

June 11, 2007 – Meeting Summary

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

Non-members present: Tom Noonan, Elizabeth and Werner Walbrol, Liam O'Braoin, Austin Handler, Marilyn Kirkbright, Harold Steudte, and Ed Armus

LIPA Transmission Expansion (Update). The status was reviewed, and note was made of the letters (from Supervisor Heaney, Councilman Nuzzi, Senator LaValle and Assemblyman Thiele) to LIPA in opposition to plans for new, massive above ground transmission poles. Water Mill residents are encouraged to send letters to the Southampton Press to the publisher: joeshaw@pressnewsgroup.com. WMCAC will write – to both LIPA and the appropriate receiving agency for LIPA's required short-form declaration under SEQRA – requesting that WMCAC be advised promptly about any such submission.

Strong Enterprises (new site plan replacing car wash). There was general agreement that the new plans for development are sensitive to the visual aesthetics of the Hamlet, and there was overwhelming support for this alternative to the previous plans for a car wash. Proposed are an enlarged convenience store and two commercial buildings. WMCAC will look at the lighting and landscaping plans to monitor whether the lighting plan is in keeping with the dark skies initiative and whether the landscaping planned for the west border shields Deerfield Road. CAC will write a letter of support and give comments based upon those plans reviewed.

School Bus Garage Condition. Note was made of correspondence from Randall Dobler, Director of Operations, Southampton Public Schools informing CAC of the planned demolition of the white building and the planned maintenance of the grounds and roof.

WMCAC Web Site has been updated to include information about the SolarBee water circulators installed in Mill Pond for blue-green algae control plus updated 2007 recreational calendar and Hot Topics.

Walter Bundy, Town Storm Water Manager, to attend WMCAC meeting on July 9. There is a large inclined trough dug on Halsey Farm at the intersection of Head of Pond Road and Deerfield Road, which will direct storm water into Mill Pond. This conduit has been made necessary by last year's construction of the new intersection, bringing water onto the farm property. Mr. Bundy will be asked what remedy the Town might have to prevent this flow of polluting water into Mill Pond.

Old Mill Road Project has gone to bid and the lowest bidder has been selected. A resolution is expected to award the contract at the June 12 Town Board Meeting..

Trees on Montauk Highway on the north side between the car dealership and Head of Pond Road that were planted last year have not been regularly watered and a few have died. A letter has been sent (June 11) to Marty Shea, Chief Environmental Analyst, Town of Southampton requesting an assessment of all 52 trees planted last year.

Copies of Planning Board Site Plans for Commercial Developments. have been sent to WMCAC in the past, but recently the CAC has not been receiving them. WMCAC will send a letter to the Land Management Division asking that copies of these proposed plans be sent to the CAC for review and comment. It was reported that there are new site plans for a Water Mill Contract Bridge and a recreation building on Montauk highway that have not been received by WMCAC.

Next CAC meeting will take place Monday, July 9, 2007.