

## **February 12, 2007 – Meeting Summary**

Members present: Co-chair Steve Abramson, Charlie Corwith, Gloria Rabinowitz, Tom Shea, Al Kistler, Joe Krajewski, Toni Maloney.

Non-members present: Southampton Press reporter Jennifer Landes, Town Land Management Head: Jeff Murphree, LIPA representatives: Fred Vaupel and John McCumiskey, Fred Camman, Ed Armus, Tom & Eileen Noonan, Frank & Susan Keenan, Mark Press, Tom White, Liam O’Braoin, Werner and Elizabeth Walbrol.

### **LIPA: Report on Transmission Expansion**

Fred Vaupel and John McCuminsky of LIPA along with Jeff Murphree, Director of Land Management for SH Town, explained the proposed transmission expansion from the substation in Southampton to David Whites Lane to 7 Ponds Rd. to Upper 7 Ponds Rd. to Lower 7 Ponds Rd. to Head of Pond Rd. to Scuttle Hole Rd. to Sag Turnpike. This is deemed a necessary capital improvement to bring more power to the area. Work will start in the fall of '07 to be completed by summer of '08. After LIPA discussions with Town as to what sections would best be suited for underground or overhead wires, LIPA decided that 60% would be underground and 40% overhead. The overhead poles will be 60 feet high (25 feet and 50% higher than existing poles) and will be installed every 250 feet. A map was passed around to show what parts of route were over and under ground along with photos of what these poles look like. Most present were not happy with the height and look of the proposed poles. When asked why entire project could not be underground, representatives explained that it was 4 times more costly. Our members will review map route and will get back to LIPA and Town by our next meeting.

### **CAC E-Mail Survey**

Toni Maloney gave a detailed Power Point presentation with survey results. There were 114 responses out of 138. The survey established a cross section of full time and part time residents and asked wide-ranging questions. The issue of greatest concern was: **Road Safety and Traffic**. The full results will be sent out to everyone on web site e-mail list along with Town and other government officials and Chairs of neighboring CAC’s. It will also be posted on the web site Home Page. There was a lot of information to digest and at our next meeting there will be further discussion of the results and how to implement them.

### **Fire Commissioners:**

Mark Press and Tom White described the advantages of having a unified Fire District combining Southampton Village, Tuckahoe, Water Mill and Hampton Park. Currently we have a contract with the Village for our fire protection and pay the lion’s share of the Village fire department budget. Unification would allow a total assessment for the entire district and would level the tax payments for all the residents. In addition, 75% of the volunteer firemen do NOT live in the Village. There will be another vote for a unified district in June. Once there is a unified district, there would be 6 new elected commissioners to serve this district.

They also asked the CAC to get the word out to residents on Edge of Woods, 7 Ponds Towd and Rose Hill Roads to pursue getting Suffolk County water service. This will improve water pressure for firemen. CAC will get the info to its email list.

**Next meeting: March 12, 2007**