

East Quogue Citizens Advisory Committee

Minutes of May 14, 2014

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

Guest: Southampton Town Councilman Brad Bender

OLD BUSINESS

- Minutes of April meeting approved.
- There were no ATV sightings, but they are still being heard on Old Country Road.
- There was discussion as to the No Standing signs that were recently put up at Weesuck and Main, and the possibility of contacting Tom Neely to have them reflect No Standing 50' *from corner*. Brad Bender stated that he will put in a work order for fixing the speed reduction strips in the area.
- The Great East End Cleanup took place on the weekend of April 26. Joan Hughes, Carol and Richard Combes and Joyce Roper, all from our CAC, participated and collected trash along a major portion of Montauk Highway in East Quogue. We appreciate their involvement and extend our gratitude.
- The Hills development was again discussed in terms of the potential benefits we could request and that Discovery Land Corp. may provide to East Quogue. The suggestion was made that an unbiased research survey be done of the community for the purpose of determining the opinion of East Quogue residents. Councilman Bender explained some of the procedure involved in the application process and the regulation regarding a CPF acquisition paying no more than assessed value plus 10%. He also noted that there must be a wastewater treatment plan for the development. The group agreed that once the application is proposed, we would like to review it, with community questions in mind.

NEW BUSINESS

- We voted to sign on to the Long Island Clean Water Partnership, which advocates addressing declining water quality by reducing pesticides, nitrogen from sewage and other toxic pollution from entering the water we rely on.
- Copies of the 2014 Town Board Legislative assignments were distributed.
- The recent Town Trustee/Town Board meeting held at Hampton Bays High School on April 29 was discussed in terms of the Trustees financial independence. Our Committee supports the Town Trustees independence. Town Councilman Brad Bender stated that the Town Board has no interest in control of Trustee funds.

- The leaf pickup resolution (**Town Board Resolution 2014-612** - Resolution of Adoption Amending Southampton Town Code Chapter 261 (Property Maintenance) to Address Leaf and Brush Removal within the Town) passed at the May 13 Town Board meeting. It is now in the process of approval from Albany. If approved, there will be no fines enacted until 2015, but notice will go out to the community in 2014. It was suggested that mulching is a good, environmental alternative to leaf pickup. Councilman Bender reminded that for the Fall cleanup only, senior citizens, 73 years old or older, or those that have a disability that prevents them from bagging the leaves, may request that loose leaves be collected, but must pre-register by calling 631-728-3605.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.
Next meeting on Wed. June 11.

Respectfully submitted,
Joyce Roper