

East Quogue Citizen Advisory Committee

April 11, 2012; 7:08 – 8:25 p.m.

Attending: Joan Hughes, Vito Gentile, Carol Combes, Tom Jack, Debby Tennyson and Richard Combes

Guest: Geraldine Jack

Motion to approve the March 14, 2012 minutes made by C. Combes and seconded by R. Combes

Communication:

The EQCAC would like to share its meeting minutes with the various East Quogue organizations (i.e., Beautification, Civic Association and Chamber of Commerce). All those present gave unanimous endorsement to sharing the CAC minutes with those organizations.

Pine Neck Marina:

Concern was expressed that limited Parks and Recreation Dept. resources are being spent on the Pine Neck Marina as opposed to East Quogue's other parks. There were differing opinions on the Pine Neck Marina: opponents expressed fear for the solvency of existing marinas located in the area and concern for the environment, and proponents see the marina as an opportunity to bring in more business for local East Quogue shops, and more public waterfront recreation. Since it is such a beautiful spot it would be nice to have a picnic area there with tables and barbeques.

Docker's Marina Application: No update

Sidewalk Safety:

An appointment will be scheduled with Tom Neely to see what can be done to address the concerns about safety related to sidewalks. V. Gentile is still seeking a current map in order to be able to identify where children live who attend the EQ Elementary School, thus, where sidewalks are particularly needed. V. Gentile will also try to find out if there has been a reported traffic accident over the past few years related to children walking to and from school; it was suggested that he contact the Southampton Police Department and East Quogue School for this information.

New Business:

- **Plastic Bags:** J. Hughes advocated the “Take the Pledge” sponsored by SH Town to decrease plastic bag usage and encourage proper disposal at the transfer stations.
- **East Quogue School Budget:** Members of the EQCAC attended a preliminary hearing on the East Quogue School Budget. Even after many cuts the budget will pierce the 2% cap with a 2.45% rise in the proposed budget. There will be another hearing on the budget in April. Final school budget vote is slated for May 15, 2012.
- **The Hills:** In a presentation at Stony Brook Southampton, and in an article in the Southampton Press, Professor Christopher Gobler emphasized the need to preserve East Quogue’s uplands from development if the pollution of Shinnecock Bay from septic system runoff is to be prevented. The closing of shellfish harvesting at this early date highlights the concern for our waters, especially since shell fishing is such an important livelihood for some year-round residents and an attraction for many summer visitors.
- **Great Eat End Clean-up:** April 22, 2012, at this time D. Tennyson and J. Hughes volunteered to meet at the East Quogue Park at 9:30 a.m. to help clean up the park. Others will try to come, but could not commit at this date. More volunteers are needed and all were encouraged to spread the word.
- **Members’ Input:** The illuminated sign in front of the B&B store on Montauk Highway, East Quogue (previously Porch and Patio) does not conform to the Town’s sign code. This signage needs to be addressed to meet compliance.

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 9, 2012 at the East Quogue Elementary School.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m., motioned by D. Tennyson, seconded by Tom Jack.

Respectfully,

Debby Tennyson