

Water Mill Citizens Advisory Committee  
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Minutes for September 8th, 2025

Members: Rik Kristiansson, Rachel Verno, Gloria Rabinowitz, Jamie Egerton Warburton, Karen Sutton (Zoom)

Guests: Councilman Rick Martel, Olivia Motch, Nancy Miller, Jim Weidner, Helen Verno (Zoom)

Minutes for August 11th, 2025 approved

**Term Limits and Length of Terms for appointed Boards:**

-Discussed the two public hearings regarding ending term limits for ZBA and Planning Board members and shortening length of terms from 7 to 4 years.

**Shrub Proposed Legislation:**

- The Town Board is still working on this.
- Discussed concerns re Town encouraging residents to serve written notice to neighbors and then suing them. Is there another way to handle neighbor disputes regarding shrubs.
- Laws exists allowing residents to cut back shrubs encroaching on their property, but nothing about how and who pays for that upkeep.
- How do you deal with large growth trees?
- Is this for new plantings or also pre-existing?
- Councilman Martel informed CAC that Julie Green is putting together an inventory of historic trees, specifically "bent tree" markers. Nancy Miller has one on her property and she will contact Julie.
- Olivia Motch raised concerns about the condition of a number of trees in the hamlet and who is responsible for their upkeep and trimming.

**Mill Pond:**

-Scott is still waiting for pre-application meeting with DEC re Alum.

**General:**

- Discussed "sculpture park" located at Water Mill Shoppes. This is now a permanent exhibit with rotating outdoor sculptures located on the green. It is unclear if this is acting as a gallery and are the sculptures for sale.
- Robert's property is also exhibiting a number of sculptures. I also appears as though someone may be living on the property in a trailer parked in the back. Discussed the charity event held and what permits do/don't need to be obtained for special events.
- Ryan Murphy has responded to the signage complaints at the two properties.
- Nancy Miller asked about signage at Dunkin' Donut located on CR39. Councilman Martel's office looked into this and this is located on Village property.
- A number of WQIP grants were approved including a drainage project on Rose Hill Road and retrofitting screens on the existing drains located on Old Mill Road in front of the museum in the center of the road.

Minutes taken by Rachel Verno

