

Water Mill Citizens Advisory Committee
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Minutes for October 9th, 2023

Minutes for September 11th, 2023 approved

Members: Karen Sutton, Rik Kristiansson, Marlene Haresign, Gloria Rabinowitz, Alan Harper, Rachel Verno

Guests: Manny Vilar, Oliva Motch, Tsewang Motch, Ed Kush, Leonel Pereira
Guests via Zoom: Helen Verno, Judith Verno, Trudy Pereira

Mill Pond:

-Brief update on Lily Pad harvesting.

Guest:

-Manny Vilar is running for County Legislator. He introduced himself, discussed his background and goals for the County.

-He listened to the concerns we had regarding the Firehouse proposal and offered some insight.

Firehouse:

-Discussed status of Fire District proposal.

-The Commissioners are still pursuing the 319 Upper Seven Ponds location.

-The CAC has located another property at 40 Station Road that they will propose. (Since the CAC meeting, several members attended the Fire District monthly meeting and suggested the location. The Commissioners immediately looked at the property).

-The questions that the CAC presented to the Fire District Commissioners several months ago, have still not been answered. Our questions are similar to what the Planning Board has requested.

-How many additional fires have occurred in Water Mill to warrant a Firehouse?

-What studies and data exist to show need for a Firehouse in Water Mill?

-How many volunteers live/work in Water Mill?

-What other properties have been looked at over the past 20 years and why were they rejected?

Mill Creek Park:

-Rachel confirmed that covenants can be added to protect the park. Covenants can not be removed, but they can be added. CPF attorney Daniel McCormick can tell us what covenants were put on the property when purchased.

-Not clear if the utility poles can be removed and the wires put underground.

-Covenants on Settler's Field prohibit parking on that land.

-This is a Town project so once plans are submitted to the Town Board, they will have to be reviewed and budgeted by the Parks Department.

-Questions were asked about whether there would be an opportunity to see revised plans that addressed questions/comments from the initial presentation. It is unclear if revised plans will be discussed with the CAC prior to being submitted to the Town.

Rt. 27:

-Comments about the guard rail at the culvert by Little Cobb Road. The guard rail has been in disrepair for an extended amount of time and the repairs that were recently made are inadequate.

-Since our meeting, Gloria contacted the Highway Department. Marc Braeger immediately responded. The NYS DOT repairs were scheduled for that week and Marc followed up with a photograph and confirmation that the repairs were completed.

Minutes taken by Rachel Verno