

December 14, 2009 – Meeting Summary

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

Non-members present: Jan Harboy, Al Kistler, Alex Gregor.

ALEX GREGOR:

Alex Gregor, the new Town Highway Superintendent, came by to inform us of some of the changes that had taken place since his election. Alex assured us that he would work with the CAC in dealing with the flooding issues that have plagued our area. The CAC will send out an email questionnaire requesting residents to inform us of road condition issues such as potholes, flooding, and safety. Alex wants to hold a public hearing to see whether or not the community wants the Town to continue to Leaf Pick Up program, which has always been a source of complaint from residents.

LIGHTING LAW:

A lighting law was passed. All new lighting will be subject to the law, but instead of an amortization clause, the Town will use a nuisance law to address pre-existing lighting that does not conform to the new law and poses a “nuisance” to surrounding homeowners/businesses.

OMNIPOINT CELL TOWER:

The Planning Board gave the proposal a positive declaration. There will have to be Seqra review. As of our meeting, Omnipoint’s lawyers had not responded to the Planning Board. A member submitted some legal documents regarding various cases involving cell companies and town rights. There appears to be clear precedent for a town to refuse an application based on visual impact and character of a community. The documents were delivered to the Planning Board.

STATION ROAD TRAFFIC LIGHT:

There had been no response from the Bridgehampton CAC regarding our letter to them indicating our opposition to a 24-hour blinking light. We assume our letter will put the issue at rest.

BURNETT PROPERTY ON FLYING POINT:

There have been 5 public hearings and on December 16th the Conservation Board will be making a determination. Since our CAC meeting, the Conservation Board voted 6 to 1 against approving this application. No word as to what the applicant intends to do. One of our CAC members suggested Town (or some other entity) purchasing this land so it could be preserved. CAC will continue to monitor next step applicant might take.

OTHER BUSINESS:

CAC confirmed members and officers for 2010.

Discussed new phenomenon that some homeowners are installing permanent posts along the front of their property, which is on the Town Right of way. This is a safety hazard since there is no shoulder on the back roads and people need to be able to pull over to make way for emergency vehicles. The CAC will follow up.