

**PLANNING COMMISSION  
VILLAGE OF SOUTHAMPTON  
FEBRUARY 2, 2023**

Due notice having been given, the Planning Commission of the Village of Southampton met as a hybrid meeting via zoom and at Village Hall on February 2, 2023 at 5:30 pm.

Board members Chair Mike Lieberman, Edwardo Simioni and Michael Anderson were present. P. Gilmartin, L. DeVinney, Christian Picot were present via zoom. Bob Essay and Marc Chiffert were absent.

Village Planner Alex Wallach was present.

The minutes from the January 5, 2022 were approved.

MOTION by Chair, seconded by E. Simioni

**To approve the minutes from the January 5, 2022 meeting.**

On Vote: Chair, E. Simioni, M. Anderson, P. Gilmartin, L. DeVinney, C. Picot

**UPDATE ON PROPOSITION 3 AFFORDABLE HOUSING INITIATIVE** - Progress at Town/ Funds Expected by May 2023 - A. Wallach explained that this is with the Trustees right now and they have authorized that to move forward. BFJ did the comprehensive plan and they are working on the office district as well. The work has not started yet.

**SEWER/WASTE WATER COMMITTEE UPDATE. TENTATIVE**

This was tabled, Paul Travis and D&B Engineering were not present.

**6. UPDATES & PRESENTATION WITH VILLAGE PLANNER ALEX WALLACH**

*6.1 - Proposed Zoning Strategy to Create an Arts & Culture Overlay District* - Review of BFJ Memorandum & Progress -This is with the Trustees. They had a presentation at the last meeting.

*6.2 Update on the RFP for the architectural and Historical Structures Reconnaissance Survey*-this is nearing completion on its work. A draft report will be issued to the ARB for review and comments before this is sent back to the state. A. Wallach is not sure at what point this becomes public so that the PC can review it.

*6.3 Update on LL 12/2022 for the Village Bldg. Dept to Accept the Town Issued Home Improvement Contractor's License and status of Intermunicipal Agreement* - A. Wallach stated that this will be handled thru his office before it goes thru to counsel. C. Picot questioned the landscaper license update. This falls under the same inter-municipal agreement. A. Wallach stated that this would fall under the jurisdiction of the Town. C. Picot asked that this be circled back on with the Village Administrator to see where counsel is on this issue.

*6.4 Review of Demolition Permit Requirements and C & D recycling efforts*- the mayor expressed interest in this. Planning Commission needs to champion this item

The NY Stretch Code was questioned if this was adopted, A. Wallach will follow up and get back to Chair on this .

6.4.1 Special Presentation by NYS DEC (tentative)

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**7. UPDATES ON RECENT EFFORTS OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION, AND TASK FORCES**

*7.1 Senior Center Task Force/Seniors Activity Committee* -Creation of New Tab on Village Website, etc - L. DeVinney when you visit the website there is a menu button, it was suggested that in the services sub-category that senior services is listed. This would make it easier for seniors to access if it was under the main menu button, hit services and it be located there. The Trustees were leading the effort and they were reviewing candidates to create a full senior committee. Chair will send a letter of this recommendation to Cathy Sweeny, and Trustees Manager and Brown.

*7.2 Tree City USA Initiative Update* - there are no updates on this. C. Picot is managing this task. The DEC is reviewing other foundations on this Initiative.

*7.3 Real Estate Task Force. - Update* -M. Anderson and M. Chiffert are leading this task. There is one property that is in the Village hands, they are trying to work things out. The Mayor asked them to evaluate village properties that can be bought with CPF funds. P. Gilmartin was working on this as well. It was suggested that J. Fennlon be reached out to at the CPF head office to make an open communication.

*7.4 Term Limit Task Force- Review of Recommendations*-P. Gilmartin recommended that the Trustees be limited to 4 year terms. He could serve twice and if they ran for mayor it would be up to 12 years. The Mayors term would be limited to two terms. This would stop anyone from serving more than 12 years. Elections would be limited to every 2 years to reduce work load and cost. This would be suggestions for the Trustees to review, the decision would not fall to the Planning Commission. The mayor makes \$25,000 up to \$30,000, the trustees are paid \$20,000 but raised to \$25,000. Currently after 5 years you are given insurance for life for you and the family. They are recommending this be limited to the primary person only. C. Picot stated that the PC should vote on sending these recommendations to the Trustees. L. DeVinney stated that this rests with the Trustees to decide. Policy should be set moving forward. She encouraged that several public meetings be held regarding the recommendations. E. Simioni is not in favor of increasing the terms from 2 years to 4 years. Elections every 2 years is not an issue for him only the term. Mr. Simon also is not in favor of term limits. The insurance being reduced and the rate being increased he is in favor of. This would be a conflict of interest for the Trustees to decide this and it should be a referendum that is used instead. The Village of WHB gets paid \$34,000 a year and work 5 days a week and have no insurance. The Trustees get paid \$12,000 a year. Sag Harbor makes less. Chair felt that this pay enables people to do both, whereas E. Simioni feels that they are stepping up to bat in these scenarios and have jobs, this is not something they rely on. The Board discussed moving this along to the Trustees for decision. E. Simioni would like a 3 years term suggested as part of the proposal. M. Anderson stated that time is of the essence.

MOTION by C. Picot, seconded by L. DeVinney

To take the recommendation and move it on to the Trustees with the caveat that the Planning Commission and the task force continue to have review on this matter as well as with public comment.

On Vote: Chair, L. DeVinney, M. Anderson, C. Picot, P. Gilmartin

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Nay: E. Simioni

*7.5 Deer Management Task Force - Previous enacted regulations & NYS DEC Policies-M.* Anderson handled this task, he went toured Suffolk County Deer Management. The Trustees

approved the contract at their last meeting. The contracted needed to be honored so the additional request for money for tree stands was removed from the contract. The stands were being stolen about 3-4 years ago. That seems to be resolved. The village properties are being surveyed to see where the stands will be placed. Hunting season is now over. Nuance permits are trying to be obtained to help control the deer thru the DEC. E. Simioni commened that the proposal doesn't account for the babies once the parent is exterminated and suggested surgical sterilization, he also stated that this is more effective and less costly. He asked that this be discussed in further detail.

*7.5.1 Special Presentation by Leslie Lupo of the NYS DEC Wildlife Mngmnt Prog. (Tentative)* - this will be done in March.

*7.6 Mobility & Transportation Task force - Review of Section 4. 3 of Master Plan*

*7.6.1 Possible Grant from the County for a study-* Chair handled this task. This is a regional bike path from Riverhead to the North and South Fork . A million dollar match was asked for. Town of Southampton is interested in this, East Hampton is meeting next week regarding this. Village was asked for a support letter to help with the construction and planning for this regional construction o the bike path. C. Picot stated that Hill Street will be included in this bike path and is of great relevance to the Village.,

MOTION By Chair, seconded by C. Picot

To prepare a letter of support for the Trust Republic Land Grant

On Vote: Chair, E. Simioni, M. Anderson, P. Gilmartin, L. DeVinney, C. Picot

The path is conceptual at this point. However L. DeVinney and C. Picot would like to see the draft letter.

## **8. UPDATES ON VILLAGE NEW/DEVELOPMENTS**

*8.1 Liberty Development Update. -Letter to SHV Planning Board - FEIS is needed.*

*8.2 Update Workforce Housing Overlay by BFJ/Peconic Land Trust-* A. Wallach comment that there will be a possible improvement of the business district.

*8.3 Possible Creation of a Business Improvement District - Article 19A of General Municipal on NYS CLS-SH Bus Alliance and SH Chamber Input - this is tabled til after a presentation ,*

*8.4 Review of Local Laws Passed in 2022 - this has been tabled for 2 years. C. Picot stated that he has been in touch the present head of the ARB and the Building Dept to deal with how to handle a applicant not having a demolition permit. Roy Stevenson was working with him but now A. Wallach stated that the Building Dept. Liaison is now Bill Manager. C. Picot will continue to work with the land use boards and the Building Dept and Trustee to get a resolution to this issue.*

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*8.5 Goals for 2023*

*8.5.1 Additional Government Transparency with Village Documents to be Available as Electronic Format & Available on Website. - Civic Plus Module*

*8.6 Boards & Comments & Discussion*

Christine Sullivan Winter spoke regarding the Village Transparency with documents and wants to be able to access these documents. She is also greatly concerned about the deer and lives in the center of the Village by the school and every night encounters deer. She agreed with E. Simioni point and suggested a combo of surgical sterilization as well as the extermination plan.

MOTION by Chair, seconded by P. Gilmartin

To **adjourn tonight's meeting.**

On Vote: Chair, E. Simioni, M. Anderson, P. Gilmartin, L. DeVinney, C. Picot