

**VILLAGE OF SOUTHAMPTON - BOARD OF TRUSTEES
PUBLIC SESSION I – JUNE 23, 2020 - MINUTES**

Due notice having been given, the Public Meeting of the Board of Trustees was held via videoconferencing at 6:00PM.

Present were Mayor Warren, Trustees Allan, Parash, Pilaro and Yastrzemski; Village Administrator Russell Kratoville, Village Attorney Brian Egan, Southampton Village Police Chief Tom Cummings, Gary Goleski, Superintendent of Public Works, Assistant Village Attorney Alexandra Halsey Storch.

Mayor Warren opened the meeting by leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Warren put forth the following resolution; Trustee Parash seconded and a unanimous vote followed.

Resolution: The Village Board ratifies the following resolution:

1. WHEREAS, President Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863, declaring the slaves in Confederate territory free, paving the way for the passing of the 13th Amendment which formally abolished slavery in the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, word about the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation was delayed some two- and one-half years, to June 19, 1865, in reaching authorities and African-Americans in the South and Southwestern United States; and

WHEREAS, Emancipation Day observations are held on different days in different states in the South and Southwest, and in other parts of the nation; and

WHEREAS, June 19th has a special meaning to African-Americans, and is called "JUNETEENTH" combining the words June and Nineteenth, and has been celebrated by the African-American community for over 150 years; and

WHEREAS, the State of New York recognizes June 19th as a celebratory observance; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Southampton wishes to formally distinguish the significance and history of this important part of history; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Southampton, New York, does hereby commemorate

JUNETEENTH

in the Village of Southampton, New York, and urges all citizens to become more aware of the significance of this celebration in African-American History and in the heritage of our nation and Village; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that a duly certified copy of this resolution be prominently displayed at Village Hall

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Evelyn Konrad spoke regarding a letter she sent to the Village Trustees regarding construction work taking place and construction dust that is being spewed about as well as the lack of fencing and asked what the Board planned to do about it.

Jeff Brodlieb spoke regarding the Architectural Review Board and the matter of demolishing a house, saying he wanted to alert the Board to the situation and the need for change. He referenced legislation that ARB Attorney Alice Cooley was drawing up regarding a new process and asked that the Board have it on their next agenda.

BOARD PRESENTATION: NONE

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Southampton in the Streets – Mayor Warren said that everyone is looking forward to closing Jobs Lane and Main Street to help local businesses and the community. Russell Kratoville said that members of the Board thought it would be a good idea to try this as a pilot program to give a boost to the businesses and bring people downtown to the Village.

Trustee Parash stated that he had reached out to the Board in May to discuss relaxing some of the regulations to help the businesses and the resurgence of outdoor dining has made people feel safer to dine out. He said that businesses will have to think about staying open later if they want to participate.

Trustee Allan said it was discussed with the Business Revitalization Committee and other areas are doing it successfully, Greenport as an example. The feedback is that people want to come to the Village at night, window shop and walk through down wider streets. Another suggestion is to have a sprinkle of events that would create a nice ambiance including music and activities for children. It will allow for the businesses to showcase their merchandise outside on the sidewalks as well.

A discussion followed with the Board discussing various issues include assistance needed by DPW and the Police Department, costs, timing and location for the street closures. Following a lengthy discussion, Attorney Egan said the Board had to approve the days, hours and location and that all NY State Liquor Authority regulations would remain in effect.

The Mayor said he would like to start Saturday, June 27 from 6:30-11:30pm and see how it works. Trustee Allan said the area would be Jobs Lane at O'Connell Drive and Main Street at the intersection of Main and Hampton Road.

Mask Project – Banners on Light Poles

Russell Kratoville said there was a project done in Sag Harbor Village and that Southampton Village would mirror that project and would feature essential and front-line workers with the ask to Wear Masks, with banners placed on the lamp posts. Mayor Warren said that Mayor Mulcahy said it was very successful in Sag Harbor and he would like to have the support of the Board to do this. A discussion followed regarding the cost, logistical issues with using the antique lamp posts and timing factors. At the conclusion of the discussion, the majority of the Board supported the project.

Rogers Mansion Exterior Renovations – Architectural Work for Grant Application

Russell Kratoville reviewed the project and said that one of the grants to be applied for needs architectural drawings which would cost about \$3,000 to submit with the grant application.

Lake Agawam NYSDEC Wetlands/Pesticide Permit Application

Russell Kratoville said this was discussed at the joint Public Hearing with the Town Trustees in June.

Beach Operations and Permits – Review Temporary Rules

Russell Kratoville reviewed sales of daily passes and umbrellas. Trustee Parash said he had gotten a lot of feedback from residents who were comfortable with the number of people at the beaches. Trustee Pilaro reported on his discussion with Coopers Beach manager Matt Weeks and preparations were in place to begin selling beach chairs with protocol established for cleaning chairs in between rentals. Mayor Warren thanked Trustees Parash and Pilaro for their work on beach operations. Mr. Kratoville informed the Board that 6 of the Village lifeguards has passed their lifeguard certification and would receive a bump in pay. Mr. Kratoville said that a Coopers Beach lifeguard had rescued a young boy and the grateful parents wanted the Board to be aware.

Art in the Park/Farmers Market – July 12, 2020

Russell Kratoville reviewed the matter; Attorney Egan said as long as they're in compliance with Covid19 guidelines there should be no problems.

Vacant Storefronts – Proposed Legislation

Village Attorney Egan reviewed the matter and a discussion followed; the matter would be heard at a Public Hearing during the July 9th Board of Trustees Meeting.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Local Law: AMENDING SECTION 86-8 OF ARTICLE II (COOPER'S NECK BEACH) OF THE VILLAGE CODE TO REGULATE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.

Mayor Warren made a motion to open the Public Hearing; Trustee Parash seconded and a unanimous vote followed. Attorney Egan reviewed the matter, stating that the proposed amendment would approve alcoholic beverages at Coopers Beach area only, if sold by the licensee.

Jayne Claire spoke and congratulated everyone on the fabulous job the Board is doing with all the upheaval and supported having liquor at Coopers Beach.

Mayor Warren made a motion to close the public hearing; Trustee Allan seconded and all were in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD:

1. Southampton Town Trustees – Extension of 2019 Trustee Permits and Licenses until July 8, 2020. Mr. Kratoville reviewed the letter received and noted it was on the Village website.\
2. Village Clean Water Committee – Letter and Backup Materials in Support of the Adopting the Lake Agawam HAB Plan and Lake Agawam 2020 Management Plan

SUGGESTED RESOLUTIONS:

2. RESOLVED, that the reading of the minutes for the Special Joint Public Meeting of June 10, 2020 and the Public Session of June 11, 2020 be dispensed with and that those minutes be accepted as filed by the Village Administrator and that the actions taken at that meeting be and hereby are ratified and approved

Mayor Warren made a motion to approve; Trustee Pilaro seconded, and a unanimous vote followed.

3. RESOLVED, that the claims for the warrants dated June 23, 2020 totaling \$25,835.44 (Warrant # 3 - General Fund 19/20 FY), \$46,428.34 (Warrant # 2 – General Fund) \$175,890.42 (Warrant # 1 – Capital Reserve), \$3,000.00 (Warrant # 2 – Trust Fund) and the Village payrolls for the period from June 5, 2020 to June 19, 2020 be audited and approved.

Trustee Parash made a motion to approve; Trustee Allan seconded, and a unanimous vote followed.

4. RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby extends 2019 4 X 4 Drive-On Beach Permits until July 8, 2020.

Mayor Warren made a motion to approve; Trustee Pilaro seconded and a unanimous vote followed.

Mayor Warren asked for more detail and Mr. Kratoville reviewed the matter.

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Yastrzemski: Aye, Trustee Allan: Aye, Mayor Warren: Aye; Trustee Parash: Aye; Trustee Pilaro: Aye.

5. **RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees sets the 2020 Surf Lessons License fee at \$2,750.00.**
Mayor Warren made a motion to approve; Trustee Parash seconded and a unanimous vote followed.
6. **RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees authorizes the Village Administrator to reimburse 2020 outdoor license application fees paid by establishments prior to the fee waiver.**
Mayor Warren made a motion to approve; Trustee Allan seconded and a unanimous vote followed.
7. **RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees accepts the resignation of Robert Coburn from the Board of Architectural Review and Historic Preservation as a holdover from the expired term ending June 30, 2019.**
Mayor Warren made a motion to approve; Trustee Parash seconded and a unanimous vote followed.
8. **RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees authorizes the following purchases from Capital Reserve subject to permissive referendum:**
Disaster Recovery System, Network Switches, Server and Two (2) Monitors for the Fire Department from Fire Equipment Capital Reserve: \$38,707.00
Three (3) Truck Chargers and Thermal Cameras for the Fire Department from Fire Equipment Capital Reserve: \$26,140.00
Two (2) MTS Power Load Systems for the Ambulance Department from First Responder Major Equipment Capital Reserve: \$45,859.50
Trustee Yastrzemski made a motion to approve; Trustee Parash seconded; Mayor Warren questioned moving to a Cloud based server and asked if that could be researched. A roll call vote then took place as follows: Trustee Yastrzemski: Aye; Trustee Allan: Aye; Mayor Warren: Aye; Trustee Parash: Aye; Trustee Pilaro: Aye.
9. **MAYOR WARREN MAKES A MOTION; be it RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees approves the appointment of Michael Solomon, Acting Village Justice for a one-year term ending June 30, 2021.**
Mayor Warren made a motion to approve; Trustee Pilaro seconded and a unanimous vote followed.
10. **MAYOR WARREN PUTS FORTH THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENT A REQUESTS A MOTION; be it RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees approves the appointment of Peter DeWitt to the Board of Architectural Review and Historic Preservation to fill the June 30, 2019 expired term of Robert Coburn for the term ending June 30, 2022.**
Mayor Warren made a motion to approve; Trustee Yastrzemski seconded. Trustee Pilaro asked if the Mayor had a second candidate so both could be entertained in the same motion; Mayor stated that Susan Stevenson, Chair of ARB was conducting first round of interviews and he would like to bring candidates to the Board for ratification. Following the discussion a unanimous vote took place in favor of the appointment.
11. **WHEREAS, the Board is contemplating the adoption of the Lake Agawam Harmful Algal Bloom (HAB) Action Plan (April 2020) (hereinafter the "Proposed Action"); and WHEREAS, pursuant to 6 NYCRR §§617.4 and 617.5, the Board of Trustees reviewed the Proposed Action and preliminarily determined that same is an Unlisted action; and WHEREAS, pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 617, coordinated review of an Unlisted action is optional, and was not undertaken by the Board of Trustees; now, therefore be it**

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees hereby designates itself as lead agency pursuant to the implementing regulations of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, specifically 6 NYCRR §617.6(b)(4), with respect to the Proposed Action, as described above; and

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Mayor Warren made a motion to approve; Trustee Pilaro seconded and a unanimous vote followed.

- 12. WHEREAS, the Board is contemplating the adoption of the Lake Agawam Harmful Algal Bloom (HAB) Action Plan (April 2020) (hereinafter the "Proposed Action"); and**

WHEREAS, the proposed action is more particularly described in the attached Environmental Assessment Form; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees declared itself, by Resolution, the lead agency for the proposed action, pursuant to the implementing regulations of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, specifically 6 NYCRR §617.6(b)(4); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees, as lead agency, has caused to be prepared the attached Short Environmental Assessment Form (EAF) to evaluate potential significant adverse environmental impacts associated with the proposed action, and has reviewed the aforesaid Short EAF and agrees with the contents thereof, now therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees, as lead agency for the action contemplated herein, after review of the Proposed Action and 6 NYCRR Part 617, hereby determines that the above-described project is an Unlisted action; and be it further

RESOLVED, that based upon the information contained in the Short EAF and other relevant information before the Board of Trustees, the Board of Trustees, as lead agency for the action contemplated herein, and after due deliberation, review and analysis, hereby determines that the proposed action will not result in significant adverse impacts to the environment, and hereby adopts a Negative Declaration for the proposed action; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Mayor Warren made a motion to approve; Trustee Pilaro seconded and a unanimous vote followed.

- 13. WHEREAS, the Trustees of the Freeholders and Commonalty of the Town of Southampton continue to have and exercise all of the rights of ownership over the waters of the Town of Southampton and products thereof pursuant to the Donegan Patent of 1686 and subsequent Acts of the New York State Legislature including Chapter 255 of the Laws of 1818 and Chapter 283 of the Laws of 1831; and**
- WHEREAS, the proliferation of Harmful Algal Blooms represents a major threat to the health of freshwater aquatic ecosystems such as Lake Agawam within the Village of Southampton and the occurrence of the microcystin toxin poses a severe threat in some cases to human and animal health; and**
- WHEREAS, in furtherance of the water quality goal for Lake Agawam to minimize the potential for Harmful Algal Blooms from occurring, the Trustees have participated in a Harmful Algal Bloom Task Force along with the Village of Southampton, the Town of Southampton, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), SUNY SoMAS, the Lake Agawam Conservancy and other concerned citizens and stakeholder groups; and**
- WHEREAS, the Lake Agawam Harmful Algal Bloom (HAB) Action Plan (2020) was prepared by the NYSDEC as the State continues to develop practical detection, mitigation, and management strategies for HABs; and**

WHEREAS, the HABs Action Plan is intended to reflect a consensus of the Task Force for priorities and actions that can be undertaken to restore and revitalize Lake Agawam while continuing to protect and conserve the associated freshwater wetlands and the benefits derived therefrom; and

WHEREAS, representatives of the Trustees of the Freeholders and Commonalty of the Town of Southampton and/or the Village of Southampton may apply for funding for projects identified in the comprehensive HAB Action Plan as it becomes available; and

WHEREAS, a joint public hearing with the Village of Southampton was held on June 10, 2020, at which time any and all persons either for or against the adoption of the Harmful Algal Bloom Action Plan and the implementation of the initial priorities to utilize emerging bloom reduction treatments of hydrogen peroxide and ultrasonic technologies were heard; and

WHEREAS, hydrogen peroxide treatment has been found to be an effective method for selective removal of cyanobacteria where eukaryotic plankton and macrofauna are largely unaffected with the added hydrogen peroxide degrading back to water and oxygen; and

WHEREAS, deployment of ultrasonic devices are considered non-invasive, can be modulated remotely and have not been found detrimental to other beneficial algal species, invertebrates, fish species or wetland plants making these the preferred initial management strategies; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of the Plan and activities contemplated for these initial priorities are considered an Unlisted Action pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 617 (SEQRA); and

WHEREAS, on June 15, 2020, the Trustees of the Freeholders and Commonalty of the Town of Southampton approved and adopted the Lake Agawam Harmful Algal Bloom (HAB) Action Plan (April 2020); now therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Lake Agawam Harmful Algal Bloom (HAB) Action Plan (April 2020) is hereby approved and adopted; and be it further

RESOLVED, that in furtherance of the Action Plan, the Mayor and Village Administrator are authorized to request and apply for a permit from the New York Department of Environmental Conservation and any other relevant agency pursuant to Articles 15 and 24 of the Environmental Conservation Law; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution takes effect immediately.

Mayor Warren made a motion to approve; Trustee Parash seconded and a unanimous vote followed.

14. MAYOR WARREN MAKES A MOTION; be it

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees approves the following pay rates for Village Lifeguards:

<i>Sean Godfrey</i>	<i>\$14.00</i>
<i>Ben Luss</i>	<i>\$14.00</i>
<i>William Malone</i>	<i>\$14.00</i>
<i>Caroline Palumbo</i>	<i>\$15.00</i>
<i>Charles Nichols</i>	<i>\$14.00</i>
<i>Jordan Nichols</i>	<i>\$14.00</i>

Mayor Warren made a motion to approve; Trustee Pilaro seconded and a unanimous vote followed.

15. RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby directs that a public hearing be held at 6:00 pm. Prevailing time on Thursday July 9, 2020 on a “Local Law amending the Code of the Village of Southampton by adding a New Chapter — Vacant Storefronts.” An directs the Village Administrator to publish and post such notice.

Mayor Warren made a motion to approve; Trustee Parash seconded and a unanimous vote followed.
Discussion: Assistant Village Attorney Alexandra Halsey Storch reviewed the legislation. Attorney Egan asked that if a Board member had comments regarding the language they should send them to Ms. Storch

16. RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the closing of Main Street from Hampton Road to Jobs Lane and Jobs Lane from Main Street to O’Connell Drive on Friday and Saturday nights beginning Saturday June 27, 2020 through July 4, 2020 for Southampton in the Streets.

Mayor Warren made a motion to approve; Trustee Parash seconded and a unanimous vote followed.

17. RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the hiring of Paul Rogers for architectural work for the Rogers Mansion at a cost not to exceed \$3,000.00

Mayor Warren made a motion to approve; Trustee Parash seconded and a unanimous vote followed.

18. RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the hiring of Nelson, Pope and Voorhis for environmental application work for Lake Agawam grant applications at a cost not to exceed \$8,000.00

Mayor Warren made a motion to approve; Trustee Parash seconded and a unanimous vote followed.

19. RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees extends the rules for beach restrictions set forth by Resolution #16 of May 24, 2020 with the exception that Daily Beach Passes will be sold beginning June 29, 2020 on weekdays (Monday through Friday) only.

Mayor Warren made a motion to approve; Trustee Parash seconded and a unanimous vote followed.

20. RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees adopts Local Law #5 amending Chapter 86-8 Alcoholic beverages as follows:

All persons are hereby prohibited at all times from having in their possession or consuming any beer, wine, liquor or other intoxicating beverage at the municipal bathing facility and parking area except in accordance with Section 82-3(B); and be it further

RESOLVED, Local Law 5-2020 is hereby declared a Type II Action under SEQRA; and be it further RESOLVED, this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Mayor Warren made a motion to approve; Trustee Parash seconded and a roll call took place with the following results: Trustee Yastrzemski: Aye; Trustee Allan: Aye; Mayor Warren: Aye; Trustee Parash: Aye; Trustee Pilaro: Aye.

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD:

TRUSTEE YASTRZEMSKI - made the following comments:

- This Board and Mayor has been presented with a pandemic and social unrest
- Commended all Departments and Village Hall
- Asked everyone to enter into this new world with a sense of dignity and respect; he stated that we are not finished with this pandemic or social unrest but hopes it levels off so that destruction and animus stops.
- Thank you to the Board and all Departments.

TRUSTEE ALLAN – welcome the public to the Summer season with the following comments:

- Attended the first Juneteenth Celebration in Agawam Park; it was a beautiful celebration; CC Highsmith and her mother Tanisha sang. Extended a thank you to Denise Smith who led the way; it was a wonderful day and prevented animus. Governor Cuomo has recognized Juneteenth as a state holiday.
- On track for Phase 3 Wednesday; restaurants will be able to have limited indoor seating.
- Thank You to Business Revitalization Committee and
- Thank You to Jen Mesiano for her grant work and to Gary Goleski who worked on many grants with her
- Thank You to Rob Coburn for his contribution and dedication to the ARB
- A new Youth Task Force headed by Kathy Bishop – thank you to all the businesses and organizations who have approached the task force with the need for students to work and intern. If anyone is interested in hiring students, they can contact Julie Fitzgerald.

TRUSTEE PARASH – made the following comments:

- Thank You to Rob Coburn for his work on the Architectural Review Board
- Phase 3 will impact dining establishments – for the first time in 63 years, Sip n Soda has tables outside. He and other business owners have had to relearn business before Covid19, and many are coming out as better business owners.
- Closing the street for “Southampton in the Streets” gives the opportunity to show off our Village.

TRUSTEE PILARO – made the following comments:

- Referenced Trustee Yastrzemski saying that he knows a lot of the history behind rules and regulations.
- Has observed some of the transactions that take place in Village Hall and asked the public to respect the people who are trying to help you – the staff in Village Hall is trying to do the right thing and to help the public but they should be respected as well.
- Happy that Art in the Park will be taking place July 11-12.
- Southampton Arts Center is set up a sculpture garden on the grounds.
- Camps will start to open up shortly providing activities for kids.
- Wished everyone a Happy 4th of July.

MAYOR WARREN – made the following comments:

- Offered a special thank you to Chief Cummings and the entire PD for the level of professionalism exhibited by the Department during the past couple weeks when members of the public wanted to use their first amendment rights and held peaceful protests.
- Thank You to Rob Coburn and he is looking forward to working with he and Tom Louthan and the Clean Water Committee.
- Thank You to Alexandra Halsey Storch for her work on the window legislation and said it is a great time to expand artwork in the community.
- Thank You to Brian Egan, Gary Goleski, Russell Kratoville and the Board.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

On a motion by Mayor Warren and a second by Trustee Pilaro the Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:10p.m.