

Water Mill Citizens Advisory Committee
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Minutes for April 8 and May13, 2024 approved

Members: Rik Kristiansson, Gloria Rabinowitz, Jamie Egerton-Warburton, Paul Griffin, Rachel Verno

Guests: Olivia Motch, Jim Weidner, Patsy Kahn

Updates:

- Town Board held a public hearing for extending the hours of no turns on to Diamon Court. Rachel reported that she wrote a letter to the Town Board as a resident and not as a representative of the CAC. The CAC had no comments. Two residents who live on Cobb and Little Cobb Road commented that the traffic on their road that is being used as a bypass has become intolerable and they may ask for their road to be closed during certain hours. Also discussed speed bumps on these roads.
- Town Board passed a resolution on CAC code of conduct. No one has contacted the CAC about these rules and it is unclear what the actual procedure would be, if and when an issue arises. Discussion by the Town Board also mentioned that CACs were not keeping minutes and the Town Board wants to make sure that the CACs were appropriately representing the Town. The CAC submits minutes every month to the Town for distribution and they are on the Town of Southampton's website.
- Town Board has a resolution scheduled for their next meeting to engage the services of LaGuardia Design Group for \$81,125.00 (from CPF

property stewardship fund) for design development and construction documents for the park at Mill Creek Creek.

-Town Board putting out a bid for the design of the Water Mill Fish Ladder located at the culvert by the Water Mill Museum. Funding had been approved last year by the WQIP. Several residents witnessed hundreds of carp trying to make their way from Mill Creek back into Mill Pond so there is concern about how this will be designed so as to not let carp back into the pond.

-The Town Board passed two resolutions re the hiring of McKlean Engineering to do a study and design the intersection of Lower Seven and Head of Pond Road. The CAC feels it would be important to see the plans when completed and share with the community. CAC would also like to see all the plans for the backroads and the intersections. Will request that at the next Traffic Mitigation and Safety meeting.

-Discussed other traffic issues and CAC feels there should be a uniform speed limit of 30mph on the backroads and on Rt 27. Currently the backroads vary from 30-45mph. Heading east on Rt. 27 the speed limit is 40mph from the intersection with CR39 to Cobb Road when it goes to 30mph. It goes back up to 40mph at the Green Thumb. Heading west the speed limit goes to 30mph after Deerfield Road and back to 40mph right after Old Mill Road. CAC feels 30mph would be appropriate from the intersection with CR39 through Scuttlehole Rd. CAC will ask the Town Board to consider this at the next Traffic Mitigation and Safety meeting.

-CAC will also ask the Town to consider installing speed monitors on Rt 27 at either end of the hamlet center in an attempt to control the excessive speeding.

-Garbage cans at the two bus shelters are out of control. It does not appear that anyone is emptying them. Several residents have complained. Since our CAC meeting, Gloria has reached out to the the Highway Department, Tom Houghton and Maggio Carting which took over S&P carting, who had previously been handling the trash in exchange for a sign on the bus shelters. Maggio was unaware of any agreement. The DOT is technically responsible for emptying the trash, but it has always been an issue. The trash has now been emptied and the Town will be in touch with the DOT.

-Discussed the storm water abatement plan that was completed last year on Old Mill Road. There is a substantial amount of water that accumulates on the side of the road by the bench and launch at Corwith Park and it is not draining properly. Concern about standing water and that this may also be going into the pond.

Cannabis Dispensary 978 Montauk Highway

- Discussed comments for pre-submission conference June 27th.
- Discussed traffic patterns, curb cuts, amount of traffic.
- 6500sf medical building is proposed on opposite corner. How will this impact Willow Road?
- Discussed curb cuts on to rt 27. Left turns on to Willow Road.
- Preserving the facade of the building so no changes are made, specifically to the paned windows. Can we prevent the paned windows from being changed for picture windows?
- Lighting will be dark skies, but more and more businesses are keeping lights on all night.
- Signage
- Security
- Parking
- How many dispensaries will be allowed in the hamlet?
- Consumption
- Accessory building on the site
- CAC all agreed that the apartment(s) in the building should be allowed to remain and it is unfortunate to lose any rental units.

Minutes taken by Rachel Verno