

The minutes below by Bonnie Goebert, CAC Chair

Shinnecock Hills/Tuckahoe/Southampton CAC Minutes

Tuesday, June 5, 2012

CAC Mission Statement

**Our charge is to represent the concerns of our communities
to the Town Board and to provide input and recommendations**

CAC Members in Attendance: Evelyn Boxer, Bill Dalsimer, Lyn Fitzgerald, Frances Genovese, Valerie Harte, Ken Moffa, Diane Sadowski, Bob Schepps, Rick Sobrevinas, Susan Van Olst (acting chair.)

Absent CAC Members: Bonnie Goebert, Milt Johnson and Lorraine Duryea emailed that they would not be in attendance.

Guests: Southampton Town Councilperson Christine Preston Scalera; Town Director of Facilities Management, Christine Fetten. Town residents Mindy Armandi and Tanya Luss.

Presentation of Solid Waste Management by Christine Fetten

Christine Fetten gave a detailed presentation of solid waste management in the Town of Southampton and the regulations that are required of all municipalities in NY State per the required MS4 Permit. Among other topics, the following generated some CAC member interest and concern: Currently there are 4 days set aside when non-commercial, private residents can dispose of toxic materials like oil paint at transfer stations. Could more days could be set aside so as to be more convenient for homeowners? Christine Fetten said that each day cost the town \$9,300 (paid to a private company). No other privatization has been approved. It was suggested that this presentation be done at the schools, and that it be tied into hands-on science projects so children can experience these lessons firsthand. Also, that materials be published in Spanish as well as English.

Why hasn't the Town banned Plastic Bags?

The Town has established a Task Force to study the question of banning plastic bags, and is looking into alternative ways to regulate plastic bag use and recycling. Right now, the Town is encouraging voluntary plastic bag return at grocery stores and transfer stations.

Resolution #14826, To Establish a Water Quality Protection Fund for the Town of Southampton, presented by Councilwoman Christina Preston Scalera

Bill Dalsimer referenced current PDD legislation Community Benefits wherein section 8 notes "whether contributions to the Water Mitigation Fund are appropriate ... if so, priority shall be given to contributing to this fund as part of the required Community Benefit." His concern was with the

word, "priority," since no other Community Benefit was tagged as "priority." Christine said that she was aware of this and would further review it.

Frances commented that it seemed counter productive to grant change of zones for developers to pay into a water quality fund since it is development that has degraded the waterways. So, in essence, we are encouraging more development that will further affect the quality of water, by allowing developers to develop once they pay in.

Many felt that while the motivation to deal with the problems affecting our waterways is valid, attempting to fund it through incentivizing developers was the wrong direction to take. Why couldn't a fund be developed like the CPF that simply charged a certain fee for all new development, or in all real estate transaction, or simply make it a tax levy?

Councilwoman Scalera thanked everyone for their input and said that she was still working on the legislation. She said that she would make herself available for private meetings to further discuss this legislation with anyone who wanted to pursue it.

Approval of Minutes

Approval of minutes by Frances Genovese, seconded by Lyn Fitzgerald, with change of word from "minimum" to "maximum" on page 2. Bill Dalsimer said that he would email Bonnie with the change. Minutes approved with noted change.

Saving the Clock Tower of the Southampton Village Main Street Presbyterian Church

Frances reported that plans were afoot to erect a cell phone antenna on the Presbyterian Church. While the Church would be reimbursed \$2,000 per month for the "right," there are several concerns about this project. Frances said that more information was available at www.savetheclock.org for persons who are interested.

Other Business

Rick Sobrevinas suggested that we all attend the Tuckahoe School District meeting at the Library on June 6th to hear more about the possibility of forming an exclusive relationship with Southampton High School in order to reduce tuition rates.

Susan Van Olst suggested that we all attend the Town Board meeting at 1:00 on June 12th where the Board will be electing to consider the Tuckahoe Center formal application. Councilwoman Scalera's Water Mitigation legislation is also on the agenda for public comment. CAC members might want to comment, but be aware that the re-written water quality legislation will probably be re-scheduled for June 24th.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m

cc: Supervisor Throne-Holst and Town Board members

Town Attorney

Freda Eisenberg

Tom Neeley

Town Clerk

Tax Receiver

Hon Mark Epley, Mayor, Village of Southampton

Water Mill CAC, Sag Harbor CAC, North Sea CAC