

**PLANNING COMMISSION
HYBRID PUBLIC HEARING
SOUTHAMPTON VILLAGE
MAY 5, 2022**

Due notice having been given the public hearing of the Planning Commission for the Village of Southampton was held on Thursday, May 5, 2022, at 5:30PM as hybrid via video conferencing and in Village Hall, 23 Main Street, Southampton, New York. Pursuant to Executive Order 202.1 adopted by the Governor of New York on May 5, 2020. Article 7 of the Public Officers Law (Open Meetings Law), is suspended "to the extent necessary to permit any public body to meet and take such action authorized by the law without permitting in public in-person meetings and authorizing such meetings to be held remotely by conference call or similar service, provided that the public has the opportunity to view or listen to such proceedings and that such meetings are recorded and later transcribed.

Chair opened the meeting.

Present were Co-Chair Marc Chiffert
Eduardo Simioni
Michael Anderson
Christian Picot
Robert Essay
Laura Devinney, arrived late

Absent were Co-Chair Michelangelo Lieberman
Pamela Gilmartin
Summer Stelling

Pledge of Allegiance was held.

MINUTES ADOPTION

MOTION by M. Anderson, second Chair

To approve the minutes of the April Planning Commission public hearings.

On Vote: Chair, M. Anderson, E. Simioni, C. Picot, and R. Essay

PRESENTATION BY BILL MANGER

Bill Manger was present to update on the Master Plan. He has been working as Chair of Steering Committee for eight months. They have held two workshops, one virtual and one in person at the Cultural Center where approximately seventy-five people were in attendance. BFJ conducted a presentation and then were broken into smaller groups for comments and concerns, and they had a read out on each group and noticed issues. Public session and public comments as required by Law. They gave people 3 minutes to talk and whole thing was a little over 2 hours and BFJ is putting all the input together and they hope to have a draft plan to the Steering Committee by the end of the month. They will review and turn it over to Trustees for review. Village will need to conduct SEQRA as well. Village Board can do some things that are not part of SEQRA, i.e. bike lanes, etc.

L. Devinney joined the meeting.

Public concerns pertained to traffic, parking and also parking of contractor's vehicles on side streets were major issues. It would be nice if they could park on property where work is being done, cannot be done on every project but maybe parking all on one side so that there is not a problem with weaving in and out. Bike lanes on Nugent and Windmill could accommodate bikes through the Village to get away from prohibited streets, also a loop to get to the beaches is also proposed. The transportation chapter is online on Village site and more draft chapters will be added for review. Other issues that came up were tear downs and lot clearing. Design and size of homes were issues and people desire more spacing between houses and more landscape, less hardscape. BFJ incorporated the information from the Studio A/B study that was done a few years back. Village Business District was looked at for sewer, which would add restaurants and possible second floor apartments. They are also hoping for more work force housing with the sewer district. With a work force housing law incorporated, multi-family development would allocate a certain portion, perhaps 10-15%, dedicated to work force housing. These are all concepts that will be offered for review by Board of Trustees and public hearings will be held. Quality of life issues primarily centered around noise and enforcement of dark skies.

He and BFJ met with SH Hospital to find out their plans for new hospital, but they are very early stages for new hospital, but the zoning will not be approved until they know direction hospital is going. Hospital and BFJ feel it should be residentially zoning and maybe mixed use residential. They may maintain the old structure and retrofit for residential use, again, it is early, and it is not known the cost. They have to do an analysis to see if it makes sense. The Village recommends not acting on zoning changes until plans are made clear.

Finally, he met with C. Picot and spoke about tree management plan throughout the Village, so it is organized to maintain and replace. Overall tree management plan consists of specifying size, species and even a small nursery where we could propagate our own trees. Steering Committee is looking for draft of the plan by end of month for review by Trustees.

Chair asked how things can be done with such tight budget in the Village. B. Manger feels that many of the things can be done without a lot of cost, since the budget is tight. There may be State grant money for infrastructure. Sewer will hopefully be done by some grant money, but that cost is an unknown element, however, it is important for allowing additional restaurants. The sewer also allows for apartments in the central business district. Zoning modifications would not cost the Village to implement, and they can implement what and when and see what grant money may be available. Chair stated that sewer is important and go over all possible solutions for the sewer, possibly smaller systems or one large one. Central Business District is most important for sewer district use. Nugent and Windmill have greatest room for development. Main Street and Jobs Lane are in the Historic District, and they really cannot be changed.

Gina Arresta and Joseph McLaughlin, Village Trustees, were present and they thanked Bill Manger for the work that has been done. J. McLaughlin attends those public workshops, and he is looking forward to the results of the study.

C. Picot asked how the sewer system will be dealt with in the Master Plan without a location for the plant. B. Manger noted that they are not outlining the sewer system right now but are speaking generally in recommending. They will deal with general flow rate in regard to development in the

Master Plan. Comprehensive plan will not have firm plan, but just using some of the information they already have.

TASK FORCE ASSIGNMENT UPDATES

Property/Real Estate Task Force:

Michael Anderson, Leader
Marc Chiffert
Pamela Gilmartin

M. Anderson noted the Hampton Road/Elm Street corner as an interest for possible acquisition, they plan to send a letter to the Mayor regarding parcels of interest. Also, mentioned was Nugent Street for some commercial properties for possible development, as well as Whites Lane as candidate for disposition for better public use. A map of properties by owned by the Town, Village and utility companies was created. M. Anderson noted a possibility of using the utility lot on Prospect for parking, possibly a shuttle for bringing people to the center.

L. Devinney asked about the caveats with the utility, and she feels that it would be good to review those caveats before they move forward. She does not have the dates, but she knows they exist somewhere so they can be reviewed. The Veterans home may be able to be reutilized, P. Gilmartin will be back at the next meeting, so she can speak about utilizing it differently. L. Devinney stated the real problem is they lost the data about village seniors; those files are gone.

Trees and Environmental Task Force:

Michelangelo Lieberman, Leader
Christian Picot
Michael Anderson
Laura Devinney

C. Picot is very involved, for Arbor Day they planted a tree, an October Maple. NY Stretch Code is still under review.

Urban Sustainable Mobility Initiative Task Force:

Marc Chiffert
Bob Essay
Eduardo Simioni
Summer Stelling

They have not produced definite recommendations yet.

Senior Center/Club Task Force:

Laura Devinney, Leader
Pamela Gilmartin
Summer Stelling

GUEST PRESENTATION BY VILLAGE CLERK CATHY SWEENEY (TENTATIVE)

This will be covered at the June public meeting.

UPDATES ON VILLAGE NEWS/DEVELOPMENTS

Sewer/ Waste-water Committee update by Paul Travis & D&B Engineering will be in June.

Village Clerk, Cathy Sweeny, can be utilized by M. Anderson to look into records pertaining to utility agreement.

L. Devinney asked C. Picot asked about an email she sent regarding trees. C. Picot received the email and noted they are reviewing what ordinance historically were done for private trees. When he spoke with Steering Committee of Master Plan, it was discussed that they are producing a separate proposal for tree ordinance. He recommends seeing their work and then discussing it after that review.

Next meeting will be June 2, 2022.

MOTION by Chair, second L. Devinney

To adjourn the meeting.

On Vote: Chair Chiffert, M. Anderson, L. Devinney, E. Simioni, C. Picot, and R. Essay

Respectfully Submitted by:

JoLee Sanchez

File Date: _____

Village Clerk