

Draft copy of May 14th, 2018 Minutes of Water Mill CAC
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Members present: Steve Abramson, Marlene Haresign, Gloria Rabinowitz, Rachel Verno, Joe Krajewski, Steve Lerner

Guests present: Southampton Town Trustee Ed Warner, Scott Horowitz, Ann Welker, Tim Maran, Cyndi Maran, Philip Gay, Eben Gay, Tom Halsey, Johanna Halsey, Thea R. Fry, Charlie Corwith, Cindy Corwith, Melissa Barbour, William Barbour Jr., Patricia Halsey Wellen, Sister Mary Harvey, June Morris, Philip Matthews, Colin Brown, Steve Novak, Ray Wellen, Fred Havermeyer, Richard Berkoski, Jan Harboy, Randy Frankel, Brian DeDesa

ROSE HILL ROAD LAUNCH RAMP:

- Ed Warner gave the background as to how the agreement dated February 22, 2018 between property owner Randy Frankel 493 Rose Hill Road and the SH Town Trustees came to be. The agreement has amended the property line and turned over a substantial amount of property (enough for a circular driveway) in exchange for maintaining the boat launch area at 475 Rose Hill Road
- The agreement was made without consulting the residents of the community who are rightfully outraged
- The community members want the property returned to the original state immediately
- The agreement was made for a 15 year period and despite the initial claim by the Trustees that the agreement could be nullified at any point, that is not true
- Scott Horowitz informed the group that the Town attorney and the Trustees' attorney informed them that it was within their right to make an agreement with Mr. Frankel, so they did so because they could not afford to maintain the property on their own.
- Community questioned why they were not asked to maintain the area or have the Park District or the Community Club take over the maintenance
- Also questioned why the Trustees would take over a property from the Town if they couldn't afford to maintain it
- At the end of the meeting Mr. Frankel addressed the group and claimed that he had never met the Trustees before the night of the meeting and the agreement had been underway with the previous property owner Andrew Zaro
- While Mr. Frankel said he wanted to be a good neighbor, he was not yet ready to nullify the agreement (AS OF FRIDAY MAY 19th, THERE IS NO MOVEMENT ON THIS)
- Community members also discussed how there is not enough room now to turn their trucks and boats around in the newly designed road
- There are also a reduced number of spaces to park
- The road is now paved with asphalt that runs right up to the edge of Mecox and there is a grass area that appears heavily fertilized
- The history of the property was discussed and a determination needs to be made if this was donated to the Town of Southampton as a park area
- Decision was made to form a subcommittee of interested community members
- It is still unclear who made this agreement and what is the specific timeline. Zaro appears to have made this deal when the Town still controlled the property although the contract is between Frankel's attorney and the Trustees

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Koral Brother Property moving forward. CAC submitted letter with concerns
- Philip Young property waiting for plans and public hearing
- Bridgehampton has TJ Maxx proposal and Carol Conner property

- The Hills project is before the Planning Board
- Some East Quogue residents headed by Skip Heaney are discussing splitting from the Town and forming their own village. Primary purpose seems to be to approve The Hills golf course via appointing their own Planning Board. Appears the funding is from Discovery Land Company.
- Discussed the Chris Mead application for a barn on an ag reserve property on Mecox/Wheaton Way/Bay Lane. CAC will submit letter to Planning Board
- Discuss proposal for giving the Trustees their own tax line. The members all oppose this. Discussed the need for a full time water quality specialist.
- Marlene drafting a letter to the SCWA regarding restoring the brickwork around the meter that was installed in front of the post office. Old Mill Road also needs to be repaired where the new water line was installed
- Steve A gave an update on Dr. Souza's testing to date
- Steve L brought up the piece of property that is for sale at the intersection of Seven Ponds/Seven Ponds Towd/Lower Seven Pond/Upper Seven Ponds as a potential for CPF purchase. This is the property that was subdivided by David Corwith where the farm stand was located. Will follow up with Mary Wilson and Jackie Fenlon

Minutes taken by Rachel Verno