

EAST QUOGUE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

September 10, 2014

MINUTES

Present: Joan Hughes, Carol Combes, Richard Combes, Geraldine Jack, Tom Jack, Joyce Roper

Guests: Councilman Brad Bender, East Quogue resident Barbara Marks

Minutes of the July, 2014 meeting were amended and approved.

OLD BUSINESS

- Councilman Bender advises that Verizon needs to be contacted in regard to the #14 pole on Lewis Road behind the elementary school.
- Spinney Road “No Parking” signs - One sign has been knocked down and another has been defaced with graffiti.
- The Hills - It was noted that there are now a number of groups who are opposed to this development. Discovery Land Corp. must submit an application in October, prior to the 1 year expiration date. There will then be a notice of public hearing by the Town Board.

NEW BUSINESS

- East Quogue resident Barbara Marks and Carol Combes expressed concern regarding the corner of Montauk Highway and Halsey Avenue. They related that there was a bike accident at the spot in 2012, and that the shrubbery on the corner property presents an issue when attempting to view traffic. Councilman Bender advised that the area in question may be in the town R.O.W., and will check into it.
- There was concern expressed regarding pedestrians crossing from the south side of Montauk Highway near Lewis Road over to the Village Green, especially during the Summer Concert Series. Geraldine Jack suggested that a crosswalk at that specific location would be a welcome addition.
- The issue of large “pop up” signage from builders, contractors, etc. was raised, and the solution presented was to initially email the owners to remove the signs.
- Councilman Bender presented on the Riverside Traffic Circle Improvement proposition, which will be on the November 2014 ballot as “alienation of parkland”. (Since the property was acquired as parkland with Community Preservation Fund money, using it for something else requires a state legislature vote and referendum among Town voters.) He explained, with a large graphic,

how the exchange of property between Suffolk County and the Town would benefit Southampton Town and ease the traffic flow.

- There will also be a referendum on the November 2014 ballot asking the public to authorize repayment of \$29.4 million to the Clean Drinking Water Protection Program fund.
- A unanimous vote of support was given to the Bridgehampton CAC's recently adopted resolution to restrict the seasonal use of gas powered leaf blowers.
- A unanimous vote of support was given to a proposed Plastic Bag Ban in the Town of Southampton.
- A vote was postponed until more information could be had on Riverhead Town's EPCAL study.
- The Dark Skies Advisory Committee will be holding a tour of the night sky at Bridge Gardens, led by environmentalist and writer John Turner. "Stars over Bridge Gardens" will be held on Saturday, September 27 from 7pm to 9pm at Bridge Gardens, 36 Mitchell Lane Bridgehampton.
- The East Quogue Historical Society will hold its annual meeting on Friday September 26 at 7pm in the East Quogue United Methodist Church Parish Hall on Main Street. After the business portion, there will be a presentation on the East Quogue Hamlet Heritage Area by Southampton Landmarks and Historic Districts Chair Sally Spanburgh and Councilwoman Bridget Fleming.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Next meeting on Wednesday October 8 at the East Quogue Elementary School Library.

Respectfully,
Joyce Roper