

Water Mill Citizens Advisory Committee
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Minutes for February 12th, 2024

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Members: Karen Sutton, Rik Kristianson, Alan Harper, Paul Griffin, Rachel Verno, Marlene Haresign

Guests: Councilman Tommy John Schiavoni, Councilman Bill Pell, Lynn Arthur, Kristin White, Jamie Wilson White

CCA:

-Lynn Arthur made a presentation on Community Choice Aggregation. The process is now at the point where the Town Board must decide if they will continue moving forward with pursuing a power supply contract for electricity using renewable sources. An RFP is currently active.

-Over the years, the CAC has supported CCA and the Town pursuing renewable sources for electricity.

-As the process is moving forward, the following questions and comments were made by members and guests.

-Can this be an-opt in instead of opt-out program?

-30 days seems too short of a window for people to opt-out of the program. Can that time be extended?

-Will residents be able to know what renewable sources are being used? There has been concern over wind power. Currently wind power is not part of the program, but may be in the future.

-Will the material being sent to all ratepayers being available in Spanish?

-Will people be available to answer questions and guide ratepayers through what may be a confusing process for some.?

-Will rates be higher/lower, by how much?

-Is the Town Board being advised by a consultant re the RFP?

- The biggest takeaway is that everyone supports the concept of relying on renewable sources for electricity. However, not everyone is in a position financially to participate and pay higher electric bills and there was a general concern that all residents needed to be fully informed and given enough time to opt-out without facing a higher electric bill.
- Lynn also discussed the VBA over-charges that Steve A had brought to our attention. Lynn indicated that there would now be a full audit conducted by LIPA.

MILL CREEK PARK:

- Councilman Schiavoni gave a brief overview. The park will entail the 3 parcels. There are still some details that are being worked on and it was suggested that Chris LaGuardia come back to the CAC with updated plans.

EUPELL PROPERTY:

- The TB approved the purchase. They have not yet closed. A change of zone would be the next step.
- The property is being considered as an ownership model with 37 units. Did not discuss the size of the units.
- CAC asked if there was a project that would be comparable for reference. Water Mill Crossing is 37 units.
- Briefly discussed some other housing opportunities being made possible through CHF.
- Asked about the variances being granted by the ZBA re increased density incentives. Specifically the new Farrell project in Bridgehampton.

VARIOUS:

- Seahorse Stables: comments regarding SH fire marshal asking for a fire hydrant while BH fire district says it is not necessary since there is a fire well.
- Water Mill Bridge: granted a 2 year extension for developing phase 2 for contractor buildings that were approved in 2008.
- Southampton Dog Care: all positive comments at the public hearing.
- Wave veterinary building: no comments at public hearing.
- Budhampton: 992sf building, same as existing building, 20 parking spots, meets all the zoning requirements.
- Corwith Red Barn: will have a public hearing on 2/22.
- Atlantic Golf Club: will have a public hearing on 2/22 for workforce housing proposal.

-Willow Road: will have a public hearing on 3/14 for 6,500sf medical building.

Minutes taken by Rachel Verno