

Hamton Bays Citizens' Advisory Committee  
Meeting Notes  
March 21, 2024

In attendance: Colvin Cumberbatch (“CC”), Victoria Firemark (“VF”), James Mackin (“JM”), Rick Martel (“RM”) Michael McCullough (“MM”), Phillip Metzger (“PM”) Amy Schmersal-Paradise (“AP”), Gail Shepard (“GS”), Ann Spellman (“AS”), Linda Wells (“LW”).

Missing: Christine Taylor, Sarah Doud.

Guests: Cyndi McNamara (“CM”), Michael Iasilli (“MI”), Paula Godfrey (“PG”).

GS opened the meeting at 6pm.

CM: Habitat for Humanity is collecting household items at transfer station. Hometown Heros banner program flag program is going on. Great Eastern Cleanup is on the Town’s website.

MI: Traffic Mitigation taskforce on road safety at the Town Hall. This will address congestion and safety. They will have a bi-monthly meeting. The Disability Advisory Committee will be converted to a taskforce now. The goal is to have a resource fair. Dark Skies will be on 4/12 at 7pm.

CM: There will be a 4/4/2024 work session on the Downtown Mitigation Project with Historical Concepts.

MM: The Historical Concepts survey forced people to agree to a percentage of plan for housing. There was no “zero” option in the survey. These is a contingent of the Hampton Bays population that wants no housing, and this was not recorded in the survey.

GS: Bel Aire Cove Update... I have had 4 calls from neighbors about the dumping going on at that site.

MI: Bell Air Cove. Terminate the Urban Renewal Plan. The Trustees will build a kayak ramp in 2025.

JM: Dumping is going on there.

GS: Shinnecock Nation Gas Station, Travel Center Update.

CM: DOT discussion with Tribe is now happening. There will be an oral argument on the Road Sign litigation tomorrow. Access to NTR entrance would be for tribal members only.

GS: BESS Moratorium Update.

MI: Bess moratorium. Contract has not been finalized with community. Amendments to the Work Plan will be submitted. There will be a Work Session and the consultant has not been finalized.

GS: Area in HB near Car Wash wanted to have a 10–15-year battery storage area is off the table near Tortorella. Now looking for medical offices there.

GS: Cone Program .....begins April 1

GS: Will the North Road be renovated during the cone operation?

CM: No, it will just be the cone operation.

MI: Traffic Mitigation and Safety Taskforce can address this question.

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GS: Status of CELL TOWER on Commercial Fishing Dock property

RM: Diner property is with the planning board.

PG: Veterans banners are 12-13 right now. There will be a push.

JM: The panhandling has been reduced.

PG: Panhandlers called the Town looking for guidance.

RM: Doran's. The renovation looks good.

GS: Appoint Secretary to CAC. Michael McCullough will be the Secretary.

All: Woodbridge Road property discussion. GS will write to Kerri Meyer in Planning that we are undecided on Woodbridge Road property.

GS concluded meeting at 8:15pm.