Water Mill Citizens Advisory Committee
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Minutes for December 13th, 2022

Members Present: Steve Abramson, Karen Sutton, Alan Harper, Marlene Haresign, Jamie Egerton-Warburton, Rachel Verno

Guests: Lynn Arthur, Olivia Motch

Minutes for November 8th, 2022 approved

Lynn Arthur/LIPA
-Discussed joining the North Sea CAC in sending a letter to the Legislative Commission regarding oversight of the Long Island Power Authority.
-In 2020, Steve A had uncovered serious irregularities in how LIPA was collecting and charging for the VBA surcharge.
-All members of the CAC agree that more transparency and oversight is needed in all areas of how LIPA is run. To that end, an independent entity should have oversight.
-Discussed other LIPA related issues; the wind farm, publicly elected board members, audits, online complaint forms.

Mill Pond
-Steve A reported on events since our last meeting. The goal is to have the fishery survey conducted in late May/early June and then depending on the results, carp removal would be in October.
-Carp Solutions has presented a $16,000 proposal for fishery survey.

-RFPs may be needed for carp removal due to the changes in terms requested by Carp Solutions/Dr. Bajer.
-Ann Welker has presented a proposal to the WQIP for the fishery survey and carp removal.
-RFPs for lily pad removal should be going out this month. CAC still has a target date for July/August.

Affordable Housing
-Michael Daly has asked Steve A to attend our January meeting.
-Discussed general concerns regarding the lack of a concrete plan regarding how the money collected from the Community Housing Fund will be spent.
-We have heard some general ideas about converting abandoned homes and helping first time home buyers, but nothing specific.
-Rachel spoke with a member of the BH Civic regarding variances being granted to businesses in the hamlet that allowed for less affordable housing units to be built than required by the town code.
-Discussed whether the six Meisel apartments over Tracy Anderson and Bespoke Realty are affordable housing units or just rental apartments.
-Need a full accounting of what affordable housing units (rental and ownership) exist in the hamlet.
-Are businesses in our hamlet required to have affordable units when they exceed the allowable square footage.
-Discussed the history of the Townhouse project that went from twelve affordable housing units when it was a RPDD to the current four.

Other Business
-All members have agreed to stay on for the upcoming 2023 term.

Minutes taken by Rachel Verno