

East Quogue Citizens Advisory Committee

October 12, 2011 Meeting

Attending: C. Combes, R. Combes, M. Daddino, V. Gentile, J. Hughes, T. Jack, D. Povall, D. Tennyson, T. Neely, Director of Public Transportation and Traffic Safety, and members of the press and public.

J. Hughes opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

The minutes of the September 14, 2011 meeting were reviewed. V. Gentile made a motion to approve. and it was seconded by M. Daddino.

Main Street Parking and Pedestrian Crossing

CAC members discussed the following issues with Tom Neely.

- The No Parking sign on the northeast side of Lewis Road and Montauk Highway still has not been moved to the designated number of feet from the corner. When cars are parked near this corner, it is difficult to see oncoming traffic while trying to make a left turn from Lewis onto Montauk. T. Neely will check on this.
- There is a need for handicap parking spaces near stores on Main Street. There is no parking lot that would be appropriate, but on street parking, perhaps near the crosswalk, is a possibility. There is some private parking behind the stores. Perhaps one of the owners might allow a handicap parking designation.
- There is a need for bigger stripes at the pedestrian crossing at Montauk Highway and Bay Avenue. (Crosswalk signs will be luminescent by 2015.) There should be open space on all sides of the crossing in order to better see pedestrians.
- There is a problem with speeding traffic and illegal U turns. Because it is a county road the speed limit can not be lower than 30 mph. So more enforcement is the only option.
- There is also a problem with cars turning left from Bay Avenue onto Foster Crossing. The high hedge on a private property obscures the view of oncoming cars and pedestrians. This should be referred to Code Enforcement.
- More sidewalks are needed especially for children walking to the school. The PTA has been working on this.
- East Quogue has no municipal parking and this is a big problem for businesses, residents and visitors. In some communities privately owned lots are rented to the town/village. The CAC and Chamber could come up with plan and go to the town board.

2011 Fall Leaf Program

Some people are still confused about the changes this year. If a resident is under age 73, leaves must be put in paper bags and placed by the curb or a voucher obtained to self haul leaves to a transfer station. Residents 73 and over and those with special needs must call and register for a pick up. In all cases, no more than 8 cubic yards of leaves will be accepted. The program starts on Nov. 14. Brush must be taken to a transfer station between Nov. 15 and Dec. 31.

Site Plan

A preliminary planning board hearing has been scheduled for the owners of the Cuomo property, (formerly The Cave night club on Montauk Highway). They want to subdivide the 77,471 square feet site into four lots. The smallest lot would be a 15,000 square feet. The area is zoned for half acre lots which permits three lots not four.

Election Day Reminder

A ballot proposition would require a super majority vote (4 out of 5) of the town board to proceed with a proposed PDD. It must be approved by voters.

Sunrise Highway Exit Signs

Frank Pearson, Regional Traffic and Engineering Safety Director for Suffolk County said he will investigate the problem of the Exit 64 signs which do not clearly indicate that this is the exit for East Quogue.

Main Street Sidewalks and Signs

Alex Gregor, Superintendent of Highways, was contacted and said that if hedges are obscuring traffic signs, they will be cut. The cracks in sidewalks may be the responsibility of the county.

Telephone Poles

The list of double poles has been updated and will be sent to K. Tuffy at town hall.

A motion was made by V. Gentile and seconded by T. Jack to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, November 9, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the East Quogue School Library.

Respectfully yours,

Donna Povall, Secretary EQCAC