

Water Mill Citizens Advisory Committee
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Minutes for July 8th, 2024

Members Present: Karen Sutton (via Zoom), Gloria Rabinowitz, Rachel Verno

Guests: Olivia Motch, Jim Weidman, Johanna Halsey, Patti Wellens Halsey, Nancy Miller

Minutes for June approved

GARBAGE AT THE BUS SHELTERS:

-Gloria gave an update regarding the status of the garbage pickup at the 2 bus shelters. S&P had been doing the garbage pickup in exchange for a poster/advertisement at the two shelters. Gloria contacted Maggio the company that bought S&P and they reported that they were told by the Town that their services were not needed. It is unclear why. The highway department is only responsible for the garbage collection in the hamlet and the DOT is responsible for the garbage pick up at the bus shelters (which is clearly not being addressed). Gloria arranged for the highway department to pick up the existing garbage and the Town will be making the appropriate arrangements for future garbage pickup at the bus shelters.

CANNABIS DISPENSARY 978 Montauk Highway:

- Rachel attended the pre-submission conference and gave an update. The CAC submitted a letter to the Planning Board with comments.
- Traffic and Circulation, Facade protections, ingress and egress, relation to the proposed medical building on the opposite corner and future cross access from the restaurant to Willow, parking, lighting, security and impact on Willow and backroads.
- Future use re consumption laws. What are they?
- Potential for housing opportunity on site.

CALISSA RESTAURANT 1020 Montauk Highway:

- New ownership.
- Planning Board wants a cross access to Willow which the applicant has agreed to.
- Plans call for a permanent roof/enclosure for the approved outdoor seating area. The sides will not have walls.

TRAFFIC MITIGATION COMMITTEE MEETING:

- Rachel attended the meeting and as per last CAC meeting asked that plans for all proposals for the backroad intersections be shared with the community. Referenced plans for the intersection at Lower and Head of Pond that McLean is working on as well as the roundabout mentioned by the highway superintendent.
- How does the Town see the backroads functioning in the future? Is the idea to keep commuter traffic off of the backroads or use the backroads as a means to alleviate traffic on the highway?
- Asked for speed monitors at either end of the hamlet.
- Asked for a uniform speed limit of 30mph throughout the hamlet backroads and on Rt.27

-Reminded the committee that there is an affordable housing project planned near the merge of CR39 and Rt27 and widening Rt27 at that location (which has been discussed in the past as a means to address the backup) may prove to be problematic for residents' ability to make left turns out of the complex.

-The committee asked CAC to submit a written record of our comments.

-Rachel reported that the committee had a rep from the MTA who explained that with congestion pricing on hold, all MTA projects were also on hold including adding trains to the commuter service that the Town had been hoping for.

-There was a presentation made by a resident about a second highway being created above the existing railroad tracks.

-Councilman Iasilli told the public that roundabouts in Water Mill were being considered on Rt27 at the western end of the hamlet near the culvert and at Scuttlehole Road. Also mentioned removing the stop light. One attendee at the meeting commented that there was no way the owners of the new townhouse complex would approve the removal of that stop light.

-All of our guests at the CAC meeting spoke against roundabouts in the hamlet and some comments and questions included: placement, size, emergency vehicles, pedestrian and bike safety, improbability of eliminating all left turns and the stoplight which is servicing the townhouses. All agreed that the issue of left turns off of Old Mill Road would be solved with a roundabout.

-Guests questioned whether the Town would be sharing the plans and what was the time frame for this type of project.

MECOX BAY CONSERVANCY:

-Brief discussion about letter that was sent to residents living on Mecox. Mill Pond residents were not yet contacted.

PARK AT MILL CREEK:

-Chris LaGuardia's services/fee were approved by the Town Board and covered by CPF.

-He will be drawing plans for the RFP process.

-Unclear if the plans will be presented to the community before they go out to bid.

-Guests asked if final plans could be shared with the community,

FIRE HOUSE:

-Rachel reported that the Fire District Commissioners plan to demolish the existing house at 319 Upper Seven Ponds Road because there have been squatters living on the property.

-The goal is to demo the building the first week after Memorial Day.

-Ben Chaleff is writing up the bid proposal and it will be advertised once the Fire District Commissioners' attorney signs off.

-Bid will be awarded on August 8th prior to the start of the Commissioners' monthly meeting.

-Bid includes demo and reseeding the property.

-No news on the Firehouse proposal on North Sea Road

Minutes taken by Rachel Verno