



# Village of Southampton

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## **Board of Trustees**

### **MINUTES**

April 13, 2023 - 6:00 PM

### **Call to Order:**

Start Meeting Time: 6:04pm

### **Present:**

Mayor Jesse Warren, Trustee Gina Arresta, Trustee Robin Brown, Trustee William Manger, Trustee Roy Stevenson, Village Administrator Charlene Kagel-Betts, Village Attorney Andrew Preston, Village Clerk Cathy Sweeney, Assistant to the Mayor Patrick Derenze & A/V Coordinator Sage Certain

### **Pledge of Allegiance:**

Led by Mayor Warren

### **Public Comment:**

1. The Village of Southampton's Board of Trustees Meeting will be taking place as a Hybrid In-Person/ZOOM Meeting.  
The meeting will be held at Southampton Village Hall located at 23 Main Street, Southampton, NY, live-streamed and a transcript will be provided at a later date.  
Join the meeting via ZOOM:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89730446459>  
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<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCwDidTdhkHXbspR0hkoxH4g>  
There is no Public Comment during work sessions.

### **Employee of the Month:**

1. April 2023 - Employee of the Month  
MaryAnn Wright, Custodian, Building Maintenance Department  
Nominated by: Brenda Pinckney, Custodian, Building Maintenance Department

### **Board Presentations:**

1. CPR Save Acknowledgement ~ Presented by Mayor Warren
2. DPW Consulting Update ~ Presented by Harry Weed, HLW2, Inc.
3. Budget and Finance Committee Update ~ Presented by Len Zinnanti, Chairman, BFC
4. Arts and Culture Overlay District Review ~ Presented by Mayor Warren and BFJ

## **Public Hearing:**

1. Consideration to adopt a budget for the fiscal year commencing June 1, 2023 which may have a real property tax levy more than the "tax levy limit" as defined by General Municipal Law §3-c.

Motion to Table was initiated by Jesse Warren and seconded by Gina Arresta.

Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson, William Manger

No: None

Abstain: None

2. 2023-2024 Tentative Budget Review

Motion to Open Public Hearing was initiated by Jesse Warren and seconded by Gina Arresta.

Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson, William Manger

No: None

Abstain: None

Motion to Close Public Hearing was initiated by Jesse Warren and seconded by Gina Arresta.

Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson, William Manger

No: None

Abstain: None

3. Local Law 3-2023, the proposal to add Section 8.1 of Chapter 116, Arts and Culture Overlay District.

Motion to Open Public Hearing was initiated by Jesse Warren and seconded by William Manger.

Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson, William Manger

No: None

Abstain: None

Motion to Close Public Hearing was initiated by Jesse Warren and seconded by William Manger.

Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson, William Manger

No: None

Abstain: None

4. Local Law XX-2023, the proposal to amend Chapter 116, Zoning, specifically, Sections 116-9A(3), 116-9(A)(10)(a) and 116-9A(11)(a).

Motion to Adjourn to BOT Meeting on 4.25.2023 was initiated by Jesse Warren and seconded by William Manger.

Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson, William Manger

No: None

Abstain: None

Adjourned to BOT Work Session on 4.25.2023

5. Local Law 9-2023, the proposal to amend Chapter A119-4, Expiration of permit; extensions; conformance with specifications; display.

Motion to Open Public Hearing was initiated by Jesse Warren and seconded by William Manger.

Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson, William Manger

No: None

Abstain: None

Motion to Close Public Hearing was initiated by Jesse Warren and seconded by William Manger.  
Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson, William Manger  
No: None  
Abstain: None

6. Local Law 8-2023, the proposal to amend Chapter 65, Historic and Landmark Preservation.  
Motion to Open Public Hearing was initiated by Jesse Warren and seconded by William Manger.  
Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson, William Manger  
No: None  
Abstain: None

Motion to Close Public Hearing was initiated by Jesse Warren and seconded by William Manger.  
Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson, William Manger  
No: None  
Abstain: None

### **Communications to the Board:**

1. Correspondence from Meryl Lieberman
2. Correspondence from Amanda and Robert Holmen
3. Correspondence from Amity Lucas - Downs Family Park
4. Correspondence from Building Department
5. Correspondence from David Barnard
6. Correspondence for Wayne Miller

### **Discussion Items:**

#### **Suggested Resolutions:**

1. RESOLVED, the claims for the warrant dated April 13, 2023 totaling \$371,092.67 (Warrant #A-24 - General Fund), \$360,000.80 (Warrant #H-13 - Capital Fund), 23,194.48 (Warrant #A-25 - Utility Fund) and \$670.00 (Warrant #CS-2 - CS Trust Fund) are audited and approved.

Motion to Approve (Aye) was initiated by Jesse Warren and seconded by Gina Arresta.  
Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson, William Manger  
No: None  
Abstain: None

2. RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees adopts a budget for the fiscal year commencing June 1, 2023 which may have a real property tax levy more than the "tax levy limit" as defined by General Municipal Law §3-c.

Motion to Table was initiated by Jesse Warren and seconded by Gina Arresta.  
Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson, William Manger  
No: None  
Abstain: None

3. RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees hereby approves the 2023-2024 Tentative Budget, as the adopted 2023-2024 Adopted Budget.

Motion to Approve (Aye) was initiated by Jesse Warren and seconded by Gina Arresta.

Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson, William Manger

No: None

Abstain: None

4. Whereas, in connection with a contemplated Arts and Culture Overlay district within Southampton Village Center along portions of Hill Street, Jobs Lane, Windmill Lane, and Pond Lane for which project the Village, on February 21, 2023, did declare itself lead agency, and

Whereas, on March 15, 2023 the Village Planner referred the matter to the Suffolk County Planning Commission, and

Whereas, the Suffolk County Planning Commission addressed matter during a meeting of same held on April 4, 2023 and voted unanimously to approve it, and

Whereas, the Village of Southampton requested and the Village's Planning Consultant, BFJ Planning, did conduct a Full Environmental Assessment (FEAF) of the proposed Arts and Culture Overlay district and issued part 1 of same on February 14, 2023, part 2 on March 24, 2023, and Part 3 on March 29, 2023, and

Whereas, the Board of Trustees determines that the proposed action is a Type I Action for purposes of SEQR review, and

Whereas, the proposed Arts and Culture Overlay district is intended to ensure that the zoning code is supportive of arts and cultural uses, galleries and art stores, community-oriented spaces and offices, and artist studios and residences, and

Whereas, the proposed Arts and Culture Overlay district does not include any specific construction, and therefore is not accompanied by any site-specific impacts. While the proposed action may occur in or adjacent to a historic or archaeological resource, the proposed Arts and Culture Overlay district is also located within the Southampton Village Historic District. Therefore,

Be it Resolved, the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Southampton declares that, based on the Environmental Record which has been prepared, the proposed action will result in no major environmental impacts and will therefore not cause significant damage to the environment. A Negative Declaration under SEQR is hereby issued for this proposed action.

Motion to Approve (Aye) was initiated by Jesse Warren and seconded by Gina Arresta.

Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson, William Manger

No: None

Abstain: None

5. RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees (Board) of the Incorporated Village of Southampton (Village) hereby approves Local Law 7-2023, the proposal to add Section 8.1 of Chapter 116, Arts and Culture Overlay District.

Motion to Approve (Aye) was initiated by Jesse Warren and seconded by Gina Arresta.

Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson, William Manger

No: None

Abstain: None

6. RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees (Board) of the Incorporated Village of Southampton (Village) hereby approves Local Law XX-2023, the proposal to amend Chapter 116, Zoning, specifically, Sections 116-9A(3), 116-9(A)(10)(a) and 116-9A(11)(a). (waterfront law)

Motion to Table was initiated by Gina Arresta and seconded by William Manger.

Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson, William Manger

No: None

Abstain: None

7. RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees (Board) of the Incorporated Village of Southampton (Village) hereby approves Local Law 9-2023, the proposal to amend Chapter A119-4, Expiration of permit; extensions; conformance with specifications; display. (Building Department Renewal Fees)

Motion to Approve (Aye) was initiated by Jesse Warren and seconded by William Manger.

Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson, William Manger

No: None

Abstain: None

8. RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees (Board) of the Incorporated Village of Southampton (Village) hereby approves Local Law 8-2023, the proposal to amend Chapter 65, Historic and Landmark Preservation.

Motion to Approve (Aye) was initiated by Jesse Warren and seconded by William Manger.

Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson, William Manger

No: None

Abstain: None

9. RESOLVED, The Board of Trustees approves funding as a cost share to the Southampton Town Trustees Piping Plover Program in the amount of \$9,850 to be paid from Trustee Special Projects A.1010.443.

Motion to Approve (Aye) was initiated by Jesse Warren and seconded by Gina Arresta.

Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson, William Manger

No: None

Abstain: None

10. RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees approves the request for Christine Brennan and Brendan Regan, the Southampton Village Ocean Preparation Facilitators, to host their 3rd Annual Junior Lifesaving Program, to be held at Coopers Beach on Saturday mornings from July 8, 2023 - August 5, 2023 from 8:30AM - 11:00AM.

Motion to Approve (Aye) was initiated by Jesse Warren and seconded by Gina Arresta.

Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson, William Manger

No: None

Abstain: None

11. RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees approves the Southampton Village Ocean Rescue to host the Village Adult Ocean Safety Course to be held at Coopers Beach on Tuesday evenings, July 11, 2023 – August 8, 2023 from 4:00PM – 4:45PM.

Motion to Approve (Aye) was initiated by Jesse Warren and seconded by Gina Arresta.

Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson, William Manger

No: None

Abstain: None

12. Whereas, the Village of Southampton is desirous to comply with all legal obligations, and to train its agents and employees regarding same,

Be it RESOLVED, that all Board Members of the Village of Southampton Board of Trustees and all Board Members of the Village's Land Use Boards are directed to receive sixty minutes of training annually regarding the obligations imposed by New York State Open Meetings Law.

Be it further RESOLVED that the Village Administrator is hereby directed to identify training materials to effectuate said training as promulgated by the Committee on Open Government and/or other qualified agencies.

Motion to Approve (Aye) was initiated by Jesse Warren and seconded by Gina Arresta.

Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson, William Manger

No: None

Abstain: None

13. Whereas on March 13, 2023 the Village of Southampton received a request for permission to use the Village Seal in the Bravo television program "Summer House", and

Whereas the Village is mindful that additional publicity of the Village, particularly during the summer season, will likely exacerbate the Village's summertime vehicle traffic congestion, be it

RESOLVED the Board of Trustees of the Village of Southampton denies said request.

Motion to Approve (Aye) was initiated by Jesse Warren and seconded by None.

Yes: None

No: None

Abstain: None

Motion Failed.

14. RESOLVED, The Board of Trustees authorize the Treasurer's Office to Amend the 2022-23 Budget (Budget Amendment # 206) funding budgetary appropriation shortfalls with excess revenues.

Motion to Approve (Aye) was initiated by Jesse Warren and seconded by Gina Arresta.

Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson, William Manger

No: None

Abstain: None

15. RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees authorizes the Village Treasurer to amend the 2022-23 Budget for the purchase of Street Line Stripers as follows:

FROM: A5110.41 Highway Supplies in the amount of \$15,000.00

TO: A5110.2 Highway Equipment in the amount of \$15,000.00

Motion to Approve (Aye) was initiated by Jesse Warren and seconded by Gina Arresta.

Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson, William Manger

No: None

Abstain: None

16. WHEREAS, A Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Village CSEA has been reached through the negotiation process and the CSEA membership has been approved by a majority vote,  
NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees approves the CSEA MOA and Contract as approved, for the period June 1, 2022 through May 31, 2027, and is ratified effective April 13, 2023.

Motion to Approve (Aye) was initiated by Jesse Warren and seconded by Gina Arresta.

Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson, William Manger

No: None

Abstain: None

17. RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees hereby directs each Village Employee (with the exception of Police Department employees) to accept work assignments and/or tasks only from that Employee's immediate supervisor.

Motion to Approve (Aye) was initiated by Gina Arresta and seconded by Roy Stevenson.

Yes: Gina Arresta, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson, William Manger

No: Jesse Warren

Abstain: None

18. WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees approved at the 10/28/2022 Board Work Session, a consulting contract with Harry L. Weed II, to provide consulting services to the Acting Superintendent of Public Works, at a rate not to exceed \$150 per hour, not exceed \$25,000, and would terminate 90 days after the execution of same, NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees approves the extension of the contract through June30, 2023 (total expended to date \$10,600), and further amends the contract to reflect Mr. Weed's new corporate name is HLW2, Inc.

Motion to Approve (Aye) was initiated by Jesse Warren and seconded by Gina Arresta.

Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson, William Manger

No: None

Abstain: None

19. RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees accepts the Letter of Resignation for Joseph Riccardi, Seasonal Police Officer, Southampton Village Police Department, effective April 7, 2023.

Motion to Approve (Aye) was initiated by Jesse Warren and seconded by Gina Arresta.

Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson, William Manger

No: None

Abstain: None

20. RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees accepts the Letter of Resignation for William Miller, Tree Trimmer I, Highway Department, effective April 3, 2023.

Motion to Approve (Aye) was initiated by Jesse Warren and seconded by Gina Arresta.

Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson, William Manger

No: None

Abstain: None

21. RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees authorizes the Mayor to execute an extension of the Village's existing license agreement with PedalShare, Inc., as previously authorized by Village Board resolution #13 as adopted at the May 14, 2020 meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Motion to Approve (Aye) was initiated by Jesse Warren and seconded by William Manger.

Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson, William Manger

No: None

Abstain: None

22. RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees hereby rescinds resolution #19 as previously resolved during the March 21, 2023 meeting of the Board of Trustees, which resolution approved the temporary closure of Jobs Lane, between Windmill Lane and Main Street for its 2nd Annual Southampton Fashion Week on Friday, August 25, 2023 from 6:30pm – 7:30pm.

Motion to Approve (Aye) was initiated by Jesse Warren and seconded by Roy Stevenson.

Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson, William Manger

No: None

Abstain: None

23. WHEREAS, the Village of Southampton has received a request to participate in the Cornell University Cooperative of Suffolk County and in partnership with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation to conduct nighttime beach surveys on the bayside beach located on Meadow Lane.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT,

RESOLVED, the Village Board approves the surveys to be conducted on approximately 15 nights between May and July for 2 hours, a schedule has been provided and Southampton Village Police Department has been notified.

Motion to Approve (Aye) was initiated by Jesse Warren and seconded by Gina Arresta.

Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson, William Manger

No: None

Abstain: None

24. RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees approves the application for Schneps Media to host an Event sponsored by Dan's Papers to be held at the Southampton Arts Center on Sunday, May 28, 2023 from 6:00 PM to 10:30 PM, for 600 participants.

Motion to Approve (Aye) was initiated by Jesse Warren and seconded by Robin Brown.

Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson, William Manger

No: None

Abstain: None

25. RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees approves the Southampton Rose Society's Third Annual Rose Day to be held on Saturday, June 17, 2023. Festivities will last throughout the day and are in conjunction with the Rogers Memorial Library and local businesses where they are invited to participate in a friendly competition to decorate their storefronts and windows with rose-themed displays.

Motion to Approve (Aye) was initiated by Jesse Warren and seconded by Robin Brown.

Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson, William Manger

No: None

Abstain: None



### **Mayoral Appointments:**

1. RESOLVED, the Mayor appoints and the Board of Trustees approves the appointment of Kyle Wright, Automotive Mechanic II in the Central Garage Department at a salary of \$54,408.08, effective Friday, April 21, 2023.

Motion to Approve (Aye) was initiated by Jesse Warren and seconded by Gina Arresta.

Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson, William Manger

No: None

Abstain: None

2. RESOLVED, the Mayor appoints and the Board of Trustees approves the appointment of Kurt Grodski, Public Safety Dispatcher I of the Southampton Village Police Department at a salary of \$49,194.95, effective Friday, April 21, 2023.

Motion to Approve (Aye) was initiated by Jesse Warren and seconded by Robin Brown.

Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson, William Manger

No: None

Abstain: None

3. RESOLVED, the Mayor appoints and the Board of Trustees approves the re-appointments of Laura Devinney and Eduardo Simioni as members of the Planning Commission for a term ending June 30, 2025.

Motion to Approve was initiated by Jesse Warren and seconded by None.

Yes: None

No: None

Abstain: None

Motion Failed.

### **Comments from Board Members:**

***Trustee Arresta** ~ I would like to congratulate all the volunteers that did such a great job on the fire and saving a life at Fellingham's. I am very proud of all of the volunteers. Thank you, Captain Hurteau and the Southampton Village Police Department in doing such a great job with the traffic, the traffic study and the implementation of the education regarding trucks and really stepping up. I am very proud of Steve Phillips and Harry Weed. Thank you for the updates and progress on the DPW restructuring and making a path forward and the whole restructure of the DPW. I have to mention that the savings from the budget helped us to really keep taxes low this year. Thank you to Len Zinnanti and the Budget and Finance Committee for their recommendations, there has been a lot of discussion amongst the board about moving forward and, once again, thank you to Charlene and Julie for their great work on the budget and doing what we can to keep the taxes where they are.*

***Trustee Brown** ~ I would like to also echo and thank our first responders. A special shout out to our officer, Charles Knoebel. He was our employee of the month last month and this is quite exciting because he was elected as our acting chief. The Kiwanis Club held an awards dinner in March to honor officers of the East End agency. So, not only was he our Officer of Southampton Village, but in addition to receiving the Officer of the Year for Southampton Village Police Department at the Kiwanis Club, he was named Officer Knoebel as the overall Top Cop for 2022 right here in Southampton Village. I am very proud that's a big thing. He was also awarded the Howard Stock Award for outstanding police work. Our Village is very proud and we just want to salute you and thank you. We're going to thank the leadership of our Chief. It is reflected in our team and we're so proud and delighted and thank you all.*

**Trustee Manger** ~ I have been working with Robin Brown and Walter Deane and I'm pleased to report that there is a donor who is going to be donating all new bike racks and trash cans for the village beaches. That is exciting. The order has been placed and they will be in place for this summer and they will all be donated so they will cost the village nothing except the cost of having DPW put them down at the "road ends" at the beaches, so that's a huge plus. I think it's going to look great and I am looking forward to other further enhancements to the village this summer. I think it's always great when we can find a donor who will step up and help to beautify the village. Again, I just wanted to make that announcement and thank you Robin for helping us beautify the beaches and I want to thank Walter Deane very much for his hard work in this effort as well.

**Trustee Stevenson** ~ I want to call out our emergency responders, the Ambulance folks we've had and the Fire Department. We had a busy week saving somebody's life at Fellingham's and then saving our Union Burger Joint from burning down, two very valued establishments in the village, and I'm glad they're still around where we can go have something good to eat. Amazing to me. You're sitting there at 10:40 on Easter Sunday. You get a call. 45 people from the Fire Department show up within three and a half minutes, then spend the next three or several hours putting the fire out. Don't get out of there until 2 A.M. It's amazing that we are so blessed to live in this village and have people who are willing to volunteer their services and provide that for us. I also want to give a big shout out to our Police Department. I happen to live off Bishops Lane and I've been super pleased to see that-in addition to creating the no-right turn situation to alleviate cut-through traffic, our Police Department is doing a great job enforcing that. I come out in the morning and I see the unmarked unit. Sometimes it's parked behind Despatch and I see them either at Bishops or at Corrigan getting ready to make sure it's the right turn. We talked a little bit in the meeting about getting the overweight trucks handled and, all in all, just think consistent enforcement of our traffic laws and visible police presence in the critical areas will create for this Village a reputation among the daily trade commuters that this Village is a place where you do not mess around. I've also noticed the presence in our village business district of one of our smartly uniformed officers on foot patrol and I happened to bump into one of them, who was Captain Hurteau, this morning outside my store looking very sharp and she was on patrol. She confirmed my impression of the increased presence and said it was one of her directives. She remarked that she couldn't expect her officers to go out on foot patrol unless she did it herself. Great leadership. I told her that I might be old-fashioned, but to me the sight of a cop walking down the street and smiling at people. It just makes me feel that, in spite of all the terrible news we hear and read about every day, there's still something right with the world and that peace and Law and Order will prevail, yes at least in our little small corner of the world. That said, all is not well in our little corner of the world. In recent days, the Mayor released to the Southampton Press a privileged and confidential letter of claim against the village by his former assistant Miranda Weber. This letter contained extremely serious allegations against the Mayor, including sexual harassment, creating a hostile environment towards female employees and violating federal wages and our laws. The defense of such claims requires involvement by several law firms, in coordination with the Village's insurance carrier, in order to protect the interests of all parties, most importantly the village taxpayers. The Mayor took this action despite clear written legal counsel advising against such public disclosure. In doing so, the Mayor may have harmed the Village's ability to defend both itself and the Mayor himself. The Mayor has placed this board between the proverbial rock and a hard place. If the board speaks out about the Mayor's actions, he accuses us of making political attacks on him. On the other hand, if we maintain the confidentiality of issues that come before us that should properly be kept confidential, such as this letter, he accuses us of lack of transparency. That the Mayor should somehow blame the board for the negative consequences of his alleged actions is frankly astonishing and I repeat my strong assertion that this board had nothing to do with the issuance or the timing of Miss Weber's complaint. I take absolutely no pleasure in calling out the Mayor at this meeting, but legal counsel has advised this board that the Mayor's actions were a serious misstep. The board is in the process of determining exactly how to handle the new complications that the Mayor's disclosure of privileged and confidential information has created. When we receive full clarification on these matters from The Village's legal counsel, we will provide the residents with as much information as we can. In the meantime, we will continue to do our best to protect

the village residents' interests. Thank you.

*Mayor Warren ~ I'd like to thank the Fire Department or EMS and our Police Department. I'm in a little bit of a rock and hard place here because, ultimately, I'd like to just get this meeting finished, we had a great meeting tonight, but at the same time, I also have to defend myself. At some point I do have to do that and I'm happy to address those comments later. I'm not going to address them at this board meeting tonight because when we're at our board meetings we're here to conduct public business and business for the residents and not to take a different road, so I'm gonna stick to the meeting tonight and I'm gonna stick to the script here. I did want to recognize the great work of the Southampton Fire Department who came in here earlier tonight, they did an outstanding job and, despite politics and despite what you might see here, they are the very very best of us and I could not be more proud of them, our Southampton Village EMS as well as our Southampton Village Police Department and when everyone was here tonight they just brought in just the highest level of positivity and just really represent again the best of the village and when I see residents like David Raynor who was here tonight multi-generation resident again that just represents the finest and festive of Southampton. I just wanted to iterate how lucky we are to have the opportunity to work and and serve alongside the men and women of those various departments. I also just wanted to say how I am about the adoption of the Arts and Culture District I think this is a big win for the village again it allows for more uses and I think it will encourage added vibrancy to the downtown, so I think that's a big win for us tonight. In addition to that, I also wanted to echo your comments. I think it's outstanding. Thank you Captain Hurteau and Sergeant Dorchak for the increased foot patrol. Our residents really like that residents love our Police Department and it's nice to see our officers are on foot making sure our village is safe and I've received a lot of positive feedback from our residents about this. This is exactly what they want to see from our department and it's exactly what a really well respected community policing department like ours is about, so thank you very much for that.*

#### **Motion to Adjourn to Executive Session**

Motion to Adjourn to Executive Session was initiated by Jesse Warren and seconded by William Manger.

Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson, William Manger

No: None

Abstain: None

Time: 8:36pm

#### **Return to Public Session:**

Motion to Return to Public Session was initiated by Jesse Warren and seconded by Gina Arresta.

Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson, William Manger

No: None

Abstain: None

Time: 9:32pm

#### **Resolutions, if any:**

No Resolutions noted.

#### **Motion to Adjourn:**

Motion to Adjourn was initiated by Jesse Warren and seconded by Gina Arresta.

Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson, William Manger

No: None

Abstain: None

End Meeting Time: 9:32pm