

March 12 – Meeting Summary

Members present: Co-chair Steve Abramson, Charlie Corwith, Marlene Haresign, Al Kistler, Joe Krajewski, Barry Levy, Toni Maloney, June Morris, Gloria Rabinowitz, Tom Shea

Non-members present: Southampton Press reporter Michael Wright, Owen Fitch, Eileen Noonan, Frank & Susan Keenan, Bill Berkoski, Nancy Beckett-Lawless, Mary Nardy Schader, Pat Rishel

LIPA Transmission Expansion

The discussion included an update and potential plan of action. Consensus is that the planned overhead portion of the power line with 60ft.high transmission poles would be destructive to the character of the hamlet. Additional concerns were raised about some of the underground route, since the base of these large poles would certainly penetrate into the high water table of some sections with likely polluting effect.

Questions were raised:

- Would a SEQRA study be required?
- Was Southampton Town permission required by LIPA for this route?
- If subdivisions were required to bury lines, why was not LIPA?
- What about safety issues, i.e., potential falling lines in a hurricane zone?
- Why not *replace* the poles on the north route along the moraine, instead? (Less costly than burying 60% of the lines.)
- Has the Town assessed the traffic impact of this construction vs. using the moraine route?
- What is the Town Supervisor's position? The Town Board's position? The State's position?
- What recourse for homeowners whose property values are affected, e.g., class action suit?

Answers to these questions will be pursued and presented at the next meeting.

Corwith Preserve on Mill Pond

The public access site to Mill Pond, located on Old Mill Road and donated by the Corwith family, had been planned by the Town Trustees for a proper parking area. This work has not been done, and the parking surface now consists of broken asphalt and mud. A letter will be written to the Trustees requesting attention to this overdue improvement.

Sharing Minutes with Bridgehampton, Southampton, Sagaponack CAC's

It was unanimously agreed that sharing minutes could be beneficial in addressing common problems, e.g., the new LIPA power line proposal. The members of the respective CAC's will be contacted to suggest they sign on to the e-mail list of the WMCAC web site.

School Bus Garage Condition

The site is showing signs of deterioration and lack of needed attention, evidenced by peeling paint and substantial litter. Additionally, improper parking is prevalent within ten feet of the property line. The School Board will be contacted.

Garbage Receptacles

The Town will provide two new receptacles for the hamlet, expected soon.

Water Mill Square

Concern was raised again regarding trash behind the deli, including several barrels of cooking oil with surrounding spills that are an invitation to rodents and a potential health hazard. This may be a Code violation. Further action will be taken by the CAC to have this situation finally addressed.

Chariots of Fire

It was noted that the parking violations continue unabated at this site. Chris Nuzzi will be contacted to determine why this protracted issue cannot be resolved, i.e., why no effective enforcement?

Water Mill Clean-Up Day

It was agreed that Water Mill would publicize the spring clean-up day promoted by the Town, and try to make it into a strongly participated activity in the hamlet. Eileen Noonan, President of the Water Mill Community Club, volunteered to coordinate this clean-up day.

Water Mill Corridor Study

The Town Board is to be reminded that it is long past due that Water Mill is presented with this corridor study ...for our input and suggestions.

Fire Commissioner Update

Prior to the meeting, Mark Press reported that Southampton Village has rejected the notion of a vote for a unified district. Mark also provided a list of residents on a few Water Mill roads to contact regarding availability of Suffolk County water service. In addition to providing a higher level of safety in the event of fire, unlike well water, county water is available in the event of a power outage.

Next meeting will take place on April 9, 2007.