

## **September 14th, 2009 – Meeting Summary**

Members present: Chair Rachel Verno, Gloria Rabinowitz, Marlene Haresign, Joe Krajewski, Steve Abramson, June Morris, Toni Maloney and Mary Schader

Non-members present: Councilwoman Sally Pope, Councilman Chris Nuzzi, Trustee Fred Havemeyer, Jim Walker, Ricky and Bob Larimer, Parrish Director Terri Sultan, Parrish Asst. Dir., Anke Jackson, Alan Harper, Bridget Fleming, Mary Rode, Ray Maloney, Bob Macris, Bill Brancaccio, Terry Fiore and Jennifer Landes from the EH Star.

### **PARRISH ART MUSEUM- PRESENTATION OF REVISED BUILDING PLANS –**

Director Terri Sultan and Asst. Dir. Anke Jackson explained that new plan calls for one building connected by a central hallway or “spine” instead of separate sections with many exterior walls. New cost projected to be \$25 million as opposed to \$80 million. Using local contractors, building will be as green as possible, dark sky compliant, parking will be screened, the Montauk Hwy. will be widened to allow for a turning lane. Building will have concrete walls and corrugated metal roofing. Large overhang around entire building also allows for seating on benches. Construction should take approximately 18 months. Will now have 12,000 sq ft of exhibition space. 6,000 sq. ft. will house permanent collection previously not shown due to lack of room. Planning Board will hold public hearing on October 22. CAC Members and guests were enthusiastic and supportive of new plans.

### **MILL POND – REPORT ON CURRENT STATUS AND CONDITION OF THE POND**

Town Trustee, Fred Havemeyer discussed the state of Mill Pond. The problem is from an excess of nutrients due to run-off. After the fish kill that destroyed thousands of fish, the Trustees commissioned a lake and pond expert to do a study on how to improve the situation. An excessive algae bloom caused the fish kill. On the first cold night the algae died off and this sucked all the oxygen out of the water. This has happened in Lake Agawam, Coopers Neck Pond and now in Mill Pond. An expert from Southampton College was also consulted. Study will include the “volume” of the lake; it is green and getting worse over the years. The study will be completed at the end of the year. The DEC and Trustees will review the information and make a joint decision. Long-term management plan to reduce the amount of phosphorus will also bring the pond back. Fred urged all those living on the pond to have buffers between residences and the water’s edge so that upland runoff does not make it to the pond. Also no fertilizers should be used. Marty Shea, Southampton Town Chief Environmental Analyst, has a printout of buffers and what plants to use. Residents suggested that Town install a better system to catch the run-off. Getting the water quality of the pond back to an acceptable state is the first priority, and then stocking the pond is the next. CAC will stay involved and will check back with Fred at the end of the year. Residents appealed to the Town Board members present to help with the storm run-off – the drains are not maintained.

**REDUCING TERM LIMITS OF PLANNING BOARD AND ZBA-** Councilman Chris Nuzzi has prepared 2 resolutions that would reduce the term limits of both the Planning Board and the ZBA members from a 7 year term to a 4 year term and would also reduce the amount of members on the ZBA from 5 to 7. In addition, the language in these resolutions encourages the Town Board to appoint a “professional.” on these boards – this is not a mandate but he feels it is an option the Board should have.

Discussion followed on term limits. Most agree on shortening the term limits. Point was raised that reducing the amount of members of the ZBA could be problematical since it is possible that

some members might have to recuse themselves for a particular applicant and that would leave perhaps 2 or 3 people making the final decision.

Public hearings are on October 13. Bridget Fleming, a Town Board candidate, spoke in support of efforts to improve planning process.

**OMNIPOINT CELL TOWER:**

The next public hearing is scheduled for October 8<sup>th</sup>.

**LIGHTING LAW:**

Next public hearing is on Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>. Since the CAC meeting, our Chair attended the public hearing and submitted a letter from the CAC expressing support for Version A of the lighting law and asked that the amortization be reduced to 5 years not 10. .

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS** – Mecox “Yacht Club: - Proposal to fix up the tiny shack at end of Bay Lane (in its original foot print). Town owns this property. A resident of Bay Lane has expressed concern on behalf of his neighbors that a 200 member “yacht club” was being proposed. This is not the case.