

September 8,2008 – Meeting Summary

Members present: Co-Chair Rachel Verno, Gloria Rabinowitz, Marlene and Tom Haresign, Joe Krajewski, Paul Griffin, June Morris, Barry Levy

Non-member present: Mary Rode

SUBWAY SANDWICH SHOP:

-Chief Building Inspector, Mike Benincasa, issued a building permit to Subway Sandwich Shop to be located in the Water Mill Shoppes complex. The CAC felt the Planning Board should have reviewed it.

-Mike's position is that there is no change of use since Subway is a restaurant/deli. The CAC's position is that Subway is a fast food chain. Subway's website www.subway.com, states that Subway is "the second largest **fast-food** franchise in the world."

-The CAC feels that if a fast food chain can be issued a building permit without going through the planning process, this opens the door for future fast food chains (McDonalds, Burger King, KFC) to replace any restaurant/deli without going through the Planning Board.

-The CAC also has concerns with signage, venting, indoor/outdoor seating, lack of restrooms and parking. All of these issues could have been addressed during the planning process and may not because of the rubber-stamping of a building permit.

-There is also concern regarding the impact of traffic and parking in light of the 23,000sq. ft. Station Road Project that is waiting approval from the Planning Board.

-The CAC agreed to raise these concerns at the next Town Board Meeting. Rachel and Gloria presented them. The Town Board agreed that a step seems to have been skipped and plans to look into why a fast food franchise was issued a building permit without having to go before the Planning Board.

STATION ROAD PROJECT:

-There is no update on this project and it is not scheduled on the Planning Board agenda.

PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING LIPA SURCHARGE:

-A bus has been chartered free of charge to take everyone to the hearing on September 17th. Everyone was asked to attend and to try to bring their neighbors. It was agreed to post directions on the website for people who wanted to drive themselves and to post the address for people to send letters in support of the surcharge.

-Note: Since the CAC meeting, several members of the CAC attended the LIPA hearing and it was agreed that the CAC should send a letter to LIPA in support of the surcharge.

TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMITTEE UPDATE:

-Rachel and Paul gave a summary of their initial meeting regarding traffic issues in Water Mill. Specifically the over crowding on the back roads during rush hour in the AM and PM as well as the speeding issue during off peak hours. The sub-committee

feels that there is still work to be done before presenting a plan to the Town and they will continue to meet and revise their suggestions.

-The CAC has learned that the Town is revisiting the intersection at Head of Pond/Scuttlehole/Strong's Lane and we have informed Nancy Graboski that the CAC would like to be included in those discussions. Nancy will be contacting Tom Neely to discuss setting a date to come to one of our CAC meetings.

-The CAC agreed that this would be a good time to raise other traffic concerns and will put a list together for our October meeting.

-The CAC also discussed the dangerous parking situation at Scuttlehole Rd/Head of Pond created by Chip's garage storing cars across the street from their shop.

CULVERT REPAIRS:

-Gloria gave an update of the culvert bridge repairs at the western entrance to the hamlet. It was agreed to send the construction schedule to our web site e-mail list and to the other Water Mill organizations.

OTHER BUSINESS:

-Concern regarding the outdoor display at Flashbacks (the store located at the corner of Flying Point and 27) An e-mail will be sent to Sgt. Kiernan.

-Paul raised issue of the flooding of Mecox Pond. He will contact the Town Trustees.

Minutes taken by Rachel Verno