

April 13th, 2009 - Meeting Summary

Members present: Chair Rachel Verno, Gloria Rabinowitz, Joe Krajewski, Barry Levy, Mary Schader and Steve Abramson

Non-members present: Councilwoman Anna Throne-Holst

HALSEY LANE RESOLUTION:

There seems to be no objections from the community to make Halsey Lane one-way. CAC will write a letter supporting the resolution and one of the members will attend the Public hearing.

CR39 MORATORIUM LIFTED:

Discussed the impact of the moratorium being lifted re various projects ie: Patio.com and Sport Southampton. Councilwoman Throne-Holst explained the resolution she sponsored would ensure any projects that would have been subject to the CR39 study before the moratorium was lifted, would still have to follow those guidelines.

Discussion followed on the road widening from 7/11 to the intersection with Rt.27 and the two-lane roundabout.

PATIO.COM:

With the lifting of the CR39 Moratorium, the Patio.com proposal is back with a proposal for a much larger building since the applicant has purchased the adjoining piece of property.

Councilwoman Throne-Holst explained that this proposal would fall under the new resolution and would thereby have to follow the CR39 study guidelines. There may in fact be code and zoning changes that may or may not affect the size of this proposal.

Discussion regarding the CAC's various concerns of size, design, parking, landscape, lighting, etc. CAC will draft a letter to the Planning Board stating these concerns

Since the CAC meeting, Rachel attended the Planning Board work session. All of our concerns excluding the size of the actual building were discussed. The Planning Board asked the applicant to submit their building design to the ARB.

SPORT SOUTHAMPTON RETAIL:

Discussion regarding the special exception application for a change of use of the Fortunoff property into a car dealership. Even though this proposal is on Rt.27 it falls under the CR39 study and will have to adhere to the recommendations

Also discussed the unsafe conditions of a car dealership in this location, specifically the loading and unloading of cars, plus lighting, landscape, signage, the display of cars and the fact that this is a proposal for a "temporary" car dealership. Since the CAC meeting, a notice for a public hearing for May 14 has been set. The CAC has submitted a letter stating our concerns.

NEW LIGHTING LAW:

The CAC agreed to sign a petition joining other CACs and civic groups in asking the Town to move forward as quickly as possible on passing a resolution on this issue

Councilwoman Throne-Holst said Councilwoman Nancy Graboski would be introducing a resolution shortly. Councilwoman Throne-Holst explained that the Green Committee would be making suggestions for a number of resolutions regarding energy efficiency measures and she hopes the municipal buildings will lead by example.

STATION ROAD PROJECT:

Rachel reported on the Planning Board session that addressed the Water Mill Station site plan. The CAC and the Community Club's concerns re the size and access onto Nowedonah Avenue have yet to be resolved. The Town hired its own traffic consultant and a physical count of cars has been requested over two weekends.

Since the CAC meeting, another Planning Board session was held. The CAC, the Community Club and the Group for the East End will draft letters to the Planning Board restating our concerns. CAC members will attend the May 7th Planning Board session to continue monitoring this project.

CULVERT REPAIR:

NYS DOT has informed us this project will not be completed as scheduled due to more extensive work needed. We stressed that the temporary concrete barriers are unsafe (road has narrowed) especially during the busy summer season. Councilwoman Throne-Holst offered to get involved and will pass along our concerns to the proper agencies.

Since the CAC meeting, we have heard back from the DOT and they will be removing the barriers and cleaning up the area before Memorial Day.

OMINIPOINT CELL TOWER ON VERDERBER'S PROPERTY:

We need to follow up on the laws regarding cell towers. However, Councilwoman Throne-Holst explained that the Town must provide a certain amount of cell towers to the communication companies and it appears this piece of property falls in line with the guidelines.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Member asked about the LIPA surcharge and Councilwoman Throne-Holst explained there still has not been a full accounting of what the actual costs were for the burial of the new lines.

The CAC and Community Club will participate in the Annual Great East End Clean Up campaign May 2 and May 3 and will inform the local businesses.