



BRIDGEHAMPTON CAC
DRAFT MINUTES 9-26-16

When we arrived at the Bridgehampton National Bank the Community Room was locked, so those gathered by 7:10pm adjourned to the home of Elizabeth Naclerio on Lake Drive.

Call to order: 7:30 pm

GUEST SPEAKER, ALEX GREGOR, SUPERINTENDANT OF HIGHWAYS, SOUTHAMPTON TOWN

Pamela Harwood provided Mr. Gregor, in advance, a list of questions that the CAC wanted answered:

1. Budget

The Town has 6 highway districts. Mr. Gregor informed us that in the 1990's the Bridgehampton substation had 12 employees, but that in 2016 this number is 6 employees (at any one time one employee is out on sick or vacation leave), even though our hamlet has experienced the construction of more new roads than any other, due to the increases from new subdivisions.

Developers of new subdivisions that create new Town roads are not made to pay for future maintenance of these roads. The Town asks them to guarantee the roads will not need maintenance for another 5 years, even though the Town has to allow 10 years between repaving. The developer provides a bond that is returned if the roads don't need maintenance within the 5 years.

Of the funds collected from taxpayers for the Highway District, 50% goes to current salary and legacy costs for retirees. From what is left, the Highway Department has seen the following budget drop for road maintenance, even though materials and subcontractor costs have increased:

2012: \$3,000,000
2014: \$1,700,000
2016: \$ 900,000

Please see attachment for further details.

2. Schedule of Road Maintenance

When a road is repaved, it is called "reclaiming," which includes grinding the asphalt down to its original base. This work is subcontracted out and the cost is approximately \$250,000 per mile. The work is scheduled to last 10 years.

3. Pothole Repair

Many citizens feel that his work, which is done by Mr. Gregor's staff, is not done often enough or well. Much of the work has to be redone fairly soon. Mr. Gregor acknowledged that he too would like to see improvement in this area, and asked the CAC to let him know whenever they see a problem area.

4. Pruning of Trees on the Town Easements along the Roads

This work also falls within Mr. Gregor's purview and budget and is contracted out to arborists. Again, he welcomes the CAC or individuals to contact him and let him know of problem areas. We told him that our concerns were foliage that obscures the traffic safety signs as well as weak trees and branches that could fall during windy or snowy days. Since the department does not have the proper equipment or training, he had a \$45,000 budget to pay outside contractors for this work.

5. Litter along the Roadways.

This is also the responsibility of his staff to collect, and we should let him know of problem areas. The areas along Montauk Highway from the road to the sidewalks are the responsibility of the State. Please see attachment for further details.

6. Pop-Up Advertising for Special Events

Many Bridgehampton residents feel that these have become too numerous to allow, and we would like to see the Town Highway Department staff remove them as they make their rounds. We were also told that if we wished to pick them up ourselves, we could drop them off at the substation on Corwith Avenue.

7. Bike Lanes

We expressed our concerns that dedicated bike lanes needed to be built. At present, cars must go on to oncoming traffic to avoid hitting those walking and on bicycles.

8. Street Cleaners

We also wish to know the schedule for these.

Mr. Gregor also provided hard copies of "Resurfacing Recap" expenses from 2013 to 2016 as well as written answers to the questions provided in advance. Copies are attached.

MS. CHRISTINE FETTEN, THE TOWN ENGINEER, AND TOM NEELY, IN CHARGE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY, ALSO ATTENDED THE MEETING.

They confirmed that further news would be available about 2-4 weeks following their receipt of bids from engineering companies, which are due on October 7th. Ms. Fetten had spoken to Nicole Jones of the state DOT that day.

BRIDGEHAMPTON SCHOOL: we announced a reminder that a meeting at the school to discuss the plans for a major addition and renovation of the school will take place on Saturday, October 15th.

Submitted by
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Chair, BH CAC
October 16, 2016

See attachments from Superintendent Gregor