

May 11th, 2015 Meeting Summary

Members present: Rachel Verno, Gloria Rabinowitz, Steve Abramson, Marlene Haresign,
Guest: Diane Rulnick

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS:

CAC submitted a letter to code enforcement re the business, Creative Touch Landscaping which has been storing piles of soil, mulch, landscape debris etc., along Montauk Hwy. The business has also been operating without a CO. There is a landscape plan that is part of the approval. The Town planner indicated they would be contacting the owner.

The Water Mill Townhouse RPDD was supposed to be on Town Board agenda May 12 but Philip Young, the developer, requested the hearing be moved to June 23.

Note: Since our meeting, the pre-submission hearing has now been moved to July 14th.

Public hearings for Tuckahoe Center on Cty Rd 39 have been closed. Written comments must be in by May 12. Other entities (such as Suffolk County, etc) have to weigh in. Approximate time of voting on this by Town Board will be in October. Since our meeting, the County has submitted a letter indicating they would not grant a left turn lane on CR39 heading West onto Magee Street. The Suffolk County Planning Commission has not set a new date for this project to be on their agenda. CAC has submitted letters to the Suffolk County Planning Commission and plans to attend the hearings when set.

MILL POND/ DEERFIELD ROAD STORM WATER ABATEMENT:

Members of the CAC met with Councilwoman Scalera, Christine Fetten, Trustees Ed Warner and Scott Horowitz to discuss storm water containment on the DiMenna property, a possible catch basin on the Vinoly property, possible phoslock or alum treatment for Mill Pond, and concerns about the efficiency of the check dams and lack of drainage through the rock bed from Phase 1. It was agreed to reconvene in a few weeks to discuss a plan of action.

Based on a CAC member's conversation with Suffolk County Legislator Jay Schneiderman, it was suggested that the Town could copy the drainage system that was installed several years ago on Old Mill Road in front of the Water Mill Museum to control the run off from the DiMenna property. The system puts catch basins underneath the road which is pitched towards the center where a system of grates is placed.

Discussion followed about whether this kind of system could be placed just north of the intersection of Head of Pond and Deerfield Rds. in an attempt to solve the massive flooding issue at that corner.

Also discussed was the East Hampton Town plan for all their water bodies that was put together by environmental engineer, Pio Lombardo and CAC will ask Christine Scalera if she has been able to get a hold of this study.

Note: Since our meeting the following has occurred:

Councilwoman Scalera indicated she would get a copy of the study.

Councilwoman Scalera was scheduled to meet with DiMenna's representative regarding their plan for storm water containment.

One of our members noted that people were paddle boarding and kayaking on Millpond despite DEC warnings. This information was passed on to Councilwoman Scalera.

WATER MILL TOWNHOUSES PROPOSAL:

CAC discussed the following:

A cross access from Market Square to Station Road and whether this would be something to consider as part of a public benefit. This connection could help to create a more cohesive hamlet center along the lines of Amagansett Square.

The issue of the affordable housing component. The property at 24 Station Road is zoned residential and the property owner has been contacted by code enforcement for violations. CAC member suggested owner might be open to selling the property and if this would be a viable location for rental units.

Further discussion about the adjoining property at 40 Station Road and whether there would be interest from the Town to explore a larger affordable housing rental project at that location. Station Road is in the hamlet center, close to public transportation and in an area that would not negatively impact single-family residences.