

**PLANNING BOARD  
VILLAGE OF SOUTHAMPTON  
PLANNING COMMISSION  
JUNE 11, 2021**

Due notice having been given, the monthly public hearing in hybrid of the Planning Commission of the Village of Southampton was held in the Board room of the Municipal Building, 23 Main Street, Southampton on Thursday, June 11, 2021 at 5:00 pm.

Board members Pamela Gilmartin, Michelangelo Lieberman, Laura Devinney, Robert Essay, Edwardo Simioni, Marc Chiffert and Eldon Scott. Edward Corrigan was absent.

Marc Chiffert and Michelangelo Lieberman acted as co-chair.

**INTRO OF NEW CO-CHAIR**

Michelangelo Lieberman is an environment planner and will be the co-chair with Marc Chiffert.

**1. REVIEW OF 2020 MASTER PLAN & REVIEW OF AGREEMENT WITH BFJ FOR UPDATING THE MASTER PLAN**

A review of the agreement was circulated to the Board. A power point was presented by Taylor Young. Frank Fish and Noah Levine were on as a presenter as well. All of them are from BFJ. They each made introductions as to their experience and who they are. They offer planning, urban design, environmental analysis, real estate consulting and transportation planning. Noah Levine will be the principal in charge, Frank Fish will be the resource principal for zoning. The Planning Commission will be reviewing the chapters as they are reviewed. The master plan will guide the update. The adopted village plans and studies will be used to make the analysis. It is estimated to take about 10 months. There were be some public hearings in order to have a review as well. The first step is to collect data. There are two public workshops that need to be set. Zoning recommendations will be made and the SEQRA process will be reviewed. This process won't start until the recommendations are made. A full EIS will most likely be needed, even though this is a type 1 action. The budget was proposed at \$66,500. In regard to the community engagement, there can be a mix of surveys, public workshops, small group meeting and social and printed media. They will use the Board as their guide to public networking. The police department, DPW and Parks and Rec should be included in the review. It will be probed as to what the issues and the opportunities are. There are several issues to consider - zoning, infrastructure and transpiration needs, historic preservation and open space, natural resources and sustainability.

Initially Marc Chiffert suggested that all be copied and then after a month or so it may be able to be broken into who wants to focus on what. Mike Liberman asked about the sustainability and would like to hear more about what will be the focus here. Mr. Liberman offered to send papers for reference. Ms. Devinney stated that this is a bit premature in discussion.

Chapter 6 will address this specifically about natural resources. Sustainability they run thru all the chapters but the focus is in chapter 6.

**2. REVIEW & UPDATE OF PROGRESS OF RFP FROM SEWER COMMITTEE FOR VB BUS DISTRICT BY PAUL TRAVIS**

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The Commission has a copy of the contract so that they can understand the level of the work. Paul Travis spoke that this is a key item and it has been discussed for about ten years at this point. 6 firms responded to the contracts. A scoring sheet was created to review the proposals. RFP has pretty extensive history on Long Island. They are open to new ideas and want to look at the core issues. They have a history of dealing with these matters. The mayor of Westhampton gave them a briefing and it was quite impressive. They were successful getting public funding. The site is decided by the engineering firm. They done work in Sag Harbor and Bellport Village. The college site was brought up but these issues will be assessed by the firm. SCWA is an independent. The service area will get the bills.

**3. REVIEW OF PROGRESS AND UPDATE ON SAC ARBORETUM RENOVATION AND UPGRADES**

A update will be given by Siamak Samii at the next meeting.

**REVIEW AND UPDATE ON LAKE AGAWAM CLEANUP EFFORTS BY ROB COBURN AND TOM LOUTHAN**

There is a memo, that will be posted to the Village based on the substantial work that was done. No one was here to present tonight. There will be dredging. This was recently done in East Hampton.

**4. REVIEW & DISCUSSION OF CORRESPONDENCE OF JANUARY 10 FROM THE PLANNING BOARD**

They are waiting for an update on this, the Planning Board was doing the review.

**5. DISCUSSION ON POSSIBLE AFFORDABLE INITIATIVES FOR THE VILLAGE**

They will try to figure out how to create more affordable housing. Hampton Road was suggested by Marc Chiffert. SCNB was also mentioned as a site. L. Devinney suggested rethinking this and proposed multi family homes. E. Simoni and P. Gilmartin stated combined the small lots.

**6. SPECIAL GUEST JOE MCLAUGHLIN, TRUSTEE AND LIAISON TO THE VILLAGE BOARD**

This item was skipped.

**7. MISCELLANEOUS UPDATES ON VILLAGE NEWS/DEVELOPMENTS**

- **CITARELLA** the liquor license was denied, it was a split vote. They don't want these license in grocery stores. It needs to be a separate store.

-**ADDITION OF "DISPENSARY" in table of uses in Building/Zoning code** -this would be for CBD. The state will charge a 4 percent tax. The village would then get a portion of this tax. It would be 75% of the 4%. The Board is in favor of this.

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**7. DISCUSSION ABOUT RESUMING IN PERSON MEETINGS**

The next meeting will be in the Board room.

MOTION by E. Simioni, seconded by L. Devinney

To **adjourn tonight 's meeting.**

On Vote: M. Chiffert, L. Devinney, P. Gilmartin, E. Simioni

Respectfully Submitted by: Antoinette Edwards

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