

## **August 14, 2006 – Meeting Summary**

Members present: Co-chair Tom Martinez, Rachael Verno, Al Kistler, Charles Corwith, June Morris, Marlene Haresign, Joseph Krajewski, Toni & Ray Maloney, Gloria Rabinowitz, Tom Shea.

Non-members present: Mary Rode, Jennifer Landis (E.H. Star) & Nick Morehead (SH Press).

### **CAC campaign re communicating Water Mill hamlet issues.**

CAC will focus on the most important issues and seek greater means of communication with hamlet residents and governmental agencies. Road safety and environmental issues appear to be the main areas of concern but a survey would help discover additional issues. Cost of a bulk rate mailing to survey hamlet issues will be investigated. Through letters, flyers, posters, etc., CAC members will seek additional names for CAC web site e-mail list. The e-mails collected are kept private and all e-mailings are done individually.

CAC members were asked to bring to the September meeting topics that might be used in a future Hamlet survey.

### **Discussion of vehicle roadway adjacent to the LIRR from Cty Rd 39 to Town Line Rd.**

Highway would be north of tracks, above ground and parallel to railroad bed. The 14 north-south roads would have to go over or under the track/highway “joint use corridor”.

It was reported that at the August 9<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Town Transportation Commission, the by-pass concept, taken from the *Town Comprehension Plan Transportation Element*, was discussed. At the next meeting of the Commission, Sept 13<sup>th</sup>, Exec. Dir., Tom Neely will review the pros and cons of the by-pass. Consultants might be considered to aid the Commission in reviewing the feasibility of the by-pass.

Those present at CAC meeting suggested there would be negative impacts on wetlands, the environment, private property due to the loss of homes and impact on additional home lots and businesses. Concern was raised about spending tax monies on consultants when permission for this project has yet to be obtained from the LIRR, Town Trustees, NYSDEC and other agencies. It was suggested that if money was going to be spent, then all the by-pass *Transportation Element* options, not just this one, be studied.

**Hurricane Preparedness.** The Town has sent out a booklet with information on the Town's preparation for hurricanes to the CAC chairs. It will be mailed to all Town residents.

**Road Safety Issues.** It was reported that CAC members had a successful meeting with Councilman Nuzzi and Tom Neely who will review concerns related to speed and various intersection safety issues. A follow up meeting will be scheduled for late September.

**Head of Pond Road/Deerfield Rd intersection.** General agreement that the finished intersection is working well. Two business owners reported problems turning trucks coming from west Head of Pond Rd down Deerfield Rd without mounting the grass curb area. Concerns were raised about the amount of loose soil in the area that is washing down the road towards the Mill Pond. A letter will be written asking the Town to address the soil wash out and to study the need for a widening of the curve.

**Bike Path on Head of Pond Rd.** An inquiry will be made to see if a bike path is being considered for Head of Pond or any other roads in Water Mill. A Bike Path Advisory Committee has been studying Town needs and their report is expected in the fall.

**New storm drains on Halsey Lane.** Number of residents indicated the dips in the road at the storm drains are causing driving problems. A letter will be written to the Town.

**Failure of recent Southampton Fire District vote.** It was reported that the failure was due to recent property reassessment fears and the misinformation that was mailed to voters. There will be a new vote in the future.

**Chariots of Fire.** This business continues to park and repair cars on the shoulder of the road instead of in the building or on its own property. The junk yard aspect of the property continues. The Water Mill Community Club has been working with the Town on the problem. They will be asked for an up date on the court proceedings.

**Next CAC meeting is September 11, 2006 at 7 PM, Community House**