

Town of Riverhead 9/28/21 Community Meeting (Baiting Hollow and Calverton) - Summary of Comments

Hamlet(s) of Concern	Topic Area	Subcategory	Summary of Comment
Baiting Hollow	Other	Hamlet Boundaries	The draft eastern boundary of Baiting Hollow is currently in the middle of a residential development. The Town should consider moving this line to the east to include the development in its entirety.
Baiting Hollow	Environmental Protection and Sustainability	Flooding	Flooding along the Long Island Sound from storm events is an issue, particularly near the bluffs.
Baiting Hollow	Transportation	Safety	There are concerns over the Baiting Hollow vineyard expanding due to an existing parking shortage and pedestrian safety concerns with people walking between businesses and traffic on Sound Avenue, which is a narrow road.
Baiting Hollow	Transportation	Traffic	Traffic along Sound Avenue is an issue.
Baiting Hollow; Calverton	Environmental Protection and Sustainability	Flooding	Flooding along Sound Avenue is an issue.
Calverton	Environmental Protection and Sustainability	Flooding	Mill Road north of Home Depot floods consistently. There's a drain there that may not be working properly. In winter it freezes causing traffic safety hazards.
Calverton	TDR/Farmland Preservation	Farmland protection	It will be important to protect farmland on the rural roads.
Calverton	Other	Zoning	What is the Industrial B Zoning District? What is Hamlet Center (HC)?
Calverton	Transportation	Pedestrian and bikes (Bike paths)	Additional bike paths at EPCAL would be beneficial.
Calverton	Environmental Protection and Sustainability	Flooding	There is a flooding issue on Fresh Pond Avenue at Route 25.
Calverton	Transportation	Traffic	There is a traffic issue at Fresh Pond Avenue.
Calverton	Other	Zoning	There should be a new specific zoning district for solar development, or the Town should make clear whether these uses are allowed in the Industrial Zones.
Calverton	Route 58 and Economic Development	Retail	There should be smaller retail shops in Calverton. The existing and proposed industrial/commercial uses including Calverton Commons shopping center, HK Ventures, and ECPAL would be ideal spots for retail food offerings. The zoning should restrict the size of allowable retail buildings in these zones.
Calverton	Transportation	Pedestrian and bikes (Sidewalks)	There is frustration about not being able to walk around the community due to the patchwork of sidewalks.
Calverton	Environmental Protection and Sustainability	Open Space	The Town should consider requiring buffers around solar development to preserve open space.
Calverton	Other	Zoning	Can the Town change the zoning from Industrial B to Hamlet Center (HC) to be more in line with rural character?
Calverton	Other	Zoning	What is the Planned Development (PD) Zoning?
Calverton; Baiting Hollow	Environmental Protection and Sustainability	Scenic quality	Policy 5.5A of the 2003 Comprehensive Plan is aimed at identifying scenic corridors. The Town needs stronger Rural Corridor zoning for protection of these roads/areas. There are 8 corridors in the Calverton/Baiting Hollow area.
Manorville	Environmental Protection and Sustainability	Drinking water supply	The Town has plenty of water but needs infrastructure to supply public drinking water to the homes in Manorville. This is estimated to cost \$9 million. The Town is seeking a grant from the federal government to cover a portion of the costs. The appropriations committee is reviewing a proposed Town bond. Once funding is approved, H2M will design it; it will require about 8 months of building infrastructure for the Town to bring water to the residents' homes. SCWA is not offering individual hookups. This will be not result in any cost to taxpayers.
Townwide	Environmental Protection and Sustainability	Sewer/water infrastructure	The Town needs the water infrastructure to keep pace with development.
Townwide	Other	Zoning	What is the definition of Rural Corridor?
Townwide	Other	2003 Comp Plan Goals	The purpose of the project is to update the 2003 Comp. Plan, not create a new one. It is important to look back at those goals.
Townwide	Other	Outreach	Will the residents be part of the new visioning process?
Townwide	Transportation	Pedestrian and bikes (Bike paths)	The Town should revisit designated bike paths in the Town to evaluate whether some can be improved or abandoned.
Townwide	Other	Zoning	Certain uses should be restricted in the APZ, such as wedding halls.

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Townwide	Environmental Protection and Sustainability	Scenic/visual quality	Section 5 of the 2003 Comp. Plan describes protecting visual quality; 18 corridors were identified that should be considered including Edwards Avenue. Solar does not enhance scenic quality; it inhibits the view of the scenic corridor, which conflicts with the intent of the plan.
Townwide	Other	Outreach/Survey	A 250 response rate for the survey is not good.
Townwide	Other	Outreach/Survey	Did the Town consider direct mail for the survey?
Townwide	Other	Outreach/Survey	The Town needs to be able to qualify the survey data to make sure each response is from a unique individual.
Townwide	Housing and Community Facilities	Schools	Overcrowding in schools is an issue.
Townwide	Transportation	Travel characteristics	How do we change the tendency of Town residents to commute by car alone?
Townwide	Environmental Protection and Sustainability	Open Space	The protection of open space is important.
Townwide	Route 58 and Economic Development	Retail reuse	Vacant buildings should be reused before new retail/industrial development can be built.
Townwide	Transportation	Trolley	In almost every major city you can buy a hop on/off pass to take the trolley. This should be considered in the Town of Riverhead, which would also help to mitigate drunk driving.
Townwide	Environmental Protection and Sustainability	Climate Change	The 2003 plan did not mention climate change. The Town needs to address the effects of climate change. The Town should appoint a consultant to work on the completing the Climate Smart Community Program. If the Town can achieve Bronze level it will provide more opportunities for grants. There are 11 issues that the Town can incorporate into the comprehensive plan update to achieve bronze level of certification, including 1) Comprehensive Plan with Sustainability Elements (3-21 points); 2) Climate Vulnerability Assessment (4-16 points); 3) Climate Resilience Vision (3 points); 4) Climate Smart Resiliency Planning (6 points); 5) Climate Adaption Strategies (2-8 points); 6) Climate Resiliency in Local Plans and Projects (under review); 7) Hazard Mitigation Plan Updates (under review); 8) Watershed Assessment (2-6 points); 9) Strategic Relocation Out of Flood-prone Areas (under review); 10) Nature-based Shoreline Protection (under review); and 11) Consideration of Sea-level Rise in Coastal Development (under review). The Town may be able to get credit for all the carbon dioxide it is removing from the atmosphere through its solar energy projects.
Townwide	Environmental Protection and Sustainability	Solid waste	There are contaminant's in the Town's landfill. There are a lot of emerging contaminants on Long Island.
Townwide	Environmental Protection and Sustainability	LWRP	The Town was working on a Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan (LWRP) that was 98 percent complete at one time that the consultants should be aware of.
Townwide	Environmental Protection and Sustainability	Climate change (Wild Fires)	The Town needs to manage wild fires, especially in the Pine Barrens and during drought, and in light of the planned development at EPCAL.
Townwide	Housing and Community Facilities	Assisted living	There is a need for assisted living to support the Town's aging/senior population.
Townwide	Environmental Protection and Sustainability	Scenic quality	There is a need to define "scenic" versus "historic."
Townwide	Other	Outreach/Survey	Will the survey be kept open until the demographics is collected?
Townwide	Housing and Community Facilities	Fire services	Will the Town consider expansion of fire services as well as fixed or partial paid firefighters?
Townwide	TDR/Farmland Preservation	Farmland protection	Why not allow farmers anywhere in the Town to sell their development rights (even if they are not withing a sending area)?
Townwide	Other	Outreach	Has thought been given to moving the community meetings closer to the hamlets?
Townwide	Other	Historic	Sound Avenue is considered a historic corridor and should be treated as one.
Townwide	Other	Safety	The Town needs to consider the safety implications of adding new residents to the Town.
Townwide	Route 58 and Economic Development	Business	The Town needs to encourage businesses to open up in the Town.
Townwide	Other	Zoning	What is the definition of agritainment?
Townwide	Transportation	Public Transit	Is anyone carrying out a behavioral study to encourage residents/workers to take public transit?
Townwide	Transportation	Traffic	Suffolk Count Economic Development Department has developed a North Fork Traffic Task Force.
Townwide	Other	Zoning	What percentage of acres on an 80,000-sf lo can be developed in the APZ?
Wading River	Transportation	Traffic	Wading River Manor Road and Route 25 will be impacted with increased traffic down to the LIE.

Comments by Rank

Hamlet	Number of Comments by Hamlet	%
Baiting Hollow	5	9.6%
Calverton	13	25.0%
Townwide	32	61.5%
Other	2	3.8%

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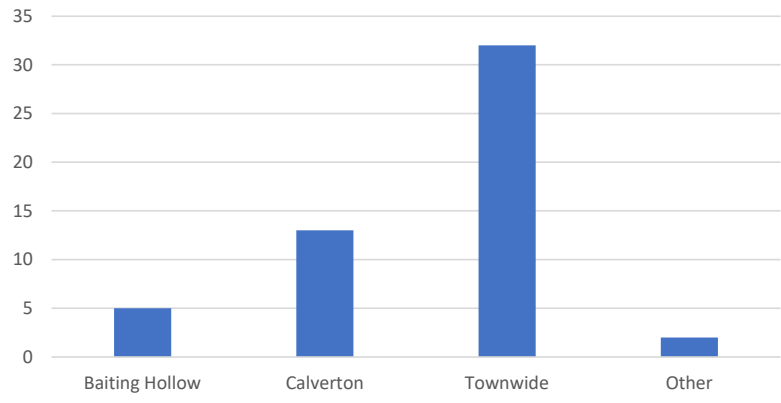
Topic	Number of Comments by Major Topic Area	%
Other	19	36.5%
Environmental Protection/Sustainability	15	28.8%
Transportation	11	21.2%
Housing/Community Facilities	3	5.8%
Route 58/Economic Development	2	3.8%
TDR/Farmland Preservation	2	3.8%

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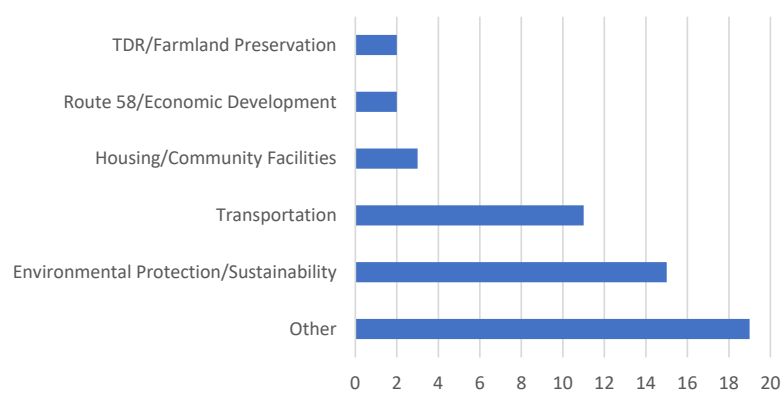
Subtopic	Number of Comments by Subtopic	%
Zoning	8	15.4%
Outreach/Survey	6	11.5%
Flooding	4	7.7%
Traffic	4	7.7%
Pedestrian and bikes	3	5.8%
Scenic/visual quality	3	5.8%
Farmland protection	2	3.8%
Open Space	2	3.8%
Safety	2	3.8%
Climate Change	2	3.8%
Retail/Retail reuse	2	3.8%
2003 Comp Plan Goals	1	1.9%
Assisted living	1	1.9%
Business	1	1.9%
Drinking water supply	1	1.9%
Fire services	1	1.9%
Hamlet Boundaries	1	1.9%
Historic	1	1.9%
LWRP	1	1.9%
Public Transit	1	1.9%
Schools	1	1.9%
Sewer/water infrastructure	1	1.9%
Solid waste	1	1.9%
Travel characteristics	1	1.9%
Trolley	1	1.9%

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