

## **February 13, 2006- Meeting Summary**

Members present: Co-Chair Steve Abramson, Marlene Haresign, Tom Haresign, Joseph Krajewski, Gloria Rabinowitz and Tom Shea.

Non-members present: Nick Morehead of Southampton Press, Jennifer Landis of East Hampton Star, Richard Warren, Louis and Susan Meisel and Jim Merrell representing *The Center of the Hamptons* site plan, Lydia Brancaccio, and Sergeant James Kiernen from the Southampton Police Department.

### **Commercial Developments in Water Mill**

1. The Center of the Hamptons – Meisel Development. (zoned Hamlet Office) The plans were reviewed and concerns raised about lack of street trees, location of air conditioner units and other mechanicals, adequacy of dumpster and its location, and location and size of signs. Also, safety issues related to corner of Davids Lane and Montauk Highway were discussed. Mr. Meisel's team responded to these issues. Town and County variances are needed for parking and sewage. A further discussion will occur next month when there is a quorum. All members present praised the buildings design and the plans to have offices on the first floors and six one-bedroom apartments on the second floors of 2 of the buildings.

2. Trata Restaurant –(formally Gin Lane). Planning Board staff recommended that recessed lights in the roof have wattage reduced, all in ground lighting along Montauk Highway be removed and lighting in parking lot be reconfigured and with lower wattage. The in ground sign is on public property and must be removed. The ARB approved a re-design of the wall sign with the fish graphics reduced in amount. A cross-access easement will be requested. The Town engineer raised six issues to be resolved before they will give approval. Occupancy will be 157 people.

3. Patio.com – Planning Board staff reported that the ARB would discuss the proposal at its February 21st meeting. The Town engineer, Dept. of Public Safety and fire department requested about 19 standard items to be addressed before giving approval. Planning staff recommended that the street trees be increased in caliper to 3 or 3 ½ inches and that all sign locations are on owner's property not the public right of way. The interior lighting was discussed and some restrictions put on exterior lighting. Parking, dumpsters, signage and outdoor storage also discussed. The Suffolk County Department of Public Works requested that the existing access on Cty Rd 39 be closed and no new curb cuts be allowed. The NYDOT requested that no left hand turns be allowed on Montauk Highway. The Town is asking for a cross access agreement for the back of the property.

### **Response to past CAC letters to the Supervisor and Town Council**

1. In December, CAC recommended Tom Shea to fill the vacant seat of Al Colina on Town Transportation Commission. There has been no response to that request.

2. We have not received a response to our Nov. 21, 2005 letter related to illegal businesses on Cty Rd 39 in Water Mill. A follow up letter will be written.

3. Allyn Jackson responded by letter that the sand fencing and signage at the Flying Point Beach Cut would be replaced in the spring but that no recycling bin will be installed.

4. Town Transportation Commissioner Tom Neely reported that he is not taking any action on the Head of Pond Bridge until the NYSDOT examines the bridge in the spring.

5. Tom Neely also indicated that he is reviewing the road safety issues we addressed to the Town Board last month. The CAC will receive a written response soon.

6.Regarding our request for repair of the asphalt on Montauk Highway, Mr. Neely has asked for a location map of the problem areas and photographs if possible. Two members will survey the road and provide him with information.

**Sergeant James Kiernen.** As part of his training the sergeant is attending CAC meetings. Among the following issues mentioned were code and speeding enforcement, graffiti, need to address road safety issues, and a recent crime spree in Water Mill.

1. LILCO substation construction continues but no permanent caution signs have been installed. The temporary signs appear to be inadequate at this dangerous curve on Water Mill-Towd Rd just north of edge of Woods Rd.
2. Graffiti on utility boxes, railroad crossing boxes and Town traffic signs is epidemic throughout the hamlet. It was suggested that the Town purchase signs that will repel spray paint and markers.
3. The amount of multiple traffic signs was discussed. It was suggested that two signs be installed on a single pole.
4. The need for more speeding enforcement was brought up again.
5. The Town's plan for Cty Rd 39 will be made public soon. The CAC will request copies of the plans to be reviewed at a CAC meeting.
6. Traffic circle at Mitchell Lane discussed. Many felt it was over planted, the lanes too narrow for the bus and landscaping truck/trailer traffic, the speed limit drop not gradual enough and the stop sign north of the circle too dangerous. In addition the circle is not adequately visible at night.

**Request by Fortunoffs for a ZBA variance for a second wall sign.**

Letter opposing the variance has been sent to the ZBA Board.

**Hamlet Heritage Signs** for a section of Montauk Highway. Information on size, shape, color, text for town signs to designate the Water Mill Hamlet Heritage Area was presented. There was no opposition to the signs.

**Councilman Christopher Nuzzi** requested a meeting with the CAC. A letter will be sent inviting him to a meeting.

**NYSDOT tree removal on Montauk Highway.** Marty Shea, Town Environmental analyst requested the CAC review list of 34 trees that are to be removed because they are deemed unsafe. Three members will visit the locations and submit a report to Shea. The trees will be removed in 3-4 weeks and 52 replacement trees planted in the spring.

**Reminder: Next CAC meeting is March 13, 2006 at 7 pm, Community House**

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