

Water Mill Citizens Advisory Committee
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Minutes for April 8, 2024

Minutes for March 11, 2024 approved

Members: Rachel Verno, Paul Griffin, Rik Kristiansson, Steve Abramson, Gloria Rabinowitz, Alan Harper (zoom), Karen Sutton (zoom)

Guests: Olivia Motch, Jim Weidner, Bob Macris

MILL POND:

-Bob Macris gave brief update.

-Solitude Lake Management had made a presentation to the Town Trustees. They feel if their plan is implemented, there would be dramatic results in the pond in 3 years.

-Would be a data driven approach. Tagging 500 carp, releasing them and then harvesting.

-Eventually stock lake with fish more beneficial to the ecology and also prey on juvenile carp eggs.

-Discussed why the carp collection produced low numbers last year.

-Explained a new technology that they would like to use on the pond, have not given details yet as to what that technology is.

-Also discussed using Alum and DEC now using that more. Still a question in Mill Pond because it flows into Mecox.

-CAC discussed best way get project moving along this spring. To that end, will try to schedule a meeting with Council Members Pell and Schiavoni and Trustees Horowitz and Maran (the new liaison for Water Mill)

-Since our meeting, Bob Macris, Steve A and Rachel met with Trustee Maran and Council Member Schiavoni.

-A new 2 year plan must be presented and approved. No work will begin until Thanksgiving 2024.

TRAFFIC MITIGATION AND SAFETY COMMITTEE:

- Discussed the upcoming meeting for the newly created Traffic Mitigation and Safety Committee.
- Three issues in Water Mill. CR39, Rt.27 and backroads.
- The Committee is holding 6 meetings in 6 months and then delivering a report to the County for the traffic study they are conducting on CR39.
- Talked about the merge of 2 lanes heading East in the morning into the one lane on Rt.27. Was the merge any better before the portion from North Sea Road heading East to the intersection was widened? That section was widened about 2 years after the rest of the project was completed. At the time (2011) the CAC had asked the County if that section could remain one lane so the merge would happen on CR39 instead of Rt.27.
- Discussed whether the Town should have a building moratorium during the height of the season to address traffic.
- Discussed congestion pricing and non-resident fees of some kind.
- Some residents on Mill Farm Lane have asked that their road be closed during the rush hour. How do you decide what roads should get to be closed to through traffic? Is that fair to people living on Little Cobb of Upper Seven and Old Mill. These are all public roads.
- Discussed portable speed humps that can be removed in the winter to address highway department/snow plowing concerns.
- Speeding on all back roads and through the hamlet center. How can that be controlled? Speed monitors?
- Discussed existing crosswalks and potential new crosswalks in the area of the new park. Why don't our crosswalks have solar powered light on the street like BH and EH?
- Discussed that there is not a real sidewalk/shoulder coming off of Little Cobb Road heading east into the hamlet center. Before the metal guard rails were replaced there had always been a small protected area to walk. A fair amount of people who work in the Cobb Road area, walk to the bus stop in the hamlet center and it is dangerous.
- Discussed that new signage in the hamlet backroads feels more like highway signage. Old Mill Road/Head of Pond new signage feels excessive.
- Rachel will attend the first meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Rivian looking to open a charging station at the patio.com location. Planning Board commented that the plans looked more like a convenience store than a car dealership so they would have to go to zoning for that type of use.
- Comments about all the signage in the hamlet and the large sculptures at the Water Mill Shoppes. Directed residents to contact code enforcement directly as well as file a complaint on the Town's online SOS site.

Minutes taken by Rachel Verno