**WAINSCOTT COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT’S INITIAL COMMENTS REGARDING EAST HAMPTON TOWN’S PROPOSED COMMUNITY HOUSING DEVELOPMENT**

**LOCATED WITHIN THE WAINSCOTT COMMON SCHOOL**

 **DISTRICT ON ROUTE 114**

WAINSCOTT, N.Y. – December 20, 2022

The Board of Trustees was not consulted by the Town or the Town Board appointed Route 114 Working Group regarding the “Recommendations for the Route 114 Community Housing Project” made public at the Town Board’s December 6, 2022 work session. In fact, two Trustees were first made aware of the recommended scope and size (i.e., 100 bedrooms) of the Town’s proposed community housing development located within the Wainscott common school district on the Friday evening preceding that work session.

At first blush, as proposed there is no doubt that the development has the real potential to have a severe impact on the District’s facilities, educational programs and finances. The Board of Trustees is actively assessing those impacts at this time. The Trustees will share its analysis of the various impacts with the Wainscott community and the Town when their work is completed.

Representatives of the Trustees had an initial meeting with a member of the Town Board and the Planning Department on the day before the Town Board’s December 6, 2022 work session. The Trustees expressed the District’s initial concerns at that meeting.

The Town has a legal obligation to mitigate the Project’s potential significant adverse impacts upon the Wainscott Common School District. The Board of Trustees intends to assist the Town in fulling their obligations.

**THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE WAINSCOTT COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT**