

EAST QUOGUE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

April 9, 2014

MINUTES

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

Guests: Dianna Gobler member East Quogue Board of Education, Southampton Town Councilwoman Christine Scalera, Southampton Town Councilman Stan Glinka, Larry Oxman

Minutes of the March 12, 2014 meeting were approved.

OLD BUSINESS

THE HILLS - Copy of "The Hills" available documents were emailed to members by the Chair for their information. Joan Hughes informed us that upon her meeting with Discovery Land Corp., the "new" plan has not been changed, and that DLC would again like to meet with the CAC. They stated that they expect to have their plan in place by mid summer of this year. Larry Oxman offered that DLC is looking for community input as to the benefit the community would like.

Councilwoman Scalera noted that a major concern is environmental, and a criterion is that we should be "in a significantly better position" environmentally after the development than before.

ATV RIDING IN EAST QUOGUE - 2 summonses for ATV riding were purported to have been issued. Inquiry was made to Christine Scalera as to whether those riders were East Quogue residents and whether the riding was in East Quogue. No one has reported seeing any more ATV riding in the past month, and it was stated that the police are patrolling in that regard.

NO PARKING SIGNS - On April 8, Southampton Town adopted Resolutions 2014-494 and 2014-495 amending Town Code Chapter 312 establishing parking regulations. Resolution 2014-494 will prohibit parking on both sides of Spinney Road for a distance of 600' in a northerly direction to the road end, beginning at a point 600' north of its intersection with Serenity Place. Resolution 2014-495 will prohibit parking for 50' on the southeast side of Montauk Highway (CR 80) at its intersection with Weesuck Avenue, East Quogue. Our thanks were given to Councilman Stan Glinka for sponsoring these resolutions.

NEW BUSINESS

EAST QUOGUE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET - East Quogue School Board member Dianna Gobler explained the proposed 2014-2015 school budget and the implications of the cuts that would have to be made in order to reach the cap of 1.4%. The proposed budget, as of the meeting date, comes in at approximately \$420,000 over cap (or 2.9%). Ms. Gobler and members had an extensive conversation regarding many aspects of the budget. The next regular School Board meeting will be held on Wed. April 23, in the cafetorium at 7:45pm. A Budget hearing is scheduled for May 6, and the Budget vote will be on May 20. All members are encouraged to attend and be heard.

MARCH CAC/CIVIC MEETING - Joan Hughes informed us that Supervisor Anna Throne Holst spoke about a NYS program to be developed for retrofitting septic systems, and that the Town was working on this with the Governor.

DARK SKIES WEEK - "Dark Skies Week" will be held April 20-26, 2014; and that there are laws in place to curtail light pollution and to encourage compliance with the town's outdoor lighting regulations.

Carol Combes noted that she had recently sent notice to the Town Council Office regarding a redundant light pole on Lewis Road.

LEAF PICKUP - There will be a public hearing on Tues. April 22 at 6pm to consider amending Southampton Town Code Chapter 261 (property maintenance) to address leaf and brush removal within the town to add: "In addition, all leaves and brush collecting on public right-of-way shall be kept out of the Town's right-of-way directly adjacent to a property, except to the extent that said leaves may be properly disposed of pursuant to the Highway Department's Spring and Fall Clean-Up Program. Leaves and brush not properly disposed of pursuant to the Program rules, available online and from the Highway Department, shall constitute a violation of this chapter pursuant to §261-2 herein." All members are encouraged to attend and be heard.

FRACKING WASTEWATER - - There will be a public hearing on Tues. April 22 at 6pm to enact Town Code Chapter 159 (Hydraulic Fracturing) prohibiting the sale, application and disposal of waste associated with natural gas exploration and extraction activities. Councilwoman Scalera offered that the Town does not do any of this at the present time. All members are encouraged to attend and be heard.

TOWN TRUSTEE/BOARD MEETING - There will be a meeting on Tues. April 29, 2014 from 7pm - 8:30pm at Hampton Bays High School with both the Southampton Town Trustees and Town Board. The meeting is to address certain issues regarding recent developments affecting both of them.

GREAT EAST END CLEANUP - Taking place on Sat. April 26 & Sun. April 27 this year. All members are invited to participate. Our meet up will be at the East Quogue Village Green.

PLASTIC BAG EDUCATION TASK FORCE - Councilwoman Scalera informed us that they will be at King Kullen in Bridgehampton and Stop n Shop in Hampton Bays on April 26 from 10am - 12pm, to educate consumers on ways to reduce recycle & reuse bags.

WESTHAMPTON ENVIRONMENTAL FAIR - Councilwoman Scalera informed us that the Fair will be held on April 27 at the Westhampton Village Green.

Meeting Adjourned 9pm
Next Meeting May 14, 2014

Respectfully submitted,
Joyce Roper