

**Bridgehampton Citizens Advisory Committee**

**Cathie Gandel Co-Chairperson Carey Millard, Co-Chairperson  
Jeffrey Mansfield, Vice-Chairperson, Alejandro Saralegui, Secretary**

**Minutes for meeting December 16, 2013, 7:00 PM**

1. Meeting called to order at 7:02 Attendance:

Julie Burmeister, Phyllis Davis, Bonnie Lowe, Norm Lowe, Gay Lynch, Weezie Quimby, Alejandro Saralegui, Cathie Gandel, Nancy Walter-Yvertes.  
Guests: Pat Wood, Maria Schon, Annette Hinckle, Susan Harrison, Sara Hart, Nick Howey, Jane Gill

2. Approval of Nov. 25, 2013 Minutes.

Moved by Phyllis Davis and seconded by Weezie Quimby

3. Reports from the Community:

Lois Favre, Superintendent and Principal of the Bridgehampton Schools—

-- On target for where they want to be in the next few years.

--In fall of 2012 the school was given Middle States Accreditation.

--Working on Common Core treading lightly and trying to slow down the implementation of the program

--Voted in an approval in March of last year a five year capital repair program.

--Jan 14<sup>th</sup> will be a vote on the spending of these monies with a newsletter that explains how the money will be spent including: fire escapes, removal of buried oil tank repair gym skylight, repair outer buildings

--Community forum to discuss the school budget.

-- Principal has not been replaced nor a retired teache

--Next year it looks like a 1.5% levy because it is now pegged to CPI so \$600,000 will have to be cut from the budget.

--Implementing engineering and robotics courses to ensure our students are getting best tech knowledge.

--Also shifted money to offer more after school programs in writing and reading.

--Enrollment is about the same for the past 3 years: 160 more or less.

There are 6-8 new students this year and a few new ones coming in January. There are 4 tuitioned-in students. We started the year with 5 placed out of district (3 CDCH and 2 residential), and as of January three have all returned.

Kelly Harris, Librarian, Hampton Library

The Library is doing wonderfully and attendance is up. 2000 more people walked through the Library doors in summer of 2013 than the previous year.

-Current newsletter is available in the library

-Now open till 9 pm Mon through Thursdays.

-Mobile app is now ready. It is in essence the library's digital branch.

-Exhibition of photos by George Bradford Brainerd photos of historic Bridgehampton coming up.

-State Senator Kenneth LaValle submitted a grant for a lighted crosswalk in front of the library.

#### 4. Nominating Committee

John Daly, Gay Lynch and Weezie Quimby were the nominating committee and they have chosen the following slate of candidates:

Cathie Gandel to be Chairwoman

Norm Lowe to be Vice-Chairman

Alejandro to be Secretary pro tem, (with Jenice & Phyllis filling in later in the year.)

All were elected unanimously.

#### 5. Old Business (updates from previous meetings)

a) Updates on Planning Board mtgs. Including:

The following projects were not discussed. They are wending their way through the system, but chair person is attending planning board meetings and keeping an eye on them.

Walentas/Engelbrecht barn on Lumber Lane;

Konner Friedlander Gateway project

322 Ocean Road;

Dixie Corp II Blue Light Energy (propane company on Butter Lane);

Casual Water change of use on Foster Ave;

Stavropoulos property/Montauk Highway

--Property that includes the Atrium and the Candy Kitchen, now one parcel, is simply being split into two parcels for estate planning purposes.

545 Halsey Lane

The applicant appeared before the Zoning Board of Appeals to appeal the denial of a building permit to build a basketball court on an Ag Reserve. Covenants that go along with this property do permit recreational purposes. The ZBA is considering this request. It speaks to our concern with how Ag Reserves are being used.

There is concern about Ag Labor housing which is permitted on Ag Reserves, but do those structures ultimately become private homes?

A decision was made to concentrate on this topic of Ag Reserves and their uses for the next year. A committee of Jenice Delano, Nancy Walters-Yvertes and Julie

Burmeister will follow up on this. Perhaps bring in Watermill. There is strength in numbers and this is an issue that the Watermill CAC is also dealing with. Sagaponack is an independent village, not under control of Southampton Town.

6. New Business.

a) IMPORTANT MEETING ON DEC. 18<sup>TH</sup> RE. PLANNED WORK ON BRIDGE ON BRIDGE LANE. PLACE: BRIDGEHAMPTON COMMUNITY CENTER ON THE TURNPIKE; TIME: 6:30 PM. COMMUNITY INVITED

Alex Gregor is going to provide information on the project.

-Fred Cammann. Discussion about widening the bridge has come up in the past, but there was no money to follow through.

-Carey Millard reported on a conversation with Don Louchheim: the plans don't have elevations so he can't speak to the look of it. Guard rails appear enormous; pedestrian sidewalks may be removed. Sagaponack spent money last year to narrow the street and now the Town is looking to widen the bridge

b) Notice from the Town re. Basic STAR registration: registration deadline for current Basic STAR recipients is Dec. 31, 2013. Web site: More information can be found on the Town's website at <http://www.southamptontownny.gov/> or you may contact the Assessor's Office at 631-283-6020 for instructions on how to register.

c) Where do we go from here? Suggestions for topics CAC should address in 2014.

--Ag Reserves as mentioned above

--Be proactive in thinking about summer, especially parking issues. Do we know what the parking rules are and what fines are levied? Can we have an influence in making Bridgehampton safer, especially in the summer?

--Konner Gateway project may be in the Southampton school district. Is it possible to alter school district boundaries?

--A Plan for Bridgehampton Hamlet was adopted by the Town of Southampton in 2004. In 2008, an effort was made to revisit the Plan. Is it time for another review, given how development has progressed?

--Water issues

--Disposing of medications: There has been one drop off point. It's an important issue with regard to our water table.

--CAC members are invited to bring their "pet peeves" to the next meeting. These should be of general interest/importance to the Hamlet.

Tom Neely is looking for a Bridgehampton resident to serve on the Transportation Committee. They meet every 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at Town Hall. Ian MacPherson had done it for years and did a great job.

7. Adjournment.

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**[www.southamptontownny.gov/streetlighting](http://www.southamptontownny.gov/streetlighting) or call 631-728-8585.**