetings: Sep. 11; Oct. 2; Nov. 6; and Dec. 4. Meetings are generally held beginning at 9am on the first Saturday of each month, subject to holidays or similar schedule changes, currently via Zoom video or teleconference and ultimately returning to in-person meetings at the Wainscott Chapel.