

August 10th, 2009 Meeting Summary

Members present: Chair Rachel Verno, Gloria Rabinowitz, Mary Shader, Rik Kristiansson, Joe Krajewski, Paul Griffin and Marlene Haresign

Non-members present: Councilwoman Anna Throne-Holst, Frank Keenan, Susan Keenan, Will Dumond, Terri Kiernan, Richard Lienhard, Stephen Silverman, Jan Harboy and Jennifer Landes from the EH Star

ANNA THRONE HOLST'S PROPOSAL RE: CHANGES TO PLANNING PROCESS:

Anna presented her overall concept to include public comment earlier in the planning process (during the pre-submission phase), which would help both the community and the applicant/developer. A checklist that would be uniform for every application based on town codes would be filled out and accessible to the public. She is waiting for land management to come back with some guidelines. Would like to see something put in place to help educate the CACs and the community about Seqra process.

-Discussion followed about Anna's proposal. Some CAC members expressed concern about giving the building inspector control over this area as opposed to the Planning Board in light of the Subway Sandwich Shop decision. Members are in favor of helping small businesses start up more quickly but are also concerned that another mistake like Subway could happen again when these applications don't go before the Planning Board. Since the CAC meeting this resolution has passed.

OMNIPOINT CELL TOWER:

-Another public hearing set for August 27. CAC will send out a notice to website e-mail list.
-Since our CAC meeting, the public hearing took place. The applicant asked for a continuance but the Planning Board decided to hold this public hearing since so many people have voiced concerns. Another public hearing is scheduled for October 8th. The Town will be hiring outside engineers to challenge this proposal, but they also have an obligation to provide locations for new cellular equipment.

LA BRAVA HORSE FARM:

-The public hearing has been postponed because the Planning Board has deemed this application incomplete.
-After our CAC meeting, two CAC members met with Jacqui Sherman (Town planner assigned to this project) to discuss the application. The Planning Board has asked for a view shed analysis from the applicant since this proposal is located on an ag reserve with certain restrictions in terms of blocking the views from Deerfield.
-The CAC continues to have problems with the size of this project, the two indoor rings, the drainage, blocking of views, housing etc.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT -- Elected vs. Appointed:

-The members of the CAC have different opinions on this issue but all agree that the Highway Superintendent should not be allowed to take campaign contributions from companies that could be awarded contracts with the Town since it poses a clear conflict of interest. While this can't be mandated, the CAC will follow up to see if the candidates will make a pledge not to take money from companies that could potentially pose a conflict.
-Since our CAC meeting this proposal has been abandoned and the Highway Supt. position will remain an elected office. The Receiver of Taxes position is still being discussed.

LIGHTING LAW:

-The law continues to be revised. There are concerns that it may be watered down. Next public hearing is on Sept. 22nd

ROAD SAFETY AND FLOODING:

-The CAC will follow up with the letter we sent regarding the Corridor Study that has never been completed.

-Also need to follow up on letter regarding the safety concerns at the intersection of Head of Pond/Scuttlehole/Strong's Lane.

-Since the CAC meeting a resident complained about the condition of the back roads that LIPA repaved after the burying of the lines. The CAC needs to follow up.

-Two residents who use Halsey Lane have complained about the change to one-way south at intersection of Halsey and Montauk Hwy, Since the CAC meeting, more complaints have come in regarding the excessive signage on Halsey Lane, the inability to make a right turn off of Halsey Lane on to the Highway in order to get to the post office, the narrowness of Proprietor's Lane and the fear that if the stop light is made into a blinking light no one will be able to make a left turn from Proprietor's back on to the Highway to get to the post office.