

Water Mill Citizens Advisory Committee
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Minutes for January 12, 2026

Members: Steve Abramson, Rachel Verno, Olivia Motch, James Weidner, Gloria Rabinowitz, Alan Harper (Zoom), Jamie Egerton-Warburton (Zoom), Rik Kristiansson (Zoom), Andrew Rouff (Zoom)

Guests: Supervisor Moore, Councilman Neely, Janice Scherer (Zoom), Michael Wright, Grania Brolin, Tip Brolin, Cindy Corwith, Daniel McKeever, Johanna Halsey, Patti Halsey Wellen, Paul Rogers, Rod Davis

Hamlet Overview:

-Councilman Neely brought large scale maps of the hamlet so we could give a general overview of hamlet including:

- speed limits on CR39 and Rt27 and CAC's request to have them lowered
- projects in the pipeline like the CHF housing, the park, medical buildings, cannabis dispensaries, the expansion the lumberyard
- pointed out problems with Little Cobb and Old Mill Road
- discussed changes expected on Willow Road and possibly Nowedonah
- identified location of proposed roundabouts
- lack of contiguous sidewalks and no way to walk safely from South of the highway into the hamlet
- general condition of Rt27, numerous potholes, speed limits, lack of uniform signage
- no lighted crosswalks
- one member asked about adjusting the light at Hampton Road for a shorter length of time
- lights are adjusted seasonally, currently at 4 minutes to keep flow from CR39
- there is new smart technology for lights that may be implemented on CR39 and Rt.27
- discussed the potential for a cross access between Nowedonah and Deerfield which is a MTA right of way that currently unpaved
- a development company may be purchasing Market Square and Water Mill Shoppes but not clear if that deal is moving forward

CHF Housing:

- Town has passed legislation to streamline the process for the zone change. There will be a TB work session on January 29 discussing this project.
- Janice explained next steps regarding public hearings.

Park at Mill Creek:

- Discussed some of the issues that are holding up the process, specifically burying the utility lines and the road abandonment. Rachel has been in contact with Jacqueline Fenlon who will be putting together plan and budget for the TB regarding the utility lines and road.

- The Supervisor expressed a desire to get the project moving forward and will explore whether some aspects can proceed.
- One guest pointed out the power lines that run across the cemetery and how those should be moved underground too.

Mill Pond:

- Steve A gave a brief overview and discussed the DEC's position on Alum which is not to permit its use until they have results from their other pilot programs.
- Senator Palumbo submitted a letter to the DEC requesting that the town be allowed to conduct its own pilot program. The DEC was not receptive to that idea.
- Trustee Parsons has expressed reservations about using Alum in Mill Pond.
- Sarah Topping is the new Trustee liaison for Water Mill. Steve, Bob Macris and Jay Schneiderman will set up a meeting with her and either Matt Parsons or Jimmy Mack.

DOT Traffic Study:

- The DOT has not yet responded to the Town's letter regarding the corridor study.
- Assemblyman Schiavoni has been contacted.
- Public involvement is required as part of this process.
- The Supervisor brought schematics of the roundabouts in Westhampton which have planted pavers in the center allowing for oversize trucks or emergency vehicles to drive over while retaining a "green" appearance.

Minutes taken by Rachel Verno