

**PLANNING COMMISSION
HYBRID PUBLIC HEARING
SOUTHAMPTON VILLAGE
MAY 4, 2023**

Due notice having been given the public hearing of the Planning Commission for the Village of Southampton was held on Thursday, May 4, 2023, at 5:30PM as hybrid via video conferencing and in Village Hall, 23 Main Street, Southampton, New York.

The chair opened the meeting. Pledge of allegiance was held.

Present were Co-Chair Marc Chiffert
Co-Chair Michelangelo Lieberman
Michael Anderson
Pamela Gilmartin via Zoom
Christian Picot

Absent was Robert Essay

Village Planner Alex Wallach was present.

MINUTES ADOPTION

MOTION by C. Picot, second M. Lieberman

To adopt the March Planning Commission minutes.

On Vote: Chair, M. Lieberman, M. Anderson, P. Gilmartin, and C. Picot

UPDATE ON PROPOSITION 3 - AFFORDABLE HOUSING – Jay Desing is Village rep, as of April 1st monies are being collected and should begin to be available for use in July or so, application process is open. ADU grants through Plan One are available, will receive up to 125,000 to create a unit as affordable housing, must be affordable for ten years. The oversight is the Town, but program is sponsored by the non-profit CDC of Long Island. C. Picot is happy to have Jay Desing on the Board for representation, he also clarified that the Village of North Haven has also opted in.

DISCUSSION ON GOVERNORS PROPOSED TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT – This was shelved by the County since the five East End Towns were opposed.

UPDATE OF SEWER/WASTE-WATER COMMITTEE BY PAUL TRAVIS AND D&B ENGINEERING – Tabled. Being reviewed by the Town, a site has been identified for the sewage treatment plan, but hopefully an update soon.

UPDATES FROM VILLAGE PLANNER ALEX WALLACH

Proposed zoning strategy to create an Art & Culture Overlay District – Zoning amendment highlights are limits to size of ground floor commercial space to 6000 sq ft. On Jobs Lane only, a flat roof building cannot have 3-stories, it must be pitched for 2.5 to 3 stories. Clarification was also given in terms of art uses, and regulations that allow food and beverage accessory to arts use.

Update on ARB reconnaissance survey – This is being reviewed by colleagues at the State and they will let know if there are any final edits. Chair asked to share the survey with the Commission. The purpose is to broadly identify expansion of future historic districts. We are CLG, meaning that if the ARB makes determination as landmark, it can impede demolition.

Update on LL 12/2022 for Village and status of Inter Municipal agreement – BFG was retained, A. Wallach is identifying wastewater requirements through the County and tied to creation of sewer district. This is tied to sewer system. A. Wallach did not know status of the Inter Municipal agreement. C. Picot noted that the Village Administrator stated that she was working on it, on the Town side there was a complaint against a local contractor, the licensing couldn't take on because of the agreement not in place.

Review of Demolition Permit requirements and C&D recycling efforts – NYS DEC has been contacted for demolition requirements for recycling of construction materials. Then a mandate can be put in place for projects to identify transfer stations for recycling their demolition materials properly. This is very important issue in the County so that construction materials are handled properly and doesn't end up in the environment.

UPDATES OF RECENT EFFORTS OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND TASK FORCES

Deer Management Task Force – M. Anderson noted that as of April 20th of this year, the deer management contract was signed. There was a delay in signing because of an insurance policy issue for the contracted company, that issue was resolved. Suffolk County Deer Management is the contracted company, and no hunting will be done during this period of time per the Mayor. Hopefully, October 1st will have hunting commence, and also looking for permission on private properties for hunting as well. Chair asked that possibly a representative could speak at the June meeting and map out plan. Chair thanked M. Anderson for his efforts on this task force.

Mobility & Transportation Task Force – Review of Section 4.3 of Master Plan –

Possible Grant from the County for study on the Hike Bike Route/Master Plan – M. Lieberman updated that the Raise grant has been initiated and can expect to hear back within a month, 5M dollars for greenway which is bike path for Phase II connecting Riverhead to Montauk.

BIRD for micro mobility for the Village but was not a good fit as it was dockless, scooters would be available, but they would be left randomly. Review proved that it wasn't the best fit for the needs of the Village.

Intersection by the library needs to be to be reimagined, he'd like to think how they could be more involved with that goal. C. Picot noted the library is interested in having four cross paths, students go to the library, and it is dangerous. Been an issue for years, been put off because of bike path.

The bike path will be studied on a macro scale, but if it is paving or striping, we don't need to wait for the grant. It's a safety concern, but possibly wait for grant because it is larger project. C. Picot asked for Master Plan for bike path for County, M. Lieberman noted it doesn't focus on Southampton Village particulars it is macro in scale. Since it covers entire County so may not trickle down to certain

intersections. M. Lieberman has a new position at Trust Public Land, he's not sure what his role will be, it is more advocacy position. He hopes to discuss when he has more details.

M. Anderson asked if bike share will still be available around the Village, M. Lieberman noted that they deploy with weather, so Peddle Share will deploy soon. Hampton Hopper is also a good service that will be available this season, it has an app for calling to pick up.

Proposed creation of a zoning task for to review creation of additional parks and cooperation with CPF

– Chair met with Mark Greenwald, ZBA chair, and Mark McIntyre, ARB chair. He felt they could create a task for ARB and ZBA updates for issues related to zoning:

- Whether pergolas should be reviewed by the ARB, or from what size
- Definition of “structure” in code
- Definition of lot size for oceanfront and bayfront property. High water mark?
- Validity of Certificate of Occupancy during renovation
- Checklists prior to ARB submission and checklist for SHV Building Department to review prior to submittal to ARB
- Possible repeal of code 116-20, which allows the Board of Trustees to override the ZBA.
- Pond Lane Park
- Development at Moses Park – possibly add pickleball court.
- Additional sites for parks

Alex Wallach clarified that there are certain special exceptions the only Trustees have power to grant, but the Board of Trustees doesn't have authority to overrule the ZBA, it would depend on the use. Chair brought up that right now you can go to BOT instead of ZBA. Specific uses have defined paths already in the code, depending on the applicant's project. Certain uses require BOT to issue a special permit, whereas there are many more uses that go to the ZBA. BOT has extra jurisdiction when it comes to density and parking and things along those lines. M. Lieberman offered himself for this task force, but they will decide later. C. Picot reminded that ARB just went through recast of code 116. C. Picot worked with ARB regarding demo issues, and he feels they are behind and need to catch up with employee hiring. They will decide how to structure the task force.

Tree USA Initiative Update – Arbor Day was held last Friday and over 100 students showed up from OLH. He hopes Southampton School will be more involved next year. Southampton Garden Club put two new trees in Agawam Park. More private money will be put into more public trees. There is enthusiasm going around regarding this program. A 3M dollar grant is coming that they will apply by end of June, Jen the grant writer will be writing up, there are two phases to the grant for inventory or planting and they will decide. Proud of the work done and it is making a difference.

M. Anderson also noted that only four people planted, at least 150 were at the tree planting this year, it was a nice event. Trustee Arresta organized it fabulously. M. Chiffert thanked the task force for their efforts. Policy, procedure and process for tree management and health is important and needs to be budgeted.

Update on Terms and Compensation Task Force Progress - C. Picot noted Walter Dean gave a good presentation for “Phase One” regarding electoral process, but it was the Planning Commission that planned the work last May. A letter was issued, and entered into record, to the Board of Trustees and

Mayor and asked if they had objection to discussion regarding compensation and terms, he was surprised at the meeting of March 21st where the Mayor said he never asked for this. There will be a meeting work tomorrow night 5PM via Zoom that will address “Phase Two” which is compensation and benefits. Healthcare is the biggest issue and necessary to tie it into vesting and into term limits that task force had put forward.

There is currently 4.5 M spent on healthcare, existing Trustees on annualized was 105,000 and vested trustees was 159,000. NYSHIP has gone up 12.5%, 38,000 for families/16,000 for single. It is a high number especially compared to other public entities, focus needs to be on 4.5M because vested people are 159,000 last year. Currently everybody in the Village has copays and the Trustees do not have copays. Vesting is another issue to look at as well. On May 11th another round of presentations which Budget and Finance chair and C. Picot will make with the Trustees; it really had become a real issue in regard to political campaigning. Two people applying for Mayor seat and vesting applies for both of them.

M. Lieberman struggles with getting involved with healthcare, staffing and Police he feels it is between elected Boards and unions and shouldn't get involved. C. Picot clarified it is an issue, but electoral process and trustee compensation are the issue. Chair feels that it is complex issue, is how do address situations with coverage and needs to be studied, but now level of costs are unheard of years ago, so it is important they look into, progressing in the right direction. Budget and Finance Committee needs to be lead agency. M. Anderson noted the Budget and Finance Committee consists of five members, with a Trustee as liaison. Len Zanetti, Rose Deals, Dane Neller, and Edward Moneyppenny.

Creation of new Task Force to review Local Law 7/2020 to review the penalties for local code violations – A list of violations was obtained from the court, they were all traffic related, not related to building ordinances. ARB has demo penalties that were put in place, Mark McIntyre worked with Alex Wallach. Code Enforcement officers are being hired. Chair's understanding is that Angel is stationed in Building Department now instead of Police Station, A. Wallach noted he is not full time there. In terms of operation Chair feels needs to be looked into.

UPDATES ON VILLAGE NEWS/DEVELOPMENT

Chair thanked Laura Devinney and Edoardo Simioni for their contribution for the last almost twenty years. Kathy Sweeney was asked to officially thank them via a plaque. C. Picot thanked Laura for her work on Tree City and Senior activity and enjoyed the debate with E. Simioni.

Volunteers to help for the upcoming Village elections on 6/16/2023 –
Petitions due on May12th to present for election, so far there are six candidates:

1. Palmer Hudson for Trustee
2. Greg Centeno for Trustee
3. Roy Stevenson for Trustee (incumbent)
4. Robin Brown for Trustee (incumbent)
5. Bill Manger for Mayor
6. Jesse Warren for Mayor (incumbent)

Village has hired election inspectors and they have received training and they need poll watchers at Cultural Center. Call Cathy Sweeney about poll watching.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND DISCUSSIONS

Public member asked for update on Liberty, M. Lieberman noted that possibly FEIS process right now. Chair noted they will follow-up.

Next meeting is scheduled for June 1st, 2023.

MOTION by Chair, second C. Picot

To adjourn the meeting.

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

Respectfully Submitted by:

JoLee Sanchez

File Date: _____

Village Clerk