

**Draft copy of September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012 Minutes of Water Mill CAC**  
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**approved at next scheduled meeting**  
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Members present: Barry Levy, Gloria Rabinowitz, Steve Abramson, Marlene Haresign, June Morris, Joseph Krajewski, Rik Kristiansson and Rachel Verno  
Guest: Ruth Manton

The minutes of July were approved.

TRAFFIC AND SAFETY CONCERNS AND MISCELANOUS ITEMS TO REPORT

Rachel reported it appears as though the Southampton Village will not approve the change of zone for Fresh Market at their meeting on Sept. 13. Regardless, Rachel felt that the CR 39 traffic study should be resurrected as The Carpetman addition has been approved by the ZBA and other site plans including the King Kullen supermarket/mini mall are in the pipeline for Cty Rd 39. In light of all of the traffic accidents this summer on that road, a key issue is to get all the businesses connected via cross access so that vehicles can get to a traffic light. The only way the Town can force these easements is to put pressure on developers with future site plans along that Hwy. Existing business owners are reluctant to give their land away.

Since our meeting, the papers have reported that the Village will probably NOT move forward with the zone change allowing for supermarkets in HB. The CAC will continue to monitor this as that could change.

ROAD ISSUES

The CAC will compile a list of all our Traffic issues and will invite Tom Neely, Alex Gregor, Council members Christine Scalera (WM liaison) and Chris Nuzzi (traffic and safety liaison.)

Roads to discuss will include:

- Davids Lane and Montauk highway (across from Deerfield Road)
- intersection of Head of Pond and Old Mill (needs striping adjusted for site lines)
- intersection of Head of Pond and Lower Seven Ponds Road. This intersection was slated for a three way stop similar to what was put in at Head of Pond Road and Deerfield Road
- speed limit on Montauk Hwy heading East as you enter the Hamlet

Also reported: NY State DOT is restriping the Montauk Highway all the way to Bridgehampton.

Water Mill resident, Ruth Manton attended our meeting to express her concern for a street light at the Northeast corner of the Montauk Highway and Deerfield Rd so at night vehicles can see the Deerfield Rd sign to make the turn. She has spoken to Town officials but no action has been taken. It is so dark at that corner that most people go right passed it. It is a safety issue. A utility pole already exists at that corner so a dark sky compliant down light could be erected on it.

MARKET SQUARE AND HAMLET CENTER SIGN AND CODE VIOLATIONS

Two businesses in particular: Hampton Beverage Company and Out of the Closet have numerous violations. The Beverage store has multiple signs tacked up on it doors, plastered against its windows and propped up along the front of the building. Out of the Closet has rolling racks of clothing on the

porch and on the front lawn. Individual items of merchandise are displayed on mannequin forms outside. This clutter is a hazardous distraction to drivers, not to mention its visual pollution. A letter will be sent to the Town Board by the CAC requesting a meeting with a CAC representative and Town officials to remedy this ongoing situation.

NOTE: Since our meeting some merchandise displays have been removed outside the Out of the Closet Shop. Others remain.

NOTE: Since our CAC meeting, Mike Benicasa has confirmed that the signage is down at the Beverage Company.

#### MILL POND REMEDIATION UPDATE – Report from Steve Abramson

Progress is being made. The goal is a finalized contract with SePRO, the Phoslock distributor and applicator by the end of September. Steve and Trustees Fred Havemeyer and Ed Warner, Jr. are meeting individually with Town Board members to secure their agreement to the project, which calls for application of Phoslock in February/early March. A \$10,000 down payment is required in 2012 with a signed contract in order for SePRO to order the quantity required in time for application. Success in the test area of Mill Pond has made it possible for this to go forward.

Note: After our meeting, Fred Havemeyer confirmed that he has submitted a bonding requisition for the project which calls for approx. \$260,000 to be paid after the application of Phoslock and proven results in the first year. A second application will be made in Year 2, and will cost approx. \$150,000. It is anticipated that the treatments will keep the lake clear for three to six years, and most likely towards the upper limit, since nutrients do not flow into the lake from another water body.

(Measurements of phosphorus in the water column will be taken at tight intervals, and increased depth visibility will be checked with Secchi measurements. Secchi disks are black & white disks that are lowered with a measured rope to ascertain visibility depth.)

#### OTHER BUSINESS

Marlene asked about the former St. James hotel property on the Montauk Hwy. She feels the Town should be reminded that it should have a sign indicating this is a burial site. We will send our letter requesting this.

NOTE: Since our meeting, the Town has responded to our letter and Marlene will be speaking with Mary Wilson directly.

Blockbuster is closing in Water Mill Square along with the home furnishings store there. The Donna Parker antique store may have been sold.

Kyle Collins has been hired to replace Jeff Murphree as head of Planning and Land Management.

A bus shelter for the north side of Montauk Hwy will be installed by December on Town property in front of the eastern edge of Water Mill Shops center. This is a long awaited project as we have had one on the south side for many ears.

Frank Zappone contacted Rachel and indicated that a solar garbage can would be installed at our bus shelter on the south side sometime in the future.

Minutes taken by Gloria Rabinowitz