

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

Due notice having been given the public hearing of the Planning Commission for the Village of Southampton was held on Thursday, January 5, 2022, at 5:30PM as hybrid via video conferencing and in Village Hall, 23 Main Street, Southampton, New York.

Chair opened the meeting. Pledge of allegiance was held.

Present were Co-Chair Marc Chiffert
Co-Chair Michelangelo Lieberman
Michael Anderson
Pamela Gilmartin
Robert Essay (via video link)
Christian Picot
Eduardo Simioni (joined later in person)

Absent was Laura Devinney

Village Planner Alex Wallach was present.

MINUTES ADOPTION

MOTION by Chair, second M. Anderson

To adopt the December Planning Commission minutes.

On Vote: M. Chiffert, M. Lieberman, M. Anderson, R. Essay, P. Gilmartin, and C. Picot

UPDATE ON PROPOSITION 3 - AFFORDABLE HOUSING

They are expecting some funding by May or June. Jackie Fenlon has been named as Executive Director, and work is being done to appoint a Board of seventeen members to assist supervision of CPF funds.

UPDATE OF SEWER SYSTEM BY PAUL TRAVIS

Postponed to a future meeting.

E. Simioni joined the meeting.

UPDATES FROM VILLAGE PLANNER ALEX WALLACH

Proposed zoning strategy to create an Arts & Culture Overlay District – Review of BFJ Memorandum and Progress – no update, the proposal is still with the Trustees for review. This overlay district will clarify permitted C&A uses on Jobs Lane. It does not provide for tax abatements, just zoning changes.

Update on RFP for the architectural reconnaissance survey – work is continuing for second round of site visits; it is currently about 60% completed. They will make recommendations based on results in survey. M. Anderson asked about start date for historicity, A. Wallach noted that age is one of several factors considered.

Update of LL 12/2022 for the Village Building Department to accept Town issued Home Improvement Contractor's License and status of Intermunicipal Agreement. This would allow Town jurisdiction over disputes. C. Picot asked about status of intermunicipal agreement needs for permitting of landscapers in the Village. He added that this was necessary for leaf blower legislation, it has been six months and the agreement has not been done. The Village Attorney would work with Trustees on this, A. Wallach will follow up.

UPDATES OF RECENT EFFORTS OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND TASK FORCES

Senior Center – No updates at this time.

Tree USA Initiative Update – The DEC in Albany is reviewing the file; it will be some months before the review is complete. They do the review in conjunction with the Arbor Foundation.

Real Estate Task Force - There is work going on and parcels are being looked at, they will be able to update soon. Chair encouraged Commission members and public to make recommendations.

Term Limit Task Force -They would like to change terms to have elections every second year, currently it is annually, this creates conflict with other elections and at times voting machines are not available. Proposed to have Trustees at 4-year term, but Mayor remaining at 2-year term. E. Simioni doesn't feel it is a good idea to have 4-year terms. M. Lieberman wondered why the Mayor would not be a 4-year term as well so that campaigning isn't a full year of the current term; M. Chiffert felt that was a fair question to consider. The thinking was that the Trustee term would promote continuity with Boards and the Building Department. Chair would like the committee to view the intent and possibly add the Mayor. M. Anderson suggested the possibility of a 3-year term would be a better commitment. C. Picot noted that intent is not to have annual elections. Most the Villages are on a 2-year election cycle.

Deer Task Force – M. Anderson noted a lot of progress has been made on this task force. On Dec 7th he met with Village Administrator Charlene Kagel-Betts to figure if the deer management law is still on the books, it was, and was established in either 2015 or 2016. They need to recommend to the Trustees to implement the legislation by sending an email to ask them to act. Suffolk County Deer Management was recommended for a meeting. The Mayor, Trustee Arresta, Charlene Kagel-Betts and M. Chiffert spoke about what was done in past and what can be considered in the future. It was a productive meeting. Mr. Trustore was asked for specific programs for the Village, he will return a proposal.

One thought was to use Village property for a shooting station, only bow and arrow is allowed, the problem is that tree stands get stolen by those in opposition to culling. Mr. Trustore is working on private property currently. E. Simioni asked what the Law says, M. Anderson will provide a copy of the Law to E. Simioni. Sterilization is extremely expensive and not very effective. Deer population has skyrocketed and something needs to be done, they need to cull within the Village. R. Essay noted deer run in front of vehicles and it is very dangerous. Elisa Lupo at DEC has been contacted as well, also the

Town has a deer management plan that can be used as a resource; however the Town does not favor culling. C. Picot noted deer are more than a nuisance, it is a public safety issue.

MOTION by C. Picot, second M. Anderson

Recommend to the Board of Trustees the implementation of the deer management program.

On Vote: M. Chiffert, M. Lieberman, R. Essay, P. Gilmartin, and C. Picot

Nay: E. Simioni

Mobility & Transportation Task Force – Review of Section 4.3 of Master Plan. M. Lieberman reviewed the comprehensive plan recommendations, there are several but how they are prioritized is the issue. Bicycling and pedestrian on certain roads is addressed. Hopefully, there will be a 5M grant for bicycle transportation, that grant would be used toward the Master Plan recommendations. Solid recommendations are made in the Master Plan, and the Village can help prioritize. Page 52 shows a rendering of what bicycling could look like in the Village.

M. Chiffert noted that a task force may be useful for this bicycle transportation plan implementation. M. Lieberman feels it may not be necessary. R. Essay noted possible extension of sidewalk on Hill and additional sidewalks in addition to repair of existing. C. Picot feels the intersection of Nugent Lane onto Windmill Lane is a particular problem, he feels this intersection is dangerous and there is no pedestrian cross walk. A proper four-way intersection would be safer.

C. Picot, M. Lieberman and possibly Rotations can be part of the proposed Task Force. M. Lieberman feels that with this grant it will be moving fairly quickly. They will work together on this intersection. R. Essay noted that Windmill Lane has a fire house, he feels maybe difficult for bicycle lanes there.

UPDATES ON VILLAGE NEWS/DEVELOPMENT

Liberty Development Update – Letter to SHV Planning Board, nothing to update at this time, in SEQRA process at Town.

Update Workforce Housing Overlay by BFJ/Peconic Land Trust – scope of work was proposed but not accepted by Trustees yet.

Possible creation of a Business Improvement District – Article 19-A of General Municipal on NYS CLS – SH Bus Alliance and SH Chamber Input – not clearly understood by the Commission. It allows the businesses for signage and clean up by an added tax.

Goals for 2023 – Additional government transparency with Village documents to be available as electronic format and available on website. C. Picot noted that all resolution docs are fully searchable, its historic documents that are currently not available. A. Wallach added that building applications are going online.

C. Picot asked about building files on second floor of Village Hall, older ones are archived, but current are in the building. In case of fire, if those are not scanned would leave no records. He feels the possibility of digitizing the records needs to be addressed. A. Wallach noted that all current files are being digitized. C. Picot stated that Iron Mountain is a company that digitizes records and that could be handled by an RFP.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND DISCUSSIONS

M. Lieberman asked about the passing of Stretch code, there is no update. But A. Wallach will follow up with the Building Inspector.

Next meeting is scheduled for February 2, 2023.

MOTION by Chair, second C. Picot

To adjourn the meeting.

On Vote: Chair Chiffert, Co-Chair Lieberman, M. Anderson, P. Gilmartin, R. Essay, C. Picot, and E. Simioni

Respectfully Submitted by:

JoLee Sanchez

File Date: _____

Village Clerk