

## **August 11, 2008 Meeting Summary**

Members present: Co-Chair Steve Abramson, Co-Chair Rachel Verno, Gloria Rabinowitz, Joe Krajewski, Paul Griffin, June Morris, Toni Maloney and Mary Schader

Non-members present: Reynolds Dodson, Kate Millard, Cynthia Wong, Amy Treitel, Jan Harboy, Margaret Davies, Ray Maloney, Mary Rode, Betty Preshkar

### **TRAFFIC IN WATER MILL**

Increased speeding on Head of Pond Rd. Vehicles are now going 55 to 60 miles per hour. It took over a year but Town did change limit from 40 to 35. Still not a deterrent. What can be done about speeding on the back roads? We have suggested automated machines clocking speed, speed bumps that do not interfere with speeds up to 40 mph, and rumble strips. The police say there is no shoulder so it is difficult to pull people over. Town has periodically used speed monitors but they are moved around. Town suggested residents could privately purchase one of these machines. Did not seem to be an option for residents – investing in something that could easily be stolen and they are very portable; should be permanently mounted on poles as in Southampton Village.

Water Mill hamlet bottleneck was also discussed. One guest suggested having 4 narrow lanes through the hamlet to move traffic. The CAC members were not in favor of this, as it would destroy hamlet center, remove parking from the south side of the highway, encourage speeding and have the opposite effect of “traffic calming”.

Subcommittee on traffic formed. After many attendees weighed in, the CAC formed a sub committee on traffic and speeding issues which will consist of Co-Chair Rachel Verno, CAC members, Paul Griffin and Toni Maloney and residents, Cynthia Wong and Amy Treitel.

### **PARTY HOUSES IN WATER MILL**

A guest reported on two houses on Jordan drive that are being rented out as party houses. The tenants were hosting large noisy parties and advertising on the Internet. The complainant contacted the Building Department. In addition, Code Enforcement, the Fire Marshal and police visited the house and the Town declared both houses illegal, as they have no CO. The tenant of one house was taken to court. A series of fines were issued, and conditions set for occupancy. Among them are: no more than 15 people in house; no noise beyond the property; no more than 11 cars can be on the property. If he violates these conditions, he will face a \$25,000 fine. CAC will suggest that Code Enforcement have a checklist on the status of these houses in order to have a rapid response to complaints.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Graffiti. A number of road signs and utility boxes are marked with graffiti. CAC asked those present to report any graffiti they see in the hamlet to web site. Action will be taken to remove the graffiti.

A resident asked why the CAC had filed a complaint about his property in 2006, which resulted in code violations being issued. The CAC explained that they had concerns about the number of cars parked on his property and the potential for groundwater contamination.