

Water Mill Citizens Advisory Committee
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Minutes for April 14, 2025
This meeting was on Zoom

Members: Steve Abramson, Jamie Egerton Warburton, Rik Kristiansson, Karen Sutton, Gloria Rabinowitz. Rachel Verno

Guests: Councilmember Rick Martel, Trustee Chip Maran, Trustee Scott Horowitz, Executive Director Mecox Bay Conservancy Jay Schneiderman, Mill Pond Committee Chair Bob Macris, Steve Lerner, Nancy Miller, Tom Shatton, Joanne Hawkins

-Minutes for March 10, 2025 approved

-Updated Councilmember Martel on different projects including:

- The park at Mill Creek, La Guardia Group has plans with the Town for review.
- Hampton Premium Green, cannabis dispensary on Willow Road had public hearing.
- Medical building proposal on Willow Road had a work session.
- Rivian car dealership at patio.com. location is moving forward.
- Firehouse proposal on Upper Seven Ponds.

-Discussed upcoming public hearings for different parking regulations. Extended dates for beach parking and no overnight parking on certain streets in Water Mill.

-Traffic Mitigation and Safety Committee is putting together the final draft of their report. The report supports having the State explore the roundabout proposal including removing the light at Station Road. (Since our meeting, the final report has been made available on the Town website).

-Discussed public hearing for ending video conferencing at all meetings held at Town Hall. Live streaming would still be available at all meetings, but the public would not have the opportunity to use Zoom. The CAC submitted a letter opposing the end of videoconferencing. Rachel spoke at the public hearing. It is unclear if the other land use boards were consulted about ending videoconferencing and what their opinion is. Also unclear if videoconferencing will be permitted for paid consultants.

MILL POND:

-Jay gave an update on the progress of the Mecox Bay Conservancy. Discussed the different grants they have applied for including funding to hire a watershed manager, installation of a new sanitary system at Mecox Landing Condominiums and permeable reactive barriers to be installed on town owned property on Head of Pond Road/Deerfield area.

-The highway superintendent is applying for funding for a project to install phosphorus filters on the existing drains on Deerfield Road as well as bioswales on Rose Hill Road and Bay Lane.

-Trustee Maran gave an update on the status of Mill Pond. A decision has been made not to spend existing funds on harvesting carp and instead reallocate the money for Alum treatment