

Water Mill Citizens Advisory Committee
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October 14th, 2024

Members: Rachel Verno, Gloria Rabinowitz, Marlene Haresign, Steve Abramson

Guests: Olivia Motch, Nancy Miller, Patty Wellen, Johanna Halsey, Greg Teitjen (on Zoom)

Minutes for September 9th, 2024 approved

MILL POND:

- Update from Bob Macris' email re no carp harvesting this season.
- The plan to lower Mill Pond is not feasible, the cut is open, the pond is as low as it will get and the clarity of Mill Pond is bad.
- Solitude has also concluded that there are not many Carp in Mill Pond. Discussed the large numbers seen in Mill Creek.
- Discussed if the proposed fish ladder would help carp in Mill Creek make their way back into Mill Pond.
- Trustees plan to introduce blue gill bass this season. Discussed how they will survive if there are still carp in the pond.
- Discussed the recent fish kill.
- There is a Trustees meeting on October 21 to discuss the Solitude plan.
- There is a Zoom meeting on October 29 with the Mecox Bay Conservancy and Chris Gobler.

TRAFFIC MITIGATION:

- The County is holding an informational meeting on October 16th.
- The final traffic mitigation meeting will be held on October 30.
- CAC advised guests that are in attendance to either attend the meetings or send in emails re any concerns they have regarding Little Cobb Road and recommendations that have been made by the committee.

RIVIAN:

- Updated everyone on the Planning Board Public Hearing.
- Building will remain the same.
- This is not a dealership or repair shop, it is just a charging station. It will be open 24 hours a day. There will be public bathrooms accessible with a code when you charge your car.
- Initially station will only be for Rivian vehicles, but eventually all cars will be able to use charging stations.
- There will be 6 charging stations. There could be more in the future. There are no batteries being stored and no issues with fire. The charging stations will be connected to the electric grid.
- You will be able to test drive a car, but there will not be multiple cars stored on the site.

- Primary Planning Board issue is traffic circulation, specifically how people will enter and exit the property safely. Planning Board will require a traffic study. Unclear if there is any opportunity for cross access to help with the safety issues.
- Tesla across the street has been approved, but there is no indication when they plan to begin construction. The Tesla building is for sale, they are only renting the space. Unsure of the length of the lease.
- Not clear if Rivian purchased the property or if they are leasing.

PARK AT MILL CREEK:

- No real updates from Chris Laguardia. He is still waiting for some issues re utility poles and road to be resolved.
- Some guests asked for no bathrooms to be located at the park.
- Discussed what kind of lighting would be required.

FIRE HOUSE:

- Fire District Commissioners have advertised to demolish the house and garage on the property.
- The target is to demo the building after Thanksgiving and before Christmas.
- The SH Village Fire Department will probably use the building for some type of training drill before demolition.
- The Fire District Commissioners have submitted their budget with the permitted 2% increase. The reserves are currently over 10 million.
- No meeting has been set between the Village and the Commissioners re North Sea property.
- Election for Fire District Commissioner is December 10th.

Minutes taken by Rachel Verno