

April 8, 2019-Meeting Summary

Members present: Steve Abramson, Marlene Haresign, Rachel Verno

Guests present: Thea Fry, Don Law, Tim Ferguson, Charlie Corwith, John Shemilt

CANDIDATES FOR TOWN TRUSTEE:

Thea Fry and Don Law introduced themselves as candidates for Town Trustee.

-Discussed issues currently concerning Water Mill such as impaired waterways.

-Thea is in the process of inventorying all 99 fresh water bodies of water.

-Thea discussed the beach clean up she organized and her plans for more public participation with these kinds of events. It's not acceptable for the Trustees to ignore problems with the excuse that they don't have the manpower

or the funds. They should bring problems to the Town Board and seek funding.

There is now a means through the WQIPP to fund larger projects.

-Discussed the need for creating more participation in the septic rebate program. The problems of taxing grant money needs to be resolved. Should upgraded septic be mandated within 100 ft. of water bodies? How do you get a full reimbursement plan in place so more people take part in the program?

-Need to ban pesticides such as Round Up within X number of feet from a water body.

-Discussed the current Trustees lack of leadership in installing buffers and banning chemicals near bodies of water.

-Discussed the concerns with the proposed tax line for the Trustees.

SCUTTLEHOLE BUSINESS PARK:

Concerns regarding this application. The CAC will submit a letter to the Planning Board for the April 11th public hearing. Several guests pointed out that this location is compromised by heavy flooding that drains into Mecox. The DEC had denied building on this property 20 years ago because it is in the watershed and contains several endangered species. The entrance/exit for the cross access on to Scuttlehole Road is too close to Rt. 27. The cross access does not include Cumberland gas station and Sabrosa restaurant.

PATIO.COM:

-CAC submitting letter regarding condition of this site.

PSEG POLES:

-The old poles will be removed once Verizon and Cablevision switch over all the equipment on to the new (much taller) FEMA approved poles. Will probably not be completed until after the summer.

PARKING SPOTS:

The NO PARKING regulations in front of the post office be reevaluated. The State removed all of the parking on the south side of the hamlet center and there is a severe lack of spaces for residents to park. The bus stop is no longer located in front of the post office and all of the loading and unloading happens behind the post office building. There is a serious need for additional parking spots and there are probably two, possibly three spots that are currently blocked off. If the State does not agree, then the road needs to be striped so that people can properly be made aware that they will get a parking ticket.-The CAC will submit a letter to Tom Neely.