

East Quogue Citizens Advisory Committee

Minutes of March 11, 2015

Present: Joan Hughes, Carol Combes, Richard Combes, Tom Jack, Joyce Roper

OLD BUSINESS

- We reviewed the letter sent by the Central Pine Barrens Joint Planning and Policy Commission to the Southampton Town Board regarding The Hills development MUPDD Application. It was noted that on March 4, 2015 the Town Board adopted resolution 2015-240 - Authorization for the Town of Southampton Department of Land Management to Retain AKRF Environmental and Planning Consultants to Review the Draft Environmental Impact Statement and Prepare a Report on the Final Environmental Impact Statement.

Our CAC feels that an independent agency should review the DEIS and FEIS. AKRF prepared the "East Quogue Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement" and the "East Quogue Land Plan Final Generic Environmental Impact Statement" in 2008 and several parties at that time found them to be unsatisfactory.

Also noted was that on March 4, resolution 2015-269 was adopted, contracting A. Martin Petrovic to develop the scope and review the DEIS, to review the Findings Statement for the technical and environmental impact of construction and operation of the golf course and residential lawn management components of the proposed project. Our CAC also finds that this should be handled by a party independent of the Town, and not Mr. Petrovic, who had been previously contracted by the Town to monitor groundwater at the Bridge Golf Course.

- The resolution proposing term limits on certain advisory boards was withdrawn by the Supervisor.
- Many speakers at the last Town Board meeting, who were opposed to the proposed change of zone for Tuckahoe Center, including the EQCAC, cited safety and traffic issues among their concerns.
- The East Quogue Civic association is asking that the Weesuck Avenue proposed medical building site be preserved by CPF. Our CAC does not feel that this would be an appropriate use of CPF funds.

NEW BUSINESS

- The NY State DEC has posted a revised plan for mute swan management, which allows municipalities to regulate the plan. Online comments are welcome. The D.E.C. is accepting comments on the revised management plan through April 24.

Comments may be summated in writing to N.Y.S.D.E.C. Bureau of Wildlife, Swan Management Plan, 625 Broadway, Albany, N.Y. 12233, or by email to fwildlf@gw.dec.state.ny.us

Addendum: Joan Hughes has since found that wildlife rehabilitators would be prohibited from releasing rehabilitated wild swans, and the plan would eventually result in eliminating wild swans from Long Island by using techniques like nest destruction or terminating fertilized eggs.

- The Great East End Cleanup will take place the weekend of April 18-19. The East Quogue CAC and all those interested in assisting us should meet at the Village Green at 9:30 am on Sunday 4/19.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm. Next meeting will be on Wed. April 15 at 7 pm in the East Quogue school library, due to the fact that the school will be closed for vacation during our regularly scheduled time.

Respectfully submitted,
Joyce Roper