

Water Mill Citizens Advisory Committee
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Minutes for September 12, 2022

Members Present: Steve Abramson, Steve Lerner, Karen Sutton, Marlene Haresign, Jamie Egerton-Warbuton, Rachel Verno

Guests: Councilman Rick Martel, Olivia Motch

Mill Pond:

-Steve A. attended the Trustees meeting earlier in the day and it was confirmed that Carp Solutions can harvest as much carp as they can catch. They are scheduled to do work early October. Last year, CS harvested 6000 pounds and there was a concern that they would be limited to that same amount this year. The Trustees agreed that whatever amount CS can catch, they should.

-Since our meeting, CS was told that they would only be able to harvest 6000 pounds even though money was appropriated for three times that amount. Then on 10/3, CS was approved to catch up to 18,000 pounds, but since this information was given to them after they had already left for Long Island, they only have equipment to catch up to 6000 pounds.

-There will be no fishery survey done this year because while the money has been approved, the company conducting the survey is already booked for this year.

-Lily pad harvesting has also been approved. While a resident on Mill Pond has offered the services of a relative who is in this business, for a very low fee, the project must go out to bid. It is questionable if the harvesting will be done this year.

Burden Property:

-Still waiting for a closing date on the property.

-The buildings have been cleared. The stockade fence is removed.

Traffic, Road, Safety Issues:

-Crosswalk locations in the hamlet need to be looked at and everyone agrees there should be proper signage and some sort of flashing lights similar to Bridgehampton so people can safely cross the highway,

-The traffic light at Station Road is currently the only signaled and safe way to cross Rt. 27.

-Discussed the potential for an additional crosswalk located near the newly acquired Mill Creek Park.

-All agree that when there is no traffic, cars are speeding into the hamlet heading East. A suggestion was to have a speed monitor similar to what is permanently placed on Ocean Road in BH and on the Sag Harbor turnpike, be placed on the South side of the highway before you enter the hamlet. The hope is this would alert people to slow down.

-The speed limits along Rt.27 should be looked at. There are still different speed limits on either side of the highway in the hamlet center.

- Discussed the potential to have sidewalks run along the entire length of the hamlet which now spans from the Parrish Art Museum to Deerfield Road. Sidewalks already exist on most of the North side.
- Discussed left turns off of Old Mill Road on to Rt. 27 and the dangerous conditions this creates.
- Discussed the potential of the cross access behind the post office parking lot to the light at Station Road in an attempt to limit left turns out of the post office parking lot.
- Discussed the intersection at Deerfield Road/Davids Lane and Rt. 27. The State has yet to offer any solution. A traffic light is needed at this intersection.
- A resident on Little Cobb Road talked about the impact of rush hour traffic on that road. They also talked about the noise from trucks and the use of air brakes as they enter the hamlet.
- Rt. 27 is controlled by the DOT and the CAC will reach out to the Highway Superintendent re crosswalks and speed limit monitoring for assistance.

Old Mill Road Flooding:

- Karen reported that the road has been marked for catch basins and the town continues to pump out water when the road floods.

Marijuana Dispensaries:

- The members of the CAC have mixed opinions on this topic.
- Some members do not want dispensaries anywhere in the hamlet while others feel the same rules regulating liquor stores should apply for dispensaries.
- All agreed that when the next public hearing is held, individual members should comment if they want, but there is no real consensus from the CAC.

Minutes taken by Rachel Verno