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MINUTES

May 14, 2012

Guests. Liz Seus and John Barone, members of Little Fresh Pond Association

The meeting opened at 8:11 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the April 9th meeting were approved.

New Business

Meeting Schedule. The next meetings will be held on June 11th and July 9th at 8 pm. There will not be a meeting in August.

Little Fresh Pond – Jay Jacobs Day Camp Proposal. There is nothing on any of the Town agendas concerning the proposed Day Camp. The Co-chair is concerned that Mr. Jacobs may submit a proposal under another name. At this time, all the developer is permitted to do is use the property as a Tennis Camp. He may be able to rent out the cottages if he obtains a Rental Permit, although there may be problems with water and/or septic which prevent this. It is believed that Mr. Jacobs paid \$7.5 million for the property, which has potential for a 14-lot subdivision.

Balcomie Woods Site. The Co-chair attended a meeting on Post Place, on May 5, in which residents expressed concern about the Day Camp proposal. The Co-chair also spoke to the owner of the last house on Balcomie Lane, who was aware of the possibility that the Town might build on the adjacent land but was “assured this would not happen in his lifetime.” The Co-Chair advised that neighbors have concerns for the environment, mentioning the White Cedar Woods in the area. Traffic and land disturbance were other issue. The Co-Chair expects neighbors to be writing letters expressing their concerns.

In the discussion that followed, CAC members offered different views. Some specific statements offered by different individuals were:

“I don’t think we should be catering to the super-wealthy”

“There is no place for our children to live. How do you provide for people who live here? We have a need for housing they can afford.”

“We have only 14 affordable units at the Courtyards. This would mean 14 more. What is happening to nurses and teachers? My personal feeling is we need affordable housing.”

“Aren’t they building affordable housing at Sandy Hollow Road?”

“There are already a lot of small cabins on North Sea Road. I would rather see what they are doing in Flanders – scattered site homes. There are 288 houses in North Sea that are available for low amounts of money.”

“By not doing affordable housing we are cutting off our noses to spite our faces – there is no place for our children.”

“The property should be sold to the CPF and use the money to develop Sandy Hollow”

“I don’t want North Sea to become a dumping ground”.

“The affordable homes at Balcomie would be for people up to 80% of median income. That means people with incomes up to \$80,000 a year. Most will already live or work in Southampton. Why would you want to exclude them?”

Noyac Road Traffic. A Town Board resolution has been introduced to limit large trucks on Noyac Road. After a spirited discussion of the pros and cons of banning large truck traffic, citing residents’ issues, impracticality of enforcement, the likelihood that heavy traffic would re-route through other residential areas, the group focused on enforcement as being the main problem. It was agreed to write a letter suggesting targeted enforcement at crucial hours: 7 to 10 in the morning and 3:30 to 7:30 in the evening. More speed indicators and radar signs were also supported. Lowering the speed limit was considered to be of questionable value. Nearly all agreed that an outright ban on trucks was impractical, but 4 out of 7 members agreed that 18-wheelers should be banned.

CAC Rules. The Co-chair circulated copies of the rules.

New Business

Jet East – A member suggested we should thank Co-Chair John Watson for approaching the Community Preservation Fund and urging them to put the Jet East site on their list for possible acquisition. All agreed.

Invasive Bamboo – There is a large stand of invasive bamboo at the intersection of Parrish Pond Road and North Sea Road. A group is trying to put sufficient money together to buy the site and eradicate the bamboo. The owner is said to prefer donating the site to the town and getting a tax deduction for \$300,000.

Other Town Committee Reports

None, as the meeting was running late.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 pm.

Present: Joan Barra, Mary Beatty, John Clark, Lucille Dunne, Barbara Fair, Dan Gebbia, Frank Palmer, Arlene Schroeder, John Watson,

Excused: Stephanie McNamara, Ann Reisman, Mary Topping