

The Water Mill Citizens Advisory Committee  
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Draft Minutes June 13th, 2022

Members Present: Steve Abramson, Steve Lerner, Rik Kristiansson, Jamie Egerton-Warburton, Karen Sutton, Alan Harper, Rachel Verno

Guests: Councilman Rick Martel, Councilman Tommy John Schiavoni, Trustee President Scott Horowitz, Trustee Ann Welker, Nancy Miller, Bob Macris

Minutes for May 9th, 2022 approved

**MILL POND:**

- Carp removal will occur late September, early October.
- Carp Solutions will be here for approximately 5 days, will use the baited box traps and nets as needed. They expect to harvest 6000 pounds. 6000 pounds have already been removed last year and depending on this years' numbers, another date will be scheduled for 2023.
- All agree a fishery survey is a necessity and the the Trustees will go back to the WQIP to discuss funding which had been originally denied (along with the carp removal).
- Discussed details of how the fishery survey would be conducted.
- Chris Pickerell of Cornell Cooperative will be conducting a pilot program in Mill Pond for floating wetlands. That work will be in conjunction with the floating island project that was approved and funded by the WQIP.
- Lisa Kombrick has confirmed that money allocated for the floating islands from the WQIP may be reallocated with the Town Board and WQIP approvals. The Trustees will present that reallocation plan to the WQIP to include lily pad removal which the DEC is in favor of.
- The lily pad harvesting will mimic what they are doing in Lake Agawam. There needs to be a estimate of how big an area will need to be addressed.
- It was suggested the the target date for presenting the reallocation plan to the Town Board and WQIP should be July.

**BURDEN PROPERTY:**

- Discussion of the structure that the Landmarks and Historic Districts Committee deemed significant.
- The structure had been the caretaker house for the TR Ball family homes located on Little Cobb Road. Prior to this report, there had been no indication that the structure was ever identified as a historic home. There is no mention of the structure in the Town of Southampton's historic walking tour.
- In order to keep the structure, the Town would have to basically rebuild the house from foundation to the roof. This would not really be a restoration project but rather a total rebuild.
- Currently there are no needs from the Water Mill community for an additional building in the hamlet.
- There is in fact a concern that a structure like this left unattended would pose a potential problem with vandalism and vagrancy. There would need to be a full time staff to keep it safe.
- If the building were to house public bathrooms, who would be responsible for upkeep.
- Primary concerns are: the building would be obstructing the view-shed, insurance, vandalism, maintenance and security.

-Discussed the hope that the windows and any other historically significant material could be salvaged and repurposed.

#### CPF/HOUSING FUND:

-Discussed the program and the two public hearings being held.  
-The CAC members present all support the two proposals and will continue to keep the community informed about a possible referendum on the November ballot.

#### OTHER BUSINESS:

-Potential affordable housing opportunity has been identified in the hamlet.  
-Per Charlie McCardle's recommendation, Rachel contacted the DOT regarding the missing crosswalk signs. No one from the DOT has returned her call. She will try again.  
-The current crosswalk locations should be looked at and we should discuss the potential for crosswalks at the new Mill Creek Park and at Deerfield Rd.  
-Sidewalks should be installed from Deerfield Rd. to the Parrish.  
-A stop light should be considered at Deerfield Rd.  
-Rachel is trying to set up a meeting with Janice Scherer and Tom Houghton to discuss some of these issues.  
-Tom Houghton has reviewed the roundabout design and he and the Supervisor will be discussing with the DOT.  
-Discussed the drainage on Old Mill Road that Councilman Martel has been instrumental in helping to move along with the Highway Superintendent.

Minutes taken by Rachel Verno