

Water Mill Citizens Advisory Committee
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Minutes for May approved

Members Present: Steve Abramson, Gloria Rabinowitz, Marlene Haresign, Rik Kristiansson, Jamie Egerton-Warburton, Rachel Verno

Guests: Councilman Rick Martel, Jacqueline Fenlon, Chris LaGuardia, Angela Moreno-Long, Carl Carlson, Sandy Raynor, Karen Raynor, Eileen Noonan, Tom Noonan, Robert Burden, Mosey Muller, Cindy Corwith, Daniel McKeever, Ed Kush, Tim Maran, Cyndi Maran, Patsy Kahn, Olivia Motch, Tsewang Motch, Jane LaGuardia, Mickey Lemle, Joseph Sanchez

MILL CREEK PARK

-The LaGuardia Design Group made a presentation for the approximately 8 acre parcel that is made up of three separate CPF purchases. This is a preliminary proposal, the first opportunity for the public to view the plans. The LaGuardia Group asked for comments from the community. The plans will then be submitted to the Town for review. This is a Town owned and maintained park.

-The proposal would be to remove the road that separates Settler's field and have all 3 parcels combined. The electric lines will be removed.

-Proposed are 16 parking spots, bathroom facilities, kayak storage and launch area, fishing area, pavilion area, walking paths, benches and recreation space.

-There are no plans for picnic tables or barbecue areas.

-Dogs would be permitted on leashes.

-Questions about whether irrigation which currently exists on Settler's field would be installed. There is currently no plan for irrigation on the rest of the property.

-Discussion about reducing kayak storage area and maybe use that area for parking.

-The parking area will be screened from the road and the residential properties.

-Plantings will be kept low from the highway vista. Trees along the highway will also permit clear site lines into the park.

-There is a pedestrian opening along the highway. Sidewalks are proposed to be setback further from the highway and an open rail type fence will surround the park.

-The park will have hours. Probably from sunrise to sunset. There is no proposed lighting.

-The goal is to make the park safe and community centric while respecting the natural habitat and wetland areas.

-Attendees were asked to leave comments both pro and con.

-The presentation was taped so anyone can have access to the presentation and Q&A.

SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT

- Discussed the Village proposal for Bower's Lane.
- Councilman Martel explained that the Town Board was not interested in pursuing this plan.
- An individual could still purchase this property which is currently on the market and give it to the Village to use.
- The residents in the area have retained David Gilmartin to represent them.
- The residents in the area would like the Town to purchase the land through CPF. With CPF, there is no guarantee that the land would be protected from future water quality use (a sewage treatment plant) so it was suggested that the Peconic Land Trust may be a better way to go.
- CAC members voted that this piece of property should not be used by the Village for a sewage treatment plant and the Village should look for a more appropriate location. All guests agreed.

CRESCENT ROAD BIKE PATH

- Rachel had reached out to the Trustees and the Highway Superintendent regarding a proposed bike path.
- The consensus from the members and all guests is that this seems an unnecessary given the fact that this is a dead end road with little or no traffic.
- Questions were asked about who asked for the bike path, where does it lead to, what other roads are involved, what is the cost and what is the purpose.
- Councilman Martel explained that the Town is looking for areas to create bike paths.
- The Highway Superintendent has been asked to clear Town right of ways and to also find suitable locations for potential bike paths. This location was not something the Town has asked for.
- The CAC members agreed that this was not a location that needed formalized bike paths. All guests agreed.
- Rachel had also inquired about parking and drainage on Mohawk, Rose Hill and Cove Roads. Marc Braeger, the Deputy Highway Superintendent has contacted Rachel.

MILL POND

- Solitude Solutions is on site for two days to conduct the fishery survey and will harvest any carp they come across in the process.
- Lily pad removal is scheduled.
- Carp harvesting will be scheduled pending the results of the fishery survey.
- Since our meeting, we have been informed that a report and recommendations from Solitude Solutions will be presented to the Trustees.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Discussed need for lighted crosswalks. Should there be a crosswalk near the park so people can safely cross the highway. We would like our crosswalks to mirror what exists in Bridgehampton.
- One guest suggested no right turns on red at the David White's location (heading east).
- Discussed no left turns off of Old Mill Road.
- Comments about excessive speed on Rt. 27. Suggestion that the speed limits should be lowered at the intersection with CR39 and then throughout the hamlet.

- Can the light at Station Road be blinking during the morning rush or only triggered when someone is waiting to exit the Water Mill Shoppes.
- Discussed limiting left turns out of Nowedonah (at the new Townhouse Project).
- General consensus that there should probably be a traffic study through the corridor. Councilman Martel will give us a contact at the DOT to try to discuss some of these concerns.
- Olivia Motch reported new dark skies legislation lowering the shut off time from midnight to 10pm.
- Questions about noise complaints, specifically at Calissa's. The police have been called numerous times. Councilman Martel said the Town is working on the nuisance code.
- Complaints about all the furniture on the Town right of way at the Laurel Group property on Deerfield Road which blocks the site lines and makes it dangerous to turn on to the highway.
- Complaints about all the signage being placed throughout the hamlet.

Since the CAC meeting, members have learned that the Town has purchased the property at 319 Upper Seven Ponds Road for the purpose of a Fire House substation. A Planning Board work session is scheduled for June 22nd which means this project has been in the works for some time. The project has never been discussed with the CAC and to the best of our knowledge, has not been discussed with the neighboring property owners. The CAC has drafted a letter that will be submitted to The Town of Southampton Town Board and Planning Board.

Minutes taken by Rachel Verno