

June 13, 2014

Meeting began at 5:30 PM

In attendance:

Bob Malafronte

John Linder

Susan Baran

Steve Schumann

Sam Holmes

Judah Mahay

Guest Speaker

Dieder Von Lehsten -Sustainable Southampton Green Advisory Committee.

Robert Kotz- Sag Harbor Express

We started the meeting with a discussion on the recently approved Sandy Hollow Cove work force housing project.

John Linder mentioned the large amount of negative opinions expressed about the project and that Bonny Goldberg made the best argument against. She mentioned spot development and no overall position by the Board as far as work force housing. John also mentioned that there was no real community benefit but that it was a much needed project.

Dieter stated that he was the co-chair of the Sustainable Southampton Green Advisory Committee.

He said that we need to work with developers and sometimes it is difficult but the best way to get an acceptable outcome.

The project was approved by the community in 2009. They agreed to 16 units in two buildings with a total of 64 people for maximum occupancy.

because of changes in the zoning since 2009, the builder agreed to change to a smaller footprint and 28 apartments, reduced the max number of residents to 46 and fewer parking spaces than the original plan. They are also putting in a larger than necessary septic system than what is required.

Those opposed to the project were more emotional rather than factual in their protests. Dieter said that they were opposed mostly because they did not want it in their backyard but realized the need for the project. He thought the problem might be that people associated affordable housing with slums.

the traffic could be calmed by adding a traffic light on Sandy Hollow to slow the flow of traffic moving at 45 mph.

He said the 5 to 0 vote was not political but necessary. They were all heavily involved in researching the project and spent a lot of time listening and making changes to the project to make as good as possible.

John asked Dieter if the green committee's views were listened to and Dieter said he thought they were.

He also stated that the sustainable green advisory committee supported the project 100%.

John thought that the project could be duplicated in the Sag harbor area, along the turnpike or another area and that there was the two million dollar fund from the Bulova project in the village that could be used.

Dieter stated there was really no difference between affordable and workforce housing.

The rent would be \$1000.00 per month and limited to a total number of 46 residents, no mention of minimum requirements.

Sand Land Corp.

Dieter mentioned that the courts have decided that it is a legal operation and the Town cannot do anything as far as that goes.

Bob Mentioned that Fred Theile would be intro ducking legislation so that the D.E.C. will ask for the placement of test wells to determine the water quality.

Dieter said that the wells will be placed. We have not heard that.

ACTION: We asked Dieter can have his Green committee write a letter to the D.E.C. and he said he will ask.

The Sustainable Green Advisory Committee has a new web page,

Thin plastic bags:

Dieter asked if we would support his efforts to stop the use of these bags in the Town of Southampton.

he said 23,000,000 bags are used annually in Southampton.

There is a video "bagit" on you tube that explains the problem.

ACTION; We will write a letter of support on this issue.

Septic Systems:

Septic systems are another problem facing the Town. Many are very old and need to be replaced. The Problem is he cost of replacement.

There are some new products that might solve the nitrogen release in waste and do so at a much lower cost.

There are 300,000 to 400,000 systems in our area. A huge problem and a lot of red tape involved.

Judah Mahay mentioned a organic system that is available and may be suitable to this problem. The cost to do a small area is a huge expense 100s of millions of dollars.

Airport

There have been several articles about lead from jet and prop planes exhaust that is the last source of lead pollution in our atmosphere.

Action: Have the green committee write a letter of support to help with the pollution problem.

We are waiting for a letter from the Friends of the long Pond Green Belt concerning the pollution around the green belt.

Coming next month

Airport Noise discussion

Steve Schumann will tell us about the huge dumping problem on Town Line Road and we will explore some possible solutions. We need to get both Southampton and East Hampton involved.

Next Meeting July 18, 2014, Pierson HS Library@5:30pm