

**MINUTES**  
**VILLAGE OF SOUTHAMPTON**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**Public Session II – September 24, 2019**

Due notice having been given, the Public Meeting of the Board of Trustees was held at the Southampton Village Hall, 23 Main Street, Southampton, New York at 6:00 PM

Present were Mayor Warren Trustees Yastrzemski, Allan, Parash and Pilaro; Village Administrator Russell Kratoville and Village Attorney Wayne Bruyn.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Kevin McCallister, Defend H2O – addressed the Board regarding Lake Agawam and specifically wastewater treatment. He said that the Board could set up an overlay district for the Lake. He also suggested increasing buffers on the waterfront properties which is good, but said that the sediment issue has to be addressed and is interested in the sediment testing. He urged the Board that while it may be a costly project, the Village has to address the sediment issue.

**BOARD PRESENTATIONS**

**1. Heliport Parking Site Plan – Steve Nieroda**

Mr. Nieroda said the property owner is prepared to extend the maintenance agreement to 5 years instead of the original three years and is working on the documents and preparing them for distribution. Mr. Bruyn said that once the documents are submitted from the property owner the Board can vote on approving the agreement.

**2. Moses Lane Park – Steve Nieroda, Airys Design**

Mayor Warren said that there would be a discussion as to how the Park could be organic, chemical free and as ecologically friendly as possible so that it can also be an example for all of Long Island and the State to serve as a paradigm for what could be the most appropriate ecologically.

Steve Nieroda of Airays Design reviewed the plan and Mayor Warren asked about the plantings. Mr. Nieroda said there is a lot of native blue stem that is already on the property and there is a mix of native and non-native plants. They are looking to phase in the planting plan to work with the Village budget. The first component is to put the courts in and then work around the plan from there. Mayor Warren asked about the use of non-native plants and Mr. Nieroda said the plants can all be native.

Gary Goleski, Superintendent of Public Works said originally the plan was \$1.5million and they've pared that back and will do the landscaping in phases.

Trustee Allan noted that the decibel study had been done regarding sound from the use of tennis and pickle ball courts and it was a deminimis effect. She asked if a traffic study had been done and if the entrance could be changed. Mr. Goleski said that the entrance had been moved about 30 feet over so that the entrance was offset and the traffic wouldn't flow directly across to Foxhollow Road.

Trustee Allan asked about the permeable pavement and Mr. Nieroda said that if they were to use permeable materials the cost would increase substantially. Trustee Allan said that the ante seems higher now to protect our environment and there is more of an interest to create an ecological park than has been created in the past. Trustee Allan asked about the tennis courts and said that she was told that it is not as good for the environment if the tennis courts are sunken. Trustee Yastrzemski said that if you don't sink the tennis court the sound would be increased.

Mayor Warren asked if there were benches; Mr. Nieroda said there were sight benches. Trustee Pilaro asked what the timeframe was for the project at this point as the understanding was that we wanted to get this Park up and running by Summer 2020. Gary said total cost was \$600,000 and there is a grant submitted that would provide support for a portion of that. He said that there has already been some work done which did not use permeable materials; he said if this is delayed then the project may not be ready for the Summer. Mayor Warren also said there was discussion as to irrigation and to make sure that that no pesticides or fertilizers, other than organic, be used.

Trustee Yastrzemski asked where the Board was with the project; Mayor Warren said he was comfortable with moving to a second stage of study from Araiys. Trustee Allan said she would like to see the option for permeable material to be used. Mr. Bruyn said that there was also the issue of ADA compliance and accessibility.

Mr. Kratoville said that the Village had adopted a budget of up to \$50,000 for Araiys but there is a question of whether the Board wants to go back and do another study. Mr. Bruyn said that the next step was to get the formal documents and bid specifications so that the Village can go out to bid. Mr. Goleski said that paving was not part of the original project. Mr. Goleski also said that the current plan was for 4 bocce, 3 tennis and 2 pickle ball courts. Mayor Warren said he feels the structure we have is good but would like to look at the number of courts to be installed.

Tony Piazza, Piazza Landscaping said that he was excited by the Moses Lane Park and that it was a great amenity for the neighborhood. He said he would like to discuss installing bio swales for water treatment purposes. He also said he would like to see if we can incorporate habitat for wildlife and include bird houses. Mr. Piazza said that a toxin-free management program should be used and to also consider a public/private partnership. Trustee Allan and Trustee Yastrzemski said that since it was CPF property it couldn't be a public/private partnership, but that there were other ways that donations

could be accepted and used for the property.

Trustee Parash stated that there were a lot of native plants being used.

Mr. Piazza said there are multiple entrances that could be used including Prospect Street so that people could walk into the park. Trustee Parash asked if he could meet with Mr. Piazza to discuss the matter further.

Trustee Allan asked about sunken tennis courts and whether or not they were ecologically friendly. Mr. Pizzia noted that as the property was formerly a nursery there should be some soil testing on the property. He said that there could be noise mitigation without sinking the tennis courts. Mayor Warren asked if Mr. Piazza could follow up with Araiys Design and discuss the plans.

### **3. Lake Agawam Sediment Testing/Overview – Chic Voorhis**

Mayor Warren stated that the Village has done some sediment sampling and was anxious to hear from the Mr. Voorhis. Mr. Voorhis then reviewed the Comprehensive Management Plan for Lake Agawam that was done in June 2009 and stated that the report was still valid.

Mr. Voorhies said that the studies showed that there are limited metals detected: specifically lead, primarily in the north end of the Lake and probably from road runoff, and arsenic which most likely could have come from past farming use. Mayor Warren asked about disposal sites; Mr. Voorhies suggested that they do more sampling to better determine disposal areas. Mr. Voorhies said it is an extremely challenging and costly project to undertake and the biggest problem is dewatering the material. For that process they are looking at geo tubes and the use of flocculants. Mr. Voorhies also said the Village should be prepared for a very large price tag and limited feasibility.

Mayor Warren asked what the cost could be; Mr. Voorhies said that the disposal fee alone could be in the \$3-4million dollar range plus the cost of removing the material. Mayor Warren asked if Mr. Voorhies could provide a budget and costs so that it could be built into a grant request from NY State which has funding available; he noted that the grant is due July 2020.

Mr. Voorhies also reviewed the progress made to date and reviewed next steps, noting that the Town Trustees were a big part of this project as is the Town and the County and the State and said there are many minds and perspectives with one goal: to improve the Lake.

Mayor Warren thanked Mr. Voorhies and said that there were generally good results and the cost is an issue.

Margot Horn, Southampton Village resident, asked about fishing in the Lake and also asked about dogs going down to the Lake. Mayor Warren and Mr. Voorhies both said that dogs should not go in to the Lake at this time of year or in the summer months. Mr. Voorhies said that it can be considered to harvest the lake and skim the top layer which would be dangerous for animals.

Kevin McAllister, Defend H2O offered the Board a radical thought and said it has been done in the past: dredge the Lake and discharge into the ocean offshore of the Bathing Corporation in the dead of the winter. It would require a special permit and would represent a huge cost savings. He suggested they speak to George Hammersmith at the DEC.

Mayor Warren asked Mr. McAllister if he could prepare something that could be shared with Dr. Gobler and the Lake Agawam Conservancy.

Gary Goleski, Superintendent of DPW, said that over a 12-year period there have been 700 catch basins installed by the Village.

Mayor Warren noted that the Village had recently appointed Alexandra Halsey Storch as Assistant Village Attorney and that she is likely the first female Village attorney and certainly the youngest and has been doing research on the local storefront window display issue and how East Hampton had handled the matter.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

### **Local Law: Vacant Buildings and Storefronts**

Mayor Warren reopened the Public Hearing; Trustee Yastrzemski seconded the motion and a unanimous vote followed.

Mr. Bruyn reviewed the Local law and said that the Village had provided some guidelines on what could be required.

Kelly Kirkpatrick, owner of Therapy, said that anything is better than a dark window. Ms. Kirkpatrick referenced SouthamptonFest and Southampton Art Center's Silent Disco and said she hadn't been aware of the events taking place in advance.

Caroline Kenlawn, 1708 House, said that as an owner of a B&B it is important to have something go on in the Village and have stores stay open late. She said that she feels this is a move in the right direction and will hopefully encourage more stores and restaurants. Mayor Warren said that is why they are working on a new septic system.

Morley Quatroche, of Morley Agency, spoke and said that it was a great thing that the Village was trying to do. He said there needs to be some modification – a small sign in left or right hand side of the door so that potential tenants could still see into the store and visualize how it might work for their business. He said that most of the phone calls

he receives come from signage and people looking into the stores to see what the space looks like. Mr. Quatroche said you have to take into account different types of stores and the number of windows so the legislation needs to be fine-tuned to take into account each storefront.

Mayor Warren asked if Mr. Quatroche could give guidance on what to do with landlords who either don't want to rent their buildings or charge way too much for rent. Mr. Quatroche said that the white elephant that is the property on the corner of Windmill Lane and Hill Street which has been vacant for over 20 years. He said he predicts that things will adjust in the coming year may be worse for the downtown business district and then the trend will get better and rents will come down and perhaps national tenants will come back.

Mayor Warren referenced East Hampton and asked why they have so few vacancies. He mentioned stores like Warby Parker and Tesla who are in East Hampton and commented that he would like them to come to Southampton and maybe the first step is to have similar laws as East Hampton and clean up the storefronts.

Trustee Parash said that a lot of people are excited about this idea and suggested the Village use East Hampton as a model for this. He suggested that the Village start working on this project and work on getting the legislation passed.

Trustee Allan asked regarding the courtyard to clarify the right of way view can be in a courtyard because the legislation doesn't specify that and the Village has a number of courtyards.

Ms. Kirkpatrick asked what the next step is and where the Village goes from here. She stated she was concerned about the darkness and asked if the stores can be backlit. She also suggested that maybe the Village leave the doors uncovered so that prospective tenants can see into the storefront.

Trustee Parash said the public's input is the next step. He said that the Village wants to have storefronts filled and also suggested that they reach out to the Southampton History Museum for archival photographs.

Ms. Kirkpatrick suggested that the Village reach out to Southampton High School's art department and perhaps the students would provide artwork for the storefront which might also encourage parents to come into the Village and visit the stores.

Trustee Yastrzemski said this is the Public Hearing process, the counselor drafts legislation and the Board reviews it and encourages everyone to share their views before decisions are made.

Mayor Warren said East Hampton's law is less government – no approval is needed as long as the businesses follow the guidelines. Trustee Parash said that the idea of a booklet outlining the guidelines is a great idea.

Trustee Allan said the difference is that we would be giving directions and guidelines and giving a “nod” without needing a permit as long as they follow those guidelines.

Mayor Warren said hopefully this can be implemented by Thanksgiving. Trustee Parash said that he feels there will be a lot of good collaboration with the merchants.

Mayor Warren made a motion to adjourn the public hearing to the October 10<sup>th</sup> meeting; Trustee Yastrzemski seconded the motion and a unanimous vote followed.

### **Local Law: Repealing Regulations - Surfing**

Mayor Warren made a motion to open the Public Hearing; Trustee Parash seconded the motion and a unanimous vote followed.

Village Attorney Bruyn reviewed the history stating that the issue arose from concerns and complaints arising from the surf schools. In August the Board adopted a resolution designating most of the Village for surfing except for a portion of Coopers Beach; additionally the Board implemented a Surf Committee to study this law; the third element was a proposed law to repeal the surfing regulations in their entirety so that there would be no bans or prohibited use of surfing. Back in the 1970’s surfing was at a different level than it is currently and the Village had designated certain surf spots over the years. This Public Hearing is to determine whether to repeal the current law in its entirety which would then permit surfing at all beaches at all times.

The Board then discussed repealing the Local Law entirely or the option to choose designated areas where surfing would be permitted during the summer months.

Mr. Kratoville asked if the Board could pass a resolution for a particular year prohibiting certain areas from surfing. Mr. Bruyn said that under the current code the Board could at any time designate particular areas for surfing for certain times.

Trustee Parash asked Trustee Allan what her thoughts were as she has heard from many mothers regarding. Trustee Allan said that the moms that have come to her don’t want to just go to Coopers and that in other villages and towns they designate areas for surfing or swimming – not that they don’t want to share the ocean, they just don’t want to be in a situation that a surfboard would hit one of their children – they are just trying to be safe. Mr. Bruyn said the current code would allow the Board by resolution to designate particular areas or beaches for surfing at particular times. He said that the point is that the waves happen in different locations and can shift regularly and unless the Village is going to designate a beach warden to monitor the situation and inform the Village of the changes it will be difficult to apply and enforce the law.

Trustee Yastrzemski commented that this is clearly not a new conflict as the laws were put into effect in the 1970’s and it will never go away as we have a finite amount of ocean to access. He likes the idea of the Surfing Committee and feels that with the

current code the Board has the flexibility to change the code at any time.

Haley McGowan, stated this was a big issue when it occurred in August and that she was contacted by many moms and surfers and that the law is ambiguous. Ms. McGowan stated that some of the responsibility has to be on the surfing schools and the current law opens the back door to nefarious activities. She said either the regulations have to be tightened up or you have to get rid of the law completely.

Trustee Yastrzemeski said that this is why the Village is having the dialog, to review the matter and get opinions from the public. Mr. Kratoville reiterated the details of the particular incident that took place in August which was the result of a call of complaint received by the Police Department.

Trustee Pilaro said that having the law on the book allows the Village to have flexibility to determine where surfing is allowed based on where the waves are, etc. He likened it to skiing where there are different areas for different levels of skiers at ski slopes.

Trustee Parash said that the Village also has a responsibility to the swimmers to provide them with a safe environment.

Gary Goleski, resident, said that he feels there does need to be a law to protect the swimmers and beach goers.

Christine Witker Sullivan, resident, said that while she doesn't surf, for decades there weren't problems and that it needs to be legislated for commercial purposes. She commented that you have to look at the swimmers as a pedestrian and the surfers as a car with right of way given to the swimmers.

Tony Piazza, resident, asked if the beach can be used for commercial purposes and if surfing lessons can take place, can surf casting lessons also be given. Trustee Yastrzemeski said that as it stands now the beach can't be used for commercial purposes.

Mr. Bruyn said that the exception is that the Village Board approved surf school for particular groups and that is one of the things that the code will look at – licensing of surf schools.

Mayor Warren said his opinion is to repeal the Local law completely and keep the language of the resolution that was passed and work during the fall, winter and spring to work with the Surf Committee to come up with the proper guidelines. He referred to social media and said it should be used to the Village's advantage and there should be one person designated for surfing and one for swimming or possibly Matt Weeks, Coopers Beach Manager, who could communicate where surfing and swimming might occur on a regular basis.

Trustee Yastrzemeski said that there isn't and never was a ban on surfing and sees no

reason to repeal the current code and as it's out of the season, it isn't applicable and it's for next season. Trustee Parash said he'd like to see the Surf Committee get together and see what they recommend before changing legislation.

Mayor Warren said he would like to move forward with the legislation and asked Mr. Bruyn to change that the proposed legislation states that it was sponsored by one person but that it was a team effort and he would like to give the full Board credit for their work.

Mr. Bruyn said the choices seem to be to close the hearing and adopt the legislation or keep the hearing open and get more public comments or and consider adopt the legislation as drafted, or the third is to close the Public Hearing and table it.

Ms. McGowan said that if the Board goes ahead and strikes the legislation it is motivation for them to get introspective. She said it was one of the biggest platforms that Mayor Warren ran on, talking to the people about what they want to see. She said that she feels that it is a flawed piece of legislation and striking it would motivate the Board and the Committee to come up with other solutions before the next season.

Trustee Yastrzemeski said he'd like to hear from more people; Trustee Parash said that he would like to get input from the surf committee.

Mr. Kratoville said that many of the surf committee may have

Trustee Allan said she has no problem repealing the current law but there better have a law in place by next summer that protects bathers and swimmers and children.

Tony Piazza, encouraged the Board to be very friendly toward surfers as a community and said that the surfing community has revitalized parts of the East Hampton community. If it can be managed properly, it would be good for Southampton Village to be considered a surf-friendly community.

Trustee Parash said the Village is not going after the surfers per se, it is the commercial aspect of surfing that the Village is struggling.

Mr. Kratoville suggested it be adjourned to the second meeting in October to allow for time for the Surf Committee to meet.

Trustee Allan said the Committee should called the Beach Committee and include surfers, swimmers and surfcasters.

Mayor Warren made a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing to the October 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting; Trustee Parash seconded the motion and a unanimous vote followed.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **1. Capital Purchases**

Village Administrator Kratoville gave background on the matter and said that this evening the Board would be looking at priority purchases for DPW (\$284,500) and for the Police Department (\$223,500). He noted that there is \$970,000 that has currently not been allocated for this year and that the total amount in Capital Reserve at this point is \$5,448,664 and this has no correlation to the fund balance. He noted that the Village has a lot of assets and suggested the Village consider a replacement plan for equipment.

Gary Goleski said that in the past they've tried to do a replacement plan but most of our vehicles last longer than 10 years. There is a list of 6-7 items and Mr. Goleski reviewed those items. Trustee Allan asked what we were doing to reduce the carbon footprint. Mr. Goleski said we currently do not have a plan for a different solution. Trustee Allan asked about getting trucks that use corn fuel.

Tony Piazza, resident, said that the only feasible electric would be for a pick-up truck as the technology is not there yet for the heavy duty trucks that Mr. Goleski is requesting.

Trustee Allan asked about getting solar on our Village buildings; Mr. Goleski said that DPW is 100% solar and Police Department has some solar. He said that he has asked Jennifer Mesiano to explore grant opportunities for solar.

Trustee Parash said that Tesla was coming out with a new pickup truck in 2 months; Trustee Yastrzemski said that the Village also has a fiduciary responsibility to also deal with the budget and often the price of an item becomes prohibitive. Mayor Warren suggested that the Village reach out to Tesla and ask for a discount or donation for a Village vehicle. Trustee Yastrzemski suggested holding on the purchase of the Chevy 1500 pickup and look into getting an electric pickup truck.

Mr. Piazza questioned why the supervisors need trucks instead of cars if they're just going from location to location.

The Board also asked Mr. Goleski to look into electric charging stations; Trustee Allan suggested that he speak with Lynn Arthur at the Town of Southampton.

Mr. Kratoville mentioned that Saturday, 9/28 was the Hamptons Marathon and asked Chief Cummings to review the event. Chief said that the event begins and ends at Southampton High School and there will be minimal road closures – primarily at the start of the race. The command post for the race is at the Meeting House Lane medical complex. The race begins at 8am so the road will be closed initially as there will be approximately 2,000 racers taking part.

Chief Cummings reviewed the requests for his department including a battery backup to replace an old system that no longer works, an important matter for life safety for the Village. He discussed vehicle needs and said that he felt that hybrids were not an option right now for the police vehicles.

He also stated that many of the laws, including discovery laws, had been changed and will take effect January 1, 2020. He said that there is a software program that might be beneficial to have to help implement this program. Chief also said this could be the appropriate time to change to a new system for records management.

Trustee Pilaro asked if the 2 cars being requested were replacement for other vehicles; Chief Cummings said that they were replacing 3 vehicles and they were downsizing to 2 vehicles.

Mr. Kratoville said that the Village has had a “pay as you go” system for purchases but that the auditors highly recommend that the Board approve a Capital Budget each year which will further help our bond rating.

Mayor Warren asked if we purchase outright or take a loan, Mr. Kratoville said that we pay as you go and therefore don't pay interest. Mr. Kratoville said that the Village is prohibited in many cases from taking a lease.

Trustee Yastrzemski made a motion to approve the Capital purchases as outlined; Trustee Pilaro seconded and a roll call vote took place with the following results:

Trustee Allan: Aye; Trustee Yastrzemski: Aye; Mayor Warren: Aye; Trustee Parash: Aye; Trustee Pilaro: Aye.

Village Attorney said that for clarification this excludes the replacement for the Chevy 1500 pick-up.

### **Parking Regulation – Additional Parking at Rail Road Plaza**

Gary Goleski said that the Village had completed the new drainage areas at Railroad Plaza and asked Mr. Bruyn to review the matter regarding parking. Mr. Bruyn said that Railroad Plaza is a public parking area with specific designations. Trustee Yastrzemski asked if there were limitations because it was MTA property. Mr. Bruyn said that there were 3 parking spaces reserved for the MTA.

Chief Cummings suggested that time should be limited on Railroad Plaza and along the tracks which is currently unlimited.

Mr. Goleski said that they are adding 11 spots which are 18 hours and said that it shouldn't be unlimited as it also impacts when the Village can go in to clean those parking areas.

Village Attorney Bruyn said that there is a certain part of the population that may want to leave their car at the station during the week while they are in the city and the Village could require long term parking permits as the Town does.

Chief Cummings mentioned using a program like Parking Solutions which would allow the police officer on patrol to see the exact time that the car had been parked there.

Mr. Bruyn suggested working with Mr. Goleski and Chief Cummings and to come up

with recommendations and a proposed amendment which could then be put out to a Public Hearing.

### **Business Task Force**

Village Administrator Kratoville said that at the request of Trustee Allan he put together an outline on the proposed committee similar to those that had been established for the other Board committees.

Trustee Allan stated that the Village is at a nexus with discussions on parking lots and creating pedestrian and bicycle routes. The committee would consist of business owners, restaurant owners, retail owners, Chamber of Commerce, Southampton Business Alliance and someone from the medical community. Trustee Parash said that this is an essential committee.

Trustee Allan said that Shannon Willey of Sea Green Designs had volunteered to be on the committee; Gloria Dios, Daniella Kandella also would be interested in being on the committee. She said that it was important to have a cross-section of individuals and asked the public if they were interested to please contact Julie Fitzgerald at Village Hall.

Mr. Kratoville said the Committee would have no less than five and no more than 9 members.

Trustee Allan made a motion to form the Business Task Force; Trustee Pilaro seconded the motion and a unanimous vote followed.

### **COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD**

#### **PSEG – FEMA Hazard Mitigation: Hampton Road**

Mr. Goleski said that he received a letter from PSEG and they have asked to postpone the start of the work from September 30<sup>th</sup> to October 7<sup>th</sup>. They may have to adjust travel lanes on Hampton Road but will maintain two-way traffic at all times; they will be working throughout the night. FEMA is anticipating that it will take 4 weeks to complete the project.

Trustee Parash asked that the information be posted to the Village website.

Mr. Kratoville said that letters will go out to all the members of the various committees to check availability for meetings.

## **SUGGESTED RESOLUTIONS**

***RESOLVED, that the reading of the minutes for the Special Meeting and Public Session of September 12, 2019 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.***

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

***RESOLVED, that the claims for the warrants dated September 24, 2019 totaling \$475,903.87 (Warrant # 7 - General Fund) and \$95,336.72 (Warrant # - Capital Reserve Fund) be audited and approved.***

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

***RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby approves the renewal a 36-month lease agreement with Vehicle Tracking Solutions.***

Mayor Warren made a motion to approve, Trustee Yastrzemski seconded the motion and a unanimous vote followed.

## **COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD:**

**Trustee Pilaro** – wanted to thank the Village employees for all of their hard work this weekend for SouthamptonFest and said that it was a wonderful event. He thanked the Fire Department for their displays and the rappelling demonstrations. Trustee Pilaro thanked Chief Cummings and the Police Department and particularly for their help in closing Jobs Lane on Saturday which was a big hit. He thanked the 15 contestants who participated in the Chowder Contest and the Rotary Club for hosting the Kick-Off Cocktail Party and their participation. He also acknowledged the Southampton Artists Association and Southampton Arts Center, the KidsZone on the grounds there plus the Silent Disco. Thank you to Julie Fitzgerald for all the hard work that she put forth and it couldn't have been done without her – hats off and thank you.

**Trustee Parash** – said thank you to Julie Fitzgerald saying that she is the gas powered engine that drives the committee and he had the opportunity to work closer than ever before and that it is truly special to have her run the committee. It was a huge hit and he was happy to work with her and the Committee.

**Trustee Yastrzemski** – Thank you for SouthamptonFest and to all the departments and Julie Fitzgerald. He noted having been there since its inception, it's taken on a lot of different forms but clearly this year had to be the best. He thanked everyone for attending today's meeting and for people sharing their opinions and it that this is part of

the process. He commented that this is what excites him about the job – having the dialog

**Trustee Allan** – Trustee Pilaro summarized SouthamptonFest beautifully and thanked him for mentioning every part of it. She thanked David and Simone Levinson for hosting Silent Disco at SAC – it was a nice cap-off to a great weekend that Julie Fitzgerald and everyone on the Committee pulled together. She offered congratulations to John and Bernice Holden, who are celebrating their 70 years of marriage.

**Mayor Warren** – said that as a recap the Village had an excellent SouthamptonFest and we have a special community. The Mayor acknowledged the work of the Police Department, Fire Department and other groups such as the Rotary who hosted Friday night, saying that it all came together due to teamwork and great actions from the entire community and everyone involved and thanked everyone.

The Mayor said that with the Business Task Force he has been thinking of the Chamber of Commerce and to what extent the Village can have a role there if so desired. The Chamber is its own private entity but the Village owns the building; and he was thinking how Village can get more involved and help. Maybe the Village can have a seat on their Board and discuss with their leadership some type of transparency as to who is on the Board and while there are a lot of good people on the Board he would like to add some new people. The Mayor would like to have a meeting with the Board and leadership to get a take on how everything is going and how the Village can help.

Mayor thanked the Levinsons for sponsoring the Silent Disco event and commented that everyone had fun at it. He noted that there was a Climate Change Protest in Agawam Park earlier that day and that he and Trustee Allan were there. He said that it raises awareness and that the Village has an opportunity to take a lead action and set the agenda and set the lead by example.

Mayor Warren concluded by saying that this evening is what government is all about; at the end of the day the goal is to build consensus and to work together, emotions run high and everyone has bring community. He noted that everyone ran on a platform of bringing the community together and everyone should work together to build consensus and work together as a community.

**2<sup>nd</sup> PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Christine Witker Sullivan – asked that the Board consider No Idling signs. Trustee Allan said that she’s had nine complaints about No Idling and DPW will be asked to add more signs.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:**

Trustee Yastrzemski made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session at 9:49PM for the purpose of discussing contractual and personnel matters. Trustee Yastrzemski seconded the motion and a unanimous vote followed.

On a motion by Trustee Pilaro and a second by Trustee Yastrzemski the Board unanimously voted to return to public session at 10:45PM

On a motion by Mayor Warren and a second by Trustee Pilaro the following resolution was adopted:

***RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees denies a grievance of the CSEA dated July 22, 2019 and authorizes the Village Administrator to respond to the CSEA***

A roll call took place with the following results:

Trustee Pilaro: Aye; Trustee Yastrzemski: Aye; Trustee Parash: Aye; Mayor Warren: Nay. Trustee Allan was absent.

On a motion by Mayor Warren and a second by Trustee Yastrzemski, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 10:47PM

Russell Kratoville, Village Administrator

9/24/19