

Southampton Town
Citizen Advisory Committee-WEST

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CAC-West Minutes - January 8, 2020

Attendance: Rachel Valdespino, Frances Ventura, Dorothy Labowski, Terrence Manikas, Emily Sanz, Dimitrios Papadopoulos, Doug Adams, Carol Corcoran, Francis O'Donnell, Rich Baldwin, George Lynch, Fran Barnes, Katie Giuffre, Steve Giuffre, Craig Catalanotto, Hank Beck, Beverly Rood, Janet Beck. Craig Catalanotto called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM at the Remsenburg Academy. Councilman John Bouvier could not attend because of a meeting conflict.

Rich Baldwin (a certified hydrogeologist) talked for a while about the affects and geology of the now infanous "Speonk Plume". There was a lively back-and-forth with Mr. Baldwin going over most of the factors already known about the plume. He introduced the concept of emerging contaminants and that the source of the original plume may not be found because it my have totally disipated into the ground. He added that some plumes may have a trailing edge as well as a leading edge. He also remarked about the lack of a model that would show how the plumes leading edge might progress,

We also discussed the possible CPF aquisition of the "Woodfield Gables" property (approximately 160 acres) even though many think it contains the source of the "Speonk Plume." A show of hands was 100% in favor of the CPF purchase. Several of the CAC-West members will attend the hearing on Tuesday January 14th to support the purchase.

The constant fan noise from the treatment facility at 41 North Phillips was discussed as was the problem with some lights that are not in compliance with the "Dark Skies" code. Work is under way to remediate these problems.

Even though there is a commitment from the LIRR to install water collection basins at the Speonk Station parking lot no evidence of work has been seen. With the wet season approaching this is a priority concern to the homeowners in the area. Assemblyman Fred Thiele has been most helpful in this regard and several memebbers are writing to him directly asking why there has been no progress.

We mentioned the possibility of a Westhampton area community center but Councilman Bouvier was not here to discuss what Craig described as delicate knowledge.

We also reviewed two Planning Department submissions. One is an "As-Of-Right" 4 lot R-40 plan on South Phillips Avenue. We saw no problems. The other is a change to the

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number and use of buildings at the Speonk marina. We saw no problems with the exception of concern about increased sanitary use at a facility that is at the edge of Moriches Bay. Craig will write a letter to the Planning Board expressing our feelings.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 6th at 7:00 PM at the Westhampton Free Library. Space is becoming a problem at the library so please check your e-mail in case we need to make a change.