

Town of Riverhead 9/27/21 Community Meeting (Wading River and Manorville) - Summary of Comments

Hamlet(s) of Concern	Topic Area	Subcategory	Summary of Comment
Baiting Hollow	Environmental Protection and Sustainability	Open space preservation	Baiting Hollow Farm has an application before the Planning Board for a 6,000-sf wine bar; it is believed that the developer intends to use this space for wedding receptions. Some residents want open space and want to stop development where it doesn't belong.
Calverton	Transportation	Travel infrastructure	River Road/Edwards Avenue intersection is a problem for vehicles crossing Edwards Avenue from River Road.
Calverton	Transportation	Travel infrastructure	When will the NYSDOT improvements on Middle Country Road at Edwards Avenue be done?
Calverton	Other	Outreach	The location on Shade Tree Lane is difficult for Calverton residents to access. Meetings should be held at Riley Avenue School.
Jamesport	Other	Outreach	The Jamesport meeting should be repeated due to technical issues.
Manorville	Environmental Protection and Sustainability	Drinking water supply	The Town should prioritize getting clean water for the people of Manorville.
Manorville	Environmental Protection and Sustainability	Drinking water supply	There are emerging groundwater contaminants in Manorville and across Long Island.
Manorville	Environmental Protection and Sustainability	Drinking water supply	The Town is addressing the water quality issue in Manorville. The Town held a Water Forum on 9/22/21 and is on the verge of getting a grant from the federal government to address the problem. The Town has to match 20 percent of all grants received. The cost is estimated at \$9 million.
Manorville	Environmental Protection and Sustainability	Drinking water supply	When will the Town do something regarding contamination of private water wells in Manorville? It is important to get clean water for Manorville as soon as possible. There needs to be discussions with Suffolk County Water Authority and the Town of Brookhaven.
Townwide	Other	2003 Comp Plan Goals	How would the Town rate the success of the 2003 Comp Plan overall?
Townwide	Other	2003 Comp Plan Goals	We are updating the 2003 plan; this is not a new plan. We need to look at what was addressed in the 2003 plan. Section 5 p. 15 includes Goal 5.5 to protect scenic quality. The Town identified Edwards Avenue as a scenic corridor but this is not being taken into consideration as 700 acres in this area are developed with solar energy installations. We are getting off track with respect to the goals for preserving scenic quality from the 2003 Comp. Plan.
Townwide	Other	Advisory Committee	The Central Advisory Committee is heavy with developer and business interests and less focused on open space preservation. Syd Bail was appointed to make sure that the civics have a seat.
Townwide	Route 58 and Economic Development	Agritainment	What is the definition of Agritainment?
Townwide	Transportation	Buses	Should small bus shelters be built at key bus stops?
Townwide	Transportation	Complete Streets	There is support for addressing complete streets. Strongtowns.org is a good resource for information about what works across the U.S.
Townwide	Route 58 and Economic Development	Employment/Revenues	Is the employment being a presented a count of where workers live or where workers work?
Townwide	Route 58 and Economic Development	Employment/Revenues	Is the Town considering employment and economic opportunities for increasing revenues?
Townwide	Route 58 and Economic Development	Employment/Revenues	Is our goal always to increase the Town's assessment/revenue?
Townwide	Other	Grants	Is the Town focused on getting grants to complete projects that were identified in the 2003 Comp. Plan?
Townwide	Transportation	Historic/Scenic Corridors	Review list of 18 Scenic Corridors from 2003 Plan. Sound Avenue is a Historic Corridor.
Townwide	Route 58 and Economic Development	Industrial/commercial development	The Town should consider a moratorium on the development of new industrial or commercial space unless it is a reuse of vacant space.
Townwide	Environmental Protection and Sustainability	Renewable Energy/Offshore Wind	What are the benefits of offshore wind for the Town of Riverhead?
Townwide	Other	Outreach	Events should be held closer to the hamlets that are the focus of the presentation.
Townwide	Other	Outreach	The advisory committee has not met since February. Syd Bail will be a voice for open space preservation.
Townwide	Transportation	Police Enforcement	Need to enforce overweight truck restrictions and speeding

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Townwide	Environmental Protection and Sustainability	Renewable Energy/Climate Change	The CLCPA was mentioned. What is the Town doing with the building code to reduce emissions by 50 percent in just 5 years? Are we considering townwide retrofits to meet 2030 goals? Building space heating and cooling is responsible for 40 percent of carbon emissions. Building retrofits also provides jobs, mentorships, and trainings and is being done all across the U.S.
Townwide	Housing and Community Facilities	Safety	Safety should be addressed, including numbers of officers needed in a police department.
Townwide	Environmental Protection and Sustainability	Scenic quality	The Town needs to preserve open space and scenic quality in accordance with the goals of the 2003 Comp. Plan. The Town Boards are there not to approve development but to assess whether it belongs.
Townwide	Environmental Protection and Sustainability	Scenic quality	Is AKRF aware of the State's process for designating scenic corridors?
Townwide	Environmental Protection and Sustainability	Solar moratorium	The Town should consider a solar moratorium until the comprehensive plan is adopted.
Townwide	Housing and Community Facilities	Speed limit enforcement	How do we get the Town police to enforce the speed limits and truck weight limits?
Townwide	Housing and Community Facilities	Speed limit enforcement	Residents can contact the Riverhead Police Department to report speed limit violations.
Townwide	Other	Technical	The Town is commended for resolving the audiovisual issues since the last community meeting.
Townwide	Transportation	Traffic	Traffic congestion during harvest season should be addressed.
Townwide	Transportation	Travel characteristics	By whom are miles travelled?
Townwide	Transportation	Travel infrastructure	Are we looking at infrastructure island-wide or townwide?
Townwide	Housing and Community Facilities	Veteran housing	There were two veteran houses; one owned by a 501(c) organization and other owned by individual who rented it out; the house closed because the property owner put it up for sale; veterans were displaced. There's a need for veterans housing.
Townwide	Environmental Protection and Sustainability	Solid waste	Most of the waste in this country is shipped overseas; is the Town looking at this issue?
Townwide	Environmental Protection and Sustainability	Solid waste	None of the Town's waste is shipped overseas. The majority goes to Covanta and is incinerated. Recycling goes to Islip and then may be sold overseas as a commodity. Glass is not recycled on Long Island.
Townwide	Environmental Protection and Sustainability	Solid waste	The Town should look into establishing a glass repurposing facility.
Townwide	Environmental Protection and Sustainability	Solid waste	The Town is updating its Solid Waste Management Plan
Townwide	Environmental Protection and Sustainability	Solid waste	Recyclable waste goes to Islip's Facility for transport to Brookhaven's sorting facility. Non-recyclable waste goes to Covanta Incinerator in Nassau, and ash goes to Brookhaven Landfill. Need a glass repurposing facility to wash glass so it can be recycled.
Townwide	Other	Drinking water supply	Water distribution needs to be improved.
Townwide	Other	Zoning	Southampton adopted a 3/10 and 4/10 law to address small lots that the Town of Riverhead could adapt (See Section 330-61).

Comments by Rank

Hamlet	Number of Comments by Hamlet	%
Baiting Hollow	1	1.7%
Calverton	3	5.0%
Jamesport	1	1.7%
Manorville	4	6.7%
Wading River	8	13.3%
Townwide	43	71.7%

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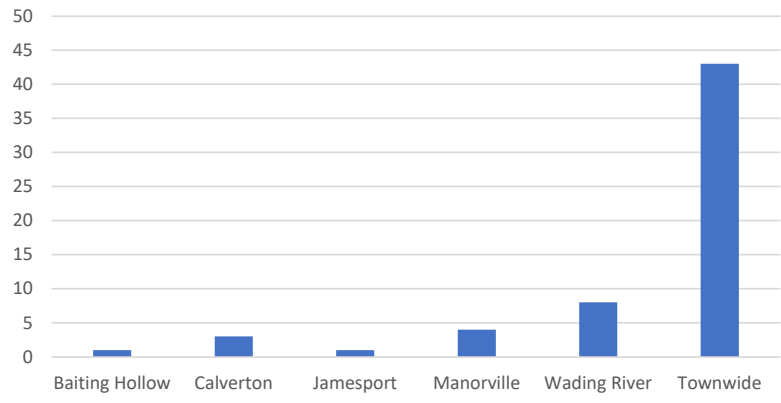
Topic	Number of Comments by Major Topic Area	%
Environmental Protection/ Sustainability	18	30.0%
Other	16	26.7%
Transportation	13	21.7%
Housing/ Community Facilities	7	11.7%
Route 58/Economic Development	6	10.0%
TDR/Farmland Preservation	0	0.0%

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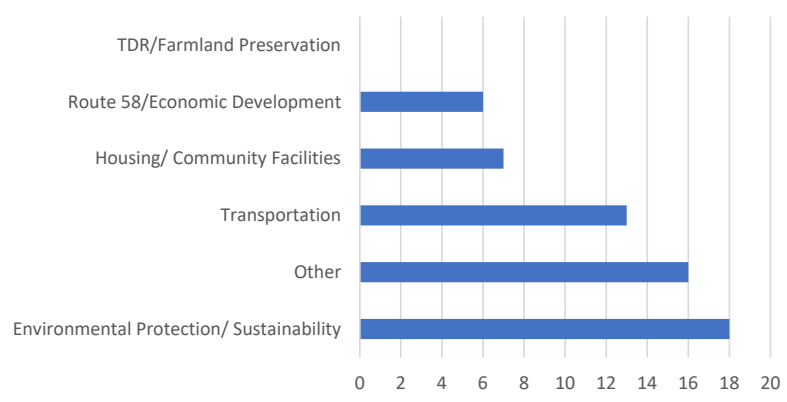
Subtopic	Number of Comments by Subtopic	%
Zoning	6	10.0%
Solid waste	5	8.3%
Drinking water supply	5	8.3%
Outreach	4	6.7%
Police/Speed Limit Enforcement/Safety	4	6.7%
Stormwater/flooding/drainage	4	6.7%
Travel infrastructure/highway	4	6.7%
Employment/Revenues	3	5.0%
Scenic/historic quality/corridors	3	5.0%
2003 Comp Plan Goals	2	3.3%
School District	2	3.3%
Renewable Energy/Offshore Wind	2	3.3%
Advisory Committee	1	1.7%
Agritainment	1	1.7%
Buses	1	1.7%
Complete Streets	1	1.7%
Grants	1	1.7%
Hamlet Boundaries	1	1.7%
Industrial/commercial development	1	1.7%
Water and Natural Resources	1	1.7%
Open space preservation	1	1.7%
Pedestrian/Bikes	1	1.7%
Solar moratorium	1	1.7%
Technical	1	1.7%
Traffic	1	1.7%
Travel characteristics	1	1.7%
Apartment Cap	1	1.7%
Veteran housing	1	1.7%

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