

April 12th, 2010 Meeting Summary

Members present: Chair Rachel Verno, Gloria Rabinowitz, Marlene Haresign, Steve Abramson, Paul Griffin, Bill Berkoski, Rik Kristiansson and Barry Levy

Non-members present: Richard Blowes, Ann Gajowski, Charlie Corwith, Audrey Stafford, Jan Harboy, Al Kistler, Aline Griffin and Mary Slattery

SOUTHAMPTON HOUSING AUTHORITY:

The Town of Southampton Housing Authority is putting together a business plan and they are interested in community input. Richard Blowes and Ann Gajowski visited all of the CACs to find out what each hamlet's specific needs are and what their feeling is regarding affordable housing. They gave a brief overview of the Housing Authority and discussed the Town's goals. Some ideas that seemed relevant to Water Mill might be the purchasing of existing homes since it doesn't seem economically feasible to purchase large lots of land within Water Mill at a reasonable cost. The CAC agrees that there is a need for real affordable housing in the hamlet. The Housing Authority hopes to finish its research and complete the business plan by the end of the year and would then come back to present the plan for comments.

MECOX YACHT CLUB:

The CAC sent a letter of support to the Town.

WATERMILL BOUNDARIES:

The CAC sent the Town Board a letter of support for the new boundaries for Water Mill. There was some discussion regarding why Water Mill would give up land to Bridgehampton, but it was also pointed out that Water Mill was gaining land in other areas. The main concern was whether this would negatively affect the tax base and the Park District Assessment and we have been told by the Town that it will not.

HEAD OF POND/SCUTTLEHOLE/STRONGSLANE:

The CAC sent a letter to the Town Board requesting that some action be taken to make this intersection safer.

TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION:

The County has a newly proposed bus route that would run along Water Mill Towd Road to Head of Pond Road over the bridge and on to Route 27. The CAC expressed concern about this route as it would run through a residential area and the bridge on Head of Pond Road cannot sustain bus traffic. The CAC will contact Tom Neely and the Town Board regarding our concerns. Since the CAC meeting we have confirmed that the Town is also opposed to this proposal and we have sent a letter to the County.

CTY RD 39 RE-STRIPING:

The County has proposed re-striping CR39 from 7/11 to the intersection with Rt. 27 to create two lanes heading East with one lane heading West. Several members expressed safety and speed concerns related to the first phase of the road widening project. Speeds well exceed the 35 mph limit, there is no shoulder, and there is not enough room to safely pull out of businesses. The CAC also feels there will be an even greater traffic bottleneck at the intersection with Rt. 27 if there are two lanes heading East. The members agreed the proposed two lanes should be heading West out of the hamlet where they would merge into an already expanded CR39. The Town supports this alternative plan and the CAC will write a letter to the County.