

Water Mill Citizens Advisory Committee
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Minutes for May 13th, 2024

Members: Steve Abramson, Jamie Egerton-Warburton, Rachel Verno, Karen Sutton (Zoom)

Guests: Councilmember Tommy John Schiavoni, Jamison Wilson, James Weidner

MILL POND:

-Updated everyone re meeting Bob Macris, Steve A and Rachel had with Trustee Maran and Councilmember Schiavoni

TRAFFIC MITIGATION MEETING:

-Rachel gave brief overview of the two meetings. Next meeting is June 26th at 4pm.

CANNABIS DISPENSARY: 978 Montauk Hwy at Willow Road

- Rachel went to the work session, there will be a pre submission conference on June 27 at 6pm. The CAC will put this on the agenda for June and put together comments/questions.
- The building will remain the same, no plans to change the exterior, the applicant recognizes the historic importance of the building.
- The apartments upstairs will not be able to be used because of Town code re dispensaries. CAC discussed that it would be nice if the apartments could remain. Perhaps they could be used for employees/security.
- Questions regarding how many dispensaries can be located in our hamlet. Currently the code only says there has to be 1000ft. between dispensaries.
- Discussed the numerous letters of intent that the Town Board received for dispensaries in Water Mill. Can/how will that be limited?
- Discussed the dispensary in Bridgehampton.
- Questions about lighting, security and curb cuts. The State has been eliminating curb cuts on to RT27. Will that impact Willow?
- How much traffic will this use generate? Is there any data to learn from?
- There is also the medical building being proposed on the East side of Willow. How will these two businesses impact the area? Traffic impact?

HEAD OF POND/LOWER SEVEN PONDS:

- Rachel attended the public hearing.
- Discussed process moving forward to better inform the community (specifically residents directly impacted) and CAC members about plans for future projects.
- This intersection is probably the first of several intersections that will be looked at by the Town and Highway Superintendent. Some residents were told that the intersection at Upper, Lower, Seven and Seven Ponds Road is next to be looked at.
- Not clear if this is for safety, traffic flow or both.

- Community needs to decide how they would like the back roads looked at. If traffic flows more readily will that bring more traffic to the residential areas? Should we be encouraging traffic to stay on the highway? Is that even possible? What is the proper balance?
- No one has seen plans for this intersection, but CAC assumes that it will be similar to what we have at the Head of Pond and Deerfield intersection. Since our CAC, the Town Board has passed a resolution to hire McLean Engineering to produce a study and designs for the intersection.
- The residents on Dimon Court/Millfarm Lane have asked for their road to be closed to commuter traffic. There is a public hearing on May 28th to extend the hours banning commuter traffic.

OTHER ISSUES:

- Discussed overall condition of Rt27 and the possibility of having someone from the DOT meet with some community members to discuss speed limits, signage and overall appearance of the corridor.
- Discussed crosswalks, the light, roundabouts.
- With the park, should there be a crosswalk somewhere around Cobb Road? Is that safe?
- There is signage on the highway by the Parrish for a crosswalk, but unclear if that is planned.
- How can people walk safely through the hamlet? Should there be a lighted crosswalk at one of the intersections? Can the light be replaced with a lighted crosswalk? Can we have a light that only changes when pedestrians trigger it? How do you safely address people taking the bus and needing to cross the highway? Discussed the cost of a lighted crosswalk.
- Will the new townhouses generate traffic that requires the light? Will people use Nowedonah if the light is too long?
- Still waiting to close on Euell property.
- May 17 rally at the Hampton Bays train station to petition MTA for more funding for additional commuter trains.
- Discussed the water that is accumulating by Corwith Park at the bench and dock on Old Mill Road that seems to be a result of the stormwater abatement project. The project keeps water off of the road, but it is not draining properly and there is concern that it will be going into the pond.
- The new intersection at Old Mill and Head of Pond should be adjusted.

Minutes taken by Rachel Verno