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EAST HAMPTON Wainscott moratorium might be extended

East Hampton Town officials said they are considering extending a moratorium on development in the Wainscott business district for another six months.

Officials want to prevent new projects from being “built out of conformance” with the Wainscott hamlet study, which is expected to be completed within six months, Supervisor Larry Cantwell said.

The town board enacted a yearlong moratorium on Wainscott commercial development on Nov. 17, 2016, temporarily suspending the planning board’s authority to approve subdivisions or other site plans for commercial properties along and adjacent to Montauk Highway in Wainscott.

The moratorium was passed to give officials a chance to review the findings of the hamlet studies, which examine traffic, land use, zoning, environmental concerns and other issues.

Residents heard draft findings from Massachusetts-based consulting firm Dodson & Flinker Inc. on Wainscott, Springs, East Hampton, Amagansett and Montauk this summer.

Residents can speak at a hearing on the proposed moratorium extension scheduled for Dec. 7 at Town Hall at 6:30 p.m.

— RACHELLE BLIDNER

RIVERHEAD Sewage plant given environmental award

Riverhead’s upgraded sewage treatment plant was cited Tuesday with an annual award recognizing groups and organizations for contributing to better water environments in their local communities.

Representatives from Melville-based consulting and design firm H2M architects + engineers presented the 2017 Water Environment Federation Project Excellence Award to town officials at Tuesday’s regular town board meeting.

The Alexandria, Virginia-based nonprofit, which works

Chasing lofty gulls



SAYVILLE. Sarah Prendergast of Islip Terrace watches her son, Forest Bente, 2, chase seagulls by the bay off Browns River Road in Sayville. Prendergast, a Sayville native, said that when she was young, she and her mother would feed the seagulls at this location.

toward protecting public health and the environment, is made up of 34,000 members worldwide, according to its mission statement. Each year the group presents awards that “recognize individuals and organizations that have made outstanding contributions to the water environment profession.”

The award recognized the Riverhead plant’s \$24 million infrastructure upgrades, completed in 2014, which allow the plant to remove more nitrogen and handle wastewater from 500 additional housing units.

Town Supervisor Sean Walter credited the town’s sewer district superintendent, Michael Reichel, for his efforts in helping coordinate and lead the upgrades to the sewer facility.

“I don’t think we’re wrong in saying that we operate the most advanced water treatment plant in New York State . . . and this shows our commitment to the environment,” Walter said.

— JEAN-PAUL SALAMANCA

GLEN COVE Council to vote on computer study

The Glen Cove City Council is scheduled to vote Tuesday on hiring a Melville company for an assessment of the city’s computer needs, after Glen Cove’s new IT manager, Patrick Reyes, told city council members Tuesday night that the current system is “not up to par.”

Mayor Reginald Spinello said during Tuesday’s council work session that in the past “it’s been Band-Aided together” and a thorough assessment is needed.

The council will vote during its 7:30 p.m. meeting at City Hall whether to pay Melville-based Total Technology Solutions up to \$11,000 a month, according to the resolution slated to come before the council. The council also is scheduled to vote on whether to spend up to \$10,000 for a one-time installation fee.

The council last month

approved paying Total \$7,800 for an earlier assessment. That two-week “audit,” which was completed earlier this month, was less detailed, Deputy Mayor Barbara Peebles said.

Peebles said the assessments of the city’s computer system are the first she’s aware of. Until Reyes was recently hired as the city’s first full-time IT manager, the city only had a part-time IT outside contractor, and assessing the system was not part of his responsibilities, she said.

Among possible changes needed are standardizing software among employees, updating the system’s servers and upgrading the security system, she said.

“We do have several layers of security, but there’s opportunity for improvement,” Peebles said.

A Total engineer will work with city IT manager Reyes four days a week, and a Total executive will work with him on the other day, Peebles said.

— DAVID OLSON

PLANDOME MANOR

Contracts awarded for two road projects

Village trustees in Plandome Manor on Tuesday approved two contracts for road-related work near Stonytown Road.

Trustees unanimously approved a \$1,910 contract with Port Washington-based Robert Keogh Inc. to have the company re-stripe a stretch of pavement along Plandome Road from Stonytown Road to Bayview Road. The trustees also approved a \$1,975 contract with Ronkonkoma-based Clean River Environmental for the company to clean a catch basin on Stonytown Road.

Village trustees also approved a preliminary plan to make Manhasset-based NeighborTech their new information technology services provider. Firm owners Anthony and Roberto Capogna reviewed some of the IT services their company could provide during Tuesday’s village trustees meeting.

Mayor Barbara Donno said the village is having IT problems, particularly with the email account for village clerk Randi Malman.

The Capognas said they already have one IT contract with the Village of Plandome and are working on a website revamp for the Village of Russell Gardens.

Plandome Manor has not finalized the total cost for hiring NeighborTech.

— CHRISTOPHER J. BROOKS

WYANDANCH Annual tree lighting ceremony Thursday

The annual tree lighting ceremony in Wyandanch is to be held Thursday.

The event is sponsored by the Wyandanch Weed & Seed Beautification Society in partnership with the Wyandanch Community Resource Center, Wyandanch Fire Department, Wyandanch Memorial VFW Post 361 and Wyandanch Villages.

In addition to the tree lighting, there will be free hot chocolate and candy canes.

The tree lighting will take place at 6 p.m. at George Simms Plaza, on Straight Path, across from the Wyandanch Community Resource Center.

— DENISE M. BONILLA