

Water Mill Citizens Advisory Committee
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Minutes for July 14th, 2025

Members: Gloria Rabinowitz, Marlene Haresign, Jamie Egerton Warburton, Rachel Verno, Alan Harper (Zoom)

Guests: Town Board Councilmember Rick Martel, Jim Weidner, Patti Halsey Wellen, Johanna Halsey, Helen Verno (Zoom)

Minutes for June 9th, 2025 approved

CAC Rules:

- Reviewed current CAC rules.
- Suggested that going forward, the Town Board inform the CAC when they are appointing new members.
- Rachel V asked CAC members to inform her and/or fellow members when they will not be attending meetings. Also asked that all members using Zoom turn their cameras on unless they make prior arrangements.

Roundabout Proposal:

- Rachel received copy of the letter that went to the NYSDOT. Since the meeting, the NYSDOT acknowledged receipt.
- Discussed starting to put together a "vision" for the hamlet. Do the residents want traffic to just move through the hamlet or do they want a hamlet center. For example, should there be a cross walk at Cobb Road for access to the park. That would mean sidewalks on both sides of the highway. Should there be additional parking on the South side of the hamlet along Halsey Lane. Lighted crosswalks.
- What is the best way to get community input and also track suggestions and ideas.

Septic:

- County grants are available for replacement.
- Mecox Bay Conservancy has a watershed manager to assist residents with the process.
- Councilmember Lasilli sent information from the Peconic Estuary Partnership about offering assistance in explaining the process.

Zoe's Club:

- Discussed the amount of signage at this property and the Water Mill Shops across the street. Unclear how much sculpture is allowed on properties. There is currently a sculpture tour going on in the area at various locations in SH.
- An email was sent to Ryan Murphy and some signs came down, but were immediately put back up again.

- Night clubs are not a permitted use at this location. It appears that this is a private club.
- Councilman Martel will follow up with Ryan M.

Cannabis Shops:

- Discussed zoning and what is permitted in the hamlet.

CHF:

- Nothing new to report on the affordable housing project.

Mill Pond and Mecox Bay:

- Scott Horowitz and Chris Pickerel are having a pre-application meeting with the DEC regarding Alum application.
- Fish ladder plans for Millcreek are being studied by LK McLean.
- Mecox Bay Conservancy has a number of grant applications before the Water Quality Committee including one for PRBs around Mill Pond. The Highway Department also has a number of grant applications.

Park at Mill Creek:

- Steve A contacted La Guardia group. The plans are still being reviewed by the Town.
- Discussed that the park would probably happen in stages. CPF still controls the property.
- Discussed the road abandonment and how the ingress and egress would need be be looked at by a traffic engineer.
- Since our meeting, Councilman Martel informed us that PSEG is open to having the utility lines buried, but they will not pay for that work.

Other:

- TB Public Hearing for set back rules for new residential plantings.
- PB Public Hearing for 70 & 80 Scuttlehole Road, Hudson Yards and Hudson's Helping Hands.
- Mecox Bay Conservancy will be holding a public meeting on August 14th at the Community House.

Minutes taken by Rachel Verno