

June 12, 2017 Meeting Summary

Members present:

Rachel Verno, Chair; Marlene Haresign; Gloria Rabinowitz; Rik Kristiansson; Steve Abramson

Guests: Lynn Arthur; Jamie Egerton-Warburton

- A proprietor's request for relief from signage code. The request is from a business at 720 Rte. 27 in the center of Water Mill for a sign to be 3.5 ft. from the street vs. 20 ft. setback according to code. The notion was raised that this would be a bad precedent. Rachel will send a letter to the ZBA. Was a permit needed for the work done to the rear building and would that require Planning Board review?
- Status of Deerfield Road storm water abatement. It was reported that Alex Gregor was having McLean Engineering analyze the volume of storm water with a view towards using conventional drains to resolve the problem. Steve Lerner had called the Stormtech company, which itself confirmed the company did not recommend their tubes for this purpose, nor did they apparently have any similar application to investigate.
- Traffic at Head of Pond/Deerfield Road intersection. It was reported that Supervisor Schneiderman would like to attend a future WMCAC meeting to discuss potential alteration to that intersection to improve handling of traffic volume.
- Presentation on energy supply/demand problem on South Fork. Lynn Arthur gave a slide presentation outlining the significant pace at which electrical demand is to exceed supply. The presentation outlined LIPA/PSEG plans for wind turbines, battery storage, temporary generators, transmission upgrades, and, importantly, what residents can do to reduce energy consumption. Discussed were free home energy basement-to-attic audits including information checks for safety, leaky windows, ducting leaks, efficient bulb replacement, smart thermostats. Solar panel installations with tax incentives are cash flow positive from the get-go vs. LIPA/PSEG charges. Unlike LIPA bills which are on target for 5% annual increases, solar financing charges are less cost than your annual LIPA bills would be for the same energy and are fixed.