

## EAST QUOGUE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING (EQ CAC)

### Meeting Minutes

November 13, 2024

Bay Ave Marina Building, 7PM

Cathy Zambetti, Chair, called the meeting to order. Cyndi McNamara, the EQ Town Board Liaison, was in attendance.

#### 1. Planning and Zoning issues:

Cathy Zambetti reported that the Dockers proposal filed for an Environmental Impact statement. No other actions on outstanding proposals.

2. Guest Speaker, August Ruckdeschel, the Long Island Clean Energy Coordinator, led a short discussion about how his organization works to provide education and information related to clean energy options. Their efforts are designed to help consumer assess the various energy options. He listed the various federal and state tax credits for solar and discussed the types of geothermal home heating energy systems. For further information, go to [www.lismartenergychoices.org](http://www.lismartenergychoices.org), or call 516-832-2591 ext 12.

#### 3. Landscaping and Other Environmental Updates:

The group discussed the status of the trees on Main Street including several of which appear to be dying. Ms. Zambetti reported that she had reached out to Suffolk County as promised at last month's meeting. However, she was told that these trees were not the responsibility of Suffolk County despite the fact that Montauk Highway is a county road. Further follow up is planned.

Discussions continue about launching an effort to establish a Park District for East Quogue. Several members indicated that this effort must be broad-based with several community organizations at the planning table including the EQ Civic Assn, the EQ Historical Society and others. Efforts to explore the feasibility of a Park District will begin in the new year.

Ms. McNamara gave a brief explanation of the NYS Pro Housing Community Program which provides funding for numerous strategies to improve housing related issues. She indicated her opposition to the Town of Southampton applying for this certification citing the possibility of having to disclose data about community. Others indicated their skepticism of this rationale and indicated the need for housing for our teachers, fire and police personnel and other service workers in our community.

#### 4. Other Business

A discussion was held concerning the elections of the leadership for the EQ CAC. Last year, only those who were listed as EQ CAC "members" on the Town of Southampton website were allowed to vote. Although documents indicated that members that missed more than three meetings should be asked to resign their position, Ms. McNamara indicated that those rules were never adopted. Ms. McNamara indicated that no rules should be applied to voting for the leadership; those that attend the December meeting should vote for the slate of candidates. There were no objections.

#### 5. Community Events

- Holiday on Main: December 7, 2024
- Menorah Lighting: December 25, 2024

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:20pm.