

Bridgehampton Citizens Advisory Committee

**Cathie Gandel Co-Chairperson Carey Millard, Co-Chairperson
Jeffrey Mansfield, Vice-Chairperson, Alejandro Saralegui, Secretary**

Minutes Meeting of November 25, 2013, 7:00 PM

1. Attendance.

Julie Burmeister, John Daly, Phyllis Davis, Cathie Gandel, Bonnie Lowe, Norm Lowe, Jeffrey Mansfield, Carey Millard, Weezie Quimby, Alejandro Saralegui, Christine Smith, Nancy Walter-Yvertes

GUESTS: Kyle Collins, Mark Viseckas, Christine Scalera, Tom Neely, Steve Long, Suzanne Sinenberg

Call to order 7:01PM

2. Approval of October 28, 2013 Minutes.

Motion by Phyllis Davis; second by Weezie Quimby

3. Kyle Collins, AICP Town Planning and Development Administrator and Mark Viseckas, Senior Building Inspector, spoke on sign regulations in the Town.

In 2006 the Town Board rewrote the sign ordinance to minimize the impact of visual clutter and make the code more user-friendly. It also acknowledged the need for businesses to be visible and advises businesses on what types of signs the Town would like to see. The 2006 legislation covers wall mounted signs and detached ground mounted signs (monument, single-pole and dual-pole mounted).

Re. temporary signs:

--Off-site signs were banned in the '70s because of a proliferation of billboards.

-- Some signs are prohibited in Rights-of-way. No sign other than a sign erected by a governmental agency or permitted under § **330-205H** shall be erected or placed within the right-of-way lines of a public street, and the Town may remove any such sign without notice to the owner.

--Special event signs have provisions if one has applied for a special event application. Special event signs are allowed 10 days prior to the event and must be removed 3 days after the event.

Re: Neon signs. Neon signs seen from the street are not allowed except for the Candy Kitchen which has been grandfathered in. Neon signs within an establishment are permitted.

-- Construction signs: No more than one construction sign shall be displayed at any construction site. Such sign shall not be illuminated, shall not have an area of more than eight square feet and may only identify, in addition to the contractor or developer of such site, no more than two contractors or subcontractors thereon. Any such sign shall not

interfere with any public right-of-way and shall be removed no later than 15 days after completion of the project to which it relates, the issuance of a certificate of occupancy or compliance, or nine months from the date of its installation, whichever occurs first.

Councilwoman Scalera said that, with other municipalities, in Southampton response is complaint driven. The Town just doesn't have enough people to continually look for sign non-compliance. The Town depends on citizens to report out-of-code signs. A building permit complaint should be reported to the Building Dept. Otherwise sign complaints should be reported to Code Enforcement.

4. Steve Long, executive director of the Children's Museum of the East End (CMEE), on their plans for updating the Museum.

Steve brought drawings of the proposed changes. With CMEE's attendance increasing to almost 60,000 people a year, there is a need to update some of the interactive exhibit areas within the building and to make better use of the outdoor areas. When polled, children said overwhelmingly they would like a mini-golf course. This will not have kitschy structures. It will be designed to teach science as well as provide fun. The design is inspired by the New York Hall of Science and the Ithaca Science Center. Plans are for it to open on Memorial Day weekend, 2014.

Among the changes to the Museum's interior, CMEE will install a new exhibit about sustainable energy, reconstruct the ship exhibit so that it teaches science education more explicitly, and redesign the lobby so that guests are welcomed immediately after entering the Museum. Steve reported that they will complete these updates during the fall of 2014. The exhibit updates are part of a capital campaign that CMEE launched publicly last month. To date, the Museum has raised half of its \$2 million goal. Steve encouraged anyone interested in learning more about the campaign or the exhibit updates to contact him by calling CMEE at 537-8250.

Old Business (updates from previous meetings).

a) Tom Neely, Public Transportation & Traffic Safety Director

--Signage and other traffic safety improvements along Montauk Highway in the hamlet and BH-Sag Turnpike-Lumber Ln. follow up

The Montauk Highway-BH/Sag Turnpike intersection has been reviewed. The pedestrian crossing signal timings and the traffic signal timings were reviewed by NYSDOT. Adjustments were made to improve pedestrian crossing signal times. No infrastructure/roadway changes are planned.

Parking regulations and signage changes have been made along Montauk Highway to improve pedestrian safety at the crosswalks. At the request of the Town, Sen. LaValle and Assemblyman Thiele have requested State funds for an in ground lighted crosswalk in front of the library.

--Answer on question about parking waiver fee payments going into parking district fund.

The most recent figures show that payments do go into the Bridgehampton parking district fund. They will look at revenue and expenses over the past three years.

--BH LIRR station window replacement status. Moving forward with the window replacement.

--Brief summary of the storm water situation on Church Lane.

There are no storm drains on Church Lane. Perhaps we would want to invite Alex Gregor as storm drains is a Highway Department issue.

b) Updates on Planning Board mtgs.

Property that includes Candy Kitchen and the Atrium is being subdivided into two properties. No changes are planned; merely a legal action.

Pizza Place is adding to the back. There will be no difference in what is seen from the street. They are planning to put white shingles on the exterior to match gas station across the street.

Pink House/Teak store: Ari Meisel is the developer of the property. They will be working on the project as soon as permits completed. The pink house will most likely be torn down.

5. New Business.

a) E. H. Airport noise

-Christine Scalera, we're working on improving the air traffic route.

There is a telephone number to call in East Hampton which is the number of complaints. Please always report airplane/helicopter noise as the data is being collected. 631-537 LOUD

b) Fred Havemeyer retirement

-Resolution to write a letter of thanks/appreciation to Fred for his work on the board of Trustees.

c) Nominating Committee

- Formed with Gay Lynch, John Daley and Weezie Quimby. Please email Weezie with suggestions for posts of Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary.

d) CPF/Ag Reserve/ future of farmland will be discussed in an open meeting on December 11 at the Peconic Land Trust's offices at 300 Hampton Road from 4 – 6 pm.

6. Adjournment. 8:22 PM

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www.southamptontownny.gov/streetlighting or call 631-728-8585.**