

Commack Community Association
Meeting Minutes
April 25, 2013
Location: The Bristol Assisted Living Facility

Officers Absent: Debbie Virga

I. Guest Speaker

- A. Dr. Donald James , Superintendent of the Commack School District, (<http://www.commack.k12.ny.us>), presented the adopted 2013-14 Commack School District Budget. Board adopted the budget and it cannot be changed before the vote.
- a. He has met with small and large groups to explain items in the budget. He stated that people like the schools. There is an all time high in winning awards.
 - b. He stated that the students have more choices for classes, college level courses, IB Program, Ap. Parents pay for extra costs.
 - c. He explained that the 2% formula increase by state does not mean that number. Last year it was 2.6% and this year 2.9%.
 - d. The student enrollment is declining by 150-200 students this year. There are 7,200 students, projected 6,500 children by 2015.
 - e. Dr. James said that the Commack School District has been spending down the reserve over time from \$26,000,000 to \$15,000,000.
 - f. CCA members asked questions.

2. Bruce Ettenberg read last meeting's minutes. Motion to accept by Maureen and Otis, adopted unanimously.

a. Bruce reported that he and Debra Ettenberg attended a meeting in Smithtown concerning the formation of the Village of the Branch in Smithtown.

b. A letter regarding the Mayfair Shopping Center expansion was written to Frank DeRubeus, Smithtown Director of Planning, Russell Barnett, Smithtown Director of Environmental Protection and Vincent Puleo, Smithtown Town Clerk . Bruce read the letter aloud. The planning board passed the request on to the zoning board for the expansion of Mayfair. Site review is next.

c. Otis asked about the rat problem. The residents have called but the Suffolk County Health Dept told residents there is not a problem. Bruce is going to suggest to the residents that they write directly to the health department.

3. The Treasurer's Report- Rich Morgan said the balance was \$1108.63. The decals cost \$101.95. Two new members and one decal were sold adding \$30.00 to the amount.

4. The Crisis Committee Report- Bob Semprini submitted his report and Maureen read it. The members met with CERT which could teach various classes; one example was how to live through a crisis in your home.

5. Arthur Reilly reported that there was nothing new at Marion Carll site except the black material on roof with intermittent strips that may be furring strips.

6. Two letters were sent the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation about the truck traffic on Townline Road but no response. John Kennedy was able to get Huntington Supervisor Frank Petrone, Smithtown Supervisor Patrick Vecchio and Suffolk County Legislator Lyn Norwick to meet at his office to discuss this situation. Huntington's position is that it is the county's responsibility. Huntington Town Board hired a consultant to study roads. Bob Semprini will FOIL for report.

7. CCA election of board for President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer to be held at June meeting. Nominations are due at May meeting.

8. VFW asked if we intended to march from Home Depot along Jericho Turnpike to Cannon Park for the Memorial Day Parade. We will. Join us.

Della and Adele motioned to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM

Respectfully submitted by Debra Ettenberg

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