

January 12th, 2009 – Meeting Summary

Members present: Chair Rachel Verno, Councilwoman Anna Throne-Holst, Councilman Chris Nuzzi, Gloria Rabinowitz, Joe Krajewski, Mary Shader, Rik Kristiansson, Ari Meisel, Bill Berkoski

Non-members present: Christine Scalera, Lou Meisel, Steve Gorman, Yvon Pasquarello

MEMBERSHIP:

New CAC members Bill Berkoski, Ari Meisel and Rik Kristiansson were welcomed. Christine Scalera has submitted a letter of intent and her membership will begin officially after the January 27th Town Board Meeting.

PROPOSAL TO REDUCE THE SIZE OF APPOINTED BOARDS:

- Councilwoman Anna Throne-Holst discussed her concerns regarding the proposal to downsize the Planning and Zoning Boards from 7 members to 5. She explained the financial problems the Town was facing and the intent of the resolution to cut costs, but did not want to make a decision without fully exploring ways to create a more efficient and cost effective Planning Department.
- The CAC agreed this would be the perfect opportunity to review and streamline the process. The answer is not to reduce the number of members.
- Discussion followed regarding fact that Jacqui Lofaro would be first Planning Board member to be terminated and she would be a great loss to Water Mill since she is very responsive to the concerns of our community.
- Councilman Chris Nuzzi expressed the need for the Town to cut costs and that while it is always difficult to terminate hardworking employees, this was necessary.
- The CAC discussed shorter appointed terms, cutting salaries, health benefits and other Town perks as a means to keep all Board members

TRAFFIC ISSUES:

The CAC subcommittee will organize a meeting with Tom Neely, Bill Masterson, a representative from the police department and the Town Board to discuss traffic concerns in Water Mill. Councilman Nuzzi indicated that he would be open to attending that meeting. Councilwoman Sally Pope should also be included since she shares responsibility with Councilman Nuzzi on the Transportation Commission and Traffic Safety issues.

- Discussed upcoming plans for County Rd. 39 specifically the second phase of the project involving widening the road from 7-11 to Flying Point and the two-lane roundabout.
- Councilman Nuzzi confirmed there were **no** discussions underway regarding the widening of Route 27 and did not feel that was a solution to traffic issues in Water Mill.

PROPERTY AT 1025 FLYING POINT ROAD:

- There is a wetlands application before the Conservation Board involving the construction of a 2-story home on land made up of “dredge soil.” CAC has numerous concerns and questions about how the applicant could possibly gain approval to build on a property that has clearly been designated as an unbuildable lot. -The CAC will write a

letter to the Conservation Board listing our concerns and will ask for a public hearing regarding this proposal.

-Councilman Nuzzi said he would look into this matter.

CELL TOWER:

-The CAC needs to follow up regarding the Verderber cell tower proposal.

-Resident who lives ON neighboring Fairbanks Court has not been notified of this proposal and as far as he knows, no one on his street has been contacted regarding this project.

OTHER BUSINESS:

-A resolution has been passed restricting parking at the intersection of Head of Pond, Scuttlehole and Strong's Lane.

-The storm drain on Davids Lane has been clogged by the run off from new construction. As a result, after heavy rain, etc. the road gets impassable. The CAC will pursue.