

June 9th, 2008 – Meeting Summary

Members present: Co-Chair Steve Abramson, Co-Chair Rachel Verno, Gloria Rabinowitz, Tom Shea, Joe Krajewski, Marlene Haresign, Tom Haresign, Mary Schader
Non-members present: Liam O’Braoin, Rik Kristiansson, Jan Harboy, Jim McLauchlen

Light Pollution/Night Sky: Presentation from Gail Clyma

A visual presentation was given regarding the various elements that create light pollution, its effects on trees, plant life, pond life, birds, etc.

Examples were shown of poor (glare, lighting spillover, etc.,) residential and commercial night lighting and street lighting. Good lighting examples were also shown (down lighting, no light trespass on neighboring properties, etc.,) Although the Town has a law on its books about lighting on Town owned property, it has yet to pass a law on lighting regarding residential and commercial property. All of our neighboring Townships: Riverhead, Brookhaven and East Hampton) have an ordinance. The CAC agreed to write to the Town Board to urge that the Town get started on drafting a lighting law.

Water Mill Bridge Site Plan: Jim McLauchlen

Water Mill Bridge has received a negative declaration. The front building, a recreational bridge club consisting of 2,700 sq. ft., will be completed in Phase 1. The rear contractors building (11,000 sq. ft.) will be constructed in Phase 2. The Planning Board’s public hearing will take place on **June 26th**. The CAC has already submitted a letter of support and will re-emphasize this support at the public hearing.

The issue of the Town’s required 50-foot easement through the center of his property was raised. It was explained that in the future the Town intends to connect this property to an easement they will eventually obtain from the neighboring properties and the easement that already exists in front of Corwith’s Auto Body. The Town would also be obtaining easements from all the properties east of the McLauchlen property. This prompted a discussion on the Town’s intended use of this “Connector Road” and the fact that plans regarding the future of the hamlet should be discussed with the CAC and the residents of Water Mill in an open forum and not behind closed doors.

Other Business:

-Cty. Rd 39 Billboards re speeding: The CAC will write our County Executives to request the removal of the “speed billboards” that have recently been put up on Cty Rd 39 (one near Lobster Inn, the other near Shrubland Rd.) to deter speeding. Although the message is the right one, the visual effects of these oversized and unsightly billboards are totally out of keeping with this environment. The letter will also be sent to the Town Board and Tom Neeley.

-103 Hayground Rd Site Plan: This is the property with a small white building and other structures on the Northeast corner of Hayground Rd. and the Montauk Hwy. The CAC will put together a letter listing concerns and questions and will submit it to the Planning Board.

-LIPA: Members were informed that LIPA will not be having their Trustees meeting until Sept/Oct. on the consumption surcharge re burying the new transmission lines. They will also not meet the July 4th deadline to have this project completed.