

East Quogue Citizen Advisory Committee

March 14, 2012 7:05 pm

Attending: Joan Hughes, Vito Gentile, Carol Combes, Tom Jack, Debby Tennyson,

Guests: Al Algeri, Beth Albert

Motion to approve the February 11, 2012 minutes made by Tom Jack and seconded by Vito Gentile

Secretary position not filled; no discussion on nomination

Pine Neck Marina: It seems that the Town of Southampton is moving forward on keeping the marina on the newly acquired land on Weesuck Creek, in spite of the Trustees and many local residents' opposition. Applications for 14 boats are being accepted at \$100/foot for this coming season starting May 1, 2012. A major concern of the local East Quogue opponents is that if this marina is permitted, then the Town will have to permit Docker's Marina application. In response, the EQ CAC will request that a SEQRA (State Environment Quality Review Act) be made. The EQ Civic Association also opposes further development of this marina and plans to become more aggressive in its opposition. Concern was raised that local existing marinas are not at 100% occupancy and threaten their solvency (i.e. tax revenues).

Docker's Marina Application: No update.

Cell Tower: The Fire Department Commission remains steadfast on the erecting of the cell tower in East Quogue. The Town of Southampton's Planning Department is slated to give a report on March 16, 2012. A final application still needs to be submitted; there will be no public vote or referendum on the cell tower decision. The Planning Department is dealing with this issue, thus the CAC is not taking action at this time.

Sidewalk Safety: Beth Albert stated that the three most important sidewalk safety areas based on parental input are Old Country Road between Lewis Road and Central Avenue; east side of Central Avenue; intersection of Lewis and Old Country Road. Sidewalks are part of the Highway Department's budget, which claims to have limited funds. The CAC has been advocating for sidewalk repair and crosswalk repainting. Therefore, in its future requests, the CAC will also include the elementary school sidewalk requests. The CAC is going to schedule an appointment with Tom Neely to see what can be done to address these concerns.

1. Three exit signs for East Quogue have been erected on Sunrise Highway at Exit 64, thanks to the efforts of EQCAC member Vito Gentile and Frank Pearson, P. E., Regional Traffic Engineer, State of New York Dept. of Transportation. The signs put East Quogue on the map, literally, for the first time, and should be a great help to visitors and our local businesses.

Correspondence

2. At the Feb. 7th Suffolk County Legislature meeting in Hauppauge representatives from 12 East End organizations spoke against the Hahn resolution for a moratorium and priority list for open space purchases, including the EQCAC. Environmental groups, especially, fear that the proposed legislation would be a wedge leading to elimination of the open space purchase program. Concerns were raised on whether or not the acquisition of “The Hills” would be at risk.

New Business:

- Joan Hughes encouraged completion of the Hamlet priorities survey.
- Announcement that Councilwoman Scalera and Town Engineer Fetten will be present at the June 13 meeting.
- Acknowledgement of how nice Montauk Highway now looks from Jones Road west in East Quogue after the Suffolk County Highway Department cleaned it up. Thanks to Councilman Nuzzi and Kristen Tuffy for getting the job done.
- Discussion about the EQ Village Green and deterioration of the pavilion’s supporting posts. It is unclear what will happen in the near future due to tight budgets.
- Update on zebra sidewalk painting on Montauk: should be sometime in March.

Next meeting will be April 11, 2012 at Carol Combes home since the Elementary School is closed for holiday.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m., motioned by Carol Combes, seconded by Tom Jack.

Respectfully,

Debby Tennyson