



# Village of Southampton

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## **Board of Trustees**

### **MINUTES**

July 8, 2021 - 6:00 PM

### **Call to Order:**

Meeting Start: 6:08PM

### **Present:**

Mayor Jesse Warren, Trustee Gina Arresta, Trustee Joseph McLoughlin, Trustee Roy Stevenson, Trustee Robin Brown, Village Administrator Charlene Kagel-Betts, Village Attorney Kenneth Gray, Village Deputy Clerk Cathy Sweeney, Assistant to the Mayor Miranda Weber

### **Pledge of Allegiance:**

Led by Mayor Warren

### **Public Comment:**

To view the meeting LIVE go to: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCwDidTdhkHXbspR0hkoxH4g>

To submit comments for Public Record or in relation to a Public Hearing,

Send your comments via email to:

[mweber@southamptonvillage.org](mailto:mweber@southamptonvillage.org) – up to 5:45PM on 07/08/2021.

Please note there is no public comment period during work sessions.

Evelyn Konrad:

My warmest congratulations on your decisive election. Request for essential clarification of the omission from your oath of office your sworn promise to uphold the general laws of the state of New York. Present today with a petition for the BOT to make a public one sentence sworn affidavit which promises that you will uphold the general laws of the state of New York as your duty is bound to do. Best wishes for your continued success.

Stephen Padilla:

I offer congratulations to all of you on your election. Request to make an objection to something your predecessors did in one of their last meetings regarding Little Plains Beach and its decision to change the visitation to village resident only for 2021. Understanding the rules in place last year due to COVID, please consider to re-open Little Plains to afford town and village residents access.

**Employee of the Month:** Name: Miranda Weber Department: Mayor's Office Title: Secretary - Assistant to the Mayor

Miranda Weber, Assistant to the Mayor is such an important asset. She works for the entire Village as a whole,

a general athlete for all of our residents. Most notably, Miranda was instrumental in promoting quality of life, our community liaison, organizing vaccinations for our seniors, setting up COVID Testing Sites, facilitating the progress in the Pyrrhus Concer Project with the ARB, providing ideas for the movie theater. Miranda works seven days a week, behind the scenes and Miranda is a welcome addition to the Village of Southampton.

**Board Presentations:**

No Board Presentations.

**Public Hearing:**

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

Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Joseph McLoughlin, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson

No: None

Abstain: None

1. Public Hearing #1 -

AMEND THE VILLAGE CODE, CHAPTER 110, Section 110-39. Schedule H: Speed Regulations.

More specifically, impose a 25 mph speed limit on Halsey, Pelham and Prospect Streets and Somerset Avenue.

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

Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Joseph McLoughlin, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson

No: None

Abstain: None

Trustee Stevenson~ Make a recommendation to commend law enforcement for their efforts in monitoring the data regarding the speed devices installed to assist with our law enforcement to maintain safety. Create, enforce and have an increased presence on the streets after the signs are imposed.

Trustee Arresta ~ Provided update, awaiting the data from the speed devices which were installed. Will provide an update once data is provided.

Encountered numerous times, dangerous drivers, excessive speed and this will mitigate these incidents.

Trustee McLoughlin ~ Spoken to law enforcement, they are very busy and do believe they have done their best with the issues.

Trustee Brown ~ Make the recommendation to adjust the speed limit to 25mph, the data shows if you can save a life and prevent injury, adjust the speed.

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

Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Joseph McLoughlin, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson

No: None

Abstain: None

2. Public Hearing # 2 -

Continuation - To AMEND THE VILLAGE CODE, CHAPTER 110, Section 110-43.

TO CREATE CHAPTER 3, ARTICLE V – Terms of Office for Village Mayor and Village Trustee.

More specifically, limiting the holding of office to 8 consecutive years.

Attorney Gray: Items in the law which need to be tweaked, it is prudent not to move forward with this particular draft.

Trustee McLoughlin: Questioning the term length and additional discussion needed.

Motion to Close the Public Hearing (Aye) was initiated by Jesse Warren and seconded by Joseph McLoughlin.

Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Joseph McLoughlin, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson

No: None

Abstain: None

3. Public Hearing # 3 -

Continuation AMEND THE VILLAGE CODE, CHAPTER 110 Section 110-37. Schedule F: Stop Intersections.

More specifically, to install Stop Signs on Meeting House Lane at the intersection of Pine Street (Eastbound & Westbound).

Motion to Open this Public Hearing (Aye) was initiated by Jesse Warren and seconded by Gina Arresta.

Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Joseph McLoughlin, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson

No: None

Abstain: None

Mayor Warren: Recommend to table until the traffic study data is available.

Trustee McLoughlin: Agree to request to table until September

Motion to Table (Aye) was initiated by Jesse Warren and seconded by Joseph McLoughlin.

Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Joseph McLoughlin, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson

No: None

Abstain: None

**Communications to the Board:** Tim McCarthy - Email requesting the BOT consider Resident Irrigation Legislation to be added to our Village Law.

Tim McCarthy: Email received, addressing to the Board: correspondence regarding keeping the residence property front green. Frontage should be green, clean and maintained, residents should be responsible which includes neglect for irrigation systems and must adhere to village law.

Trustee McLoughlin: Recommend to forward communications to the Clean Water Committee.

**Discussion Items:**

**Suggested Resolutions:**

1. RESOLVED, that the claims for the warrant dated July 8, 2021 totaling \$313,657.27 (Warrant #A-4-General Fund) and \$3,072.60 (Warrant #T-4 - CS Trust Fund) be audited and approved.

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

Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Joseph McLoughlin, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson

No: None

Abstain: None

2. RESOLVED, that the reading of the minutes for the Public Session of June 22, 2021 and July 6, 2021 be dispensed with and that those minutes be accepted as filed by the Village Administrator and that the actions taken at that meeting be and hereby are ratified and approved.

Motion to Approve (Aye) was initiated by Jesse Warren and seconded by Joseph McLoughlin.

Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Joseph McLoughlin, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson

No: None

Abstain: None

3. RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees appoint Max Greenwald as Cooper's Beach Attendant, effective June 12, 2021.

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

Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Joseph McLoughlin, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson

No: None

Abstain: None

4. RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees approve the increase in pay for Cooper's Beach Staff, annotated on roster, effective July 8, 2021.

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

Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Joseph McLoughlin, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson

No: None

Abstain: None

Mayor Warren: This was brought to the attention by a village resident, this is the least we can do for our beach employees. Extremely well deserved!

5. RESOLVED, The Board of Trustees Authorize Temporary Parking for 4X4 permitted vehicles at the Heliport lot until the end of Piping Plover nesting season (August 15, 2021.)

Motion to Approve (Aye) was initiated by Jesse Warren and seconded by Joseph McLoughlin.

Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Joseph McLoughlin, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson

No: None

Abstain: None

6. Resolved, The Board of Trustees approve Nelson Pope and Voorhis to prepare a Feasibility Study for the Main Street Bioswales, not to exceed \$5,000 to be paid from Trustees Special Projects A1010.433

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

Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Joseph McLoughlin, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson

No: None

Abstain: None

7. RESOLVED, The Board of Trustees approves the Hamptons Baseball Foundation's use of Down's Family Park to offer Summer Weekly Youth Baseball Clinics in conjunction/coordination with Southampton Little League through August 30, 2021.

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

Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Joseph McLoughlin, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson

No: None

Abstain: None

8. RESOLVED, The Board of Trustees accepts the Proposal from VHB Engineering, Landscape Architecture, Geology, P.C to conduct a Traffic Study of targeted Village streets for the purpose of calming speeding, in the amount of \$23,490.00 to be paid form Trustees Special Projects A1010.443, and be it further RESOLVED, the Mayor is authorized to execute the contracts for services.

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

Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Joseph McLoughlin, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson

No: None

Abstain: None

Trustee Arresta: Just received a message stating the project will be started upon its approval.

9. RESOLVED, The Board of Board of Trustees creates a Vietnam Memorial Task Force and members will be appointed at a future meeting.

Motion to Approve (Aye) was initiated by Jesse Warren and seconded by Joseph McLoughlin.

Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Joseph McLoughlin, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson

No: None

Abstain: None

10. RESOLVED, The Board of Trustees approve the attached Budget Amendment #313 for Fiscal Year May 31, 2021, for various budget line shortfalls total transfer of \$237,394.74

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

Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Joseph McLoughlin, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson

No: None

Abstain: None

11. RESOLVED, The Board of Trustees approve the attached Budget Amendment #314 for Fiscal Year May 31, 2022, for various budget line shortfalls total transfer of \$104,698.63

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

Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Joseph McLoughlin, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson

No: None

Abstain: None

12. RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees appoints Lydia Palmer to the position of Temporary Clerk in the Mayor's Office, at an hour rate of \$25.00, effective July 8, 2021.

Motion to Approve (Aye) was initiated by Jesse Warren and seconded by Joseph McLoughlin.

Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Joseph McLoughlin, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson

No: None

Abstain: None

Trustee McLoughlin: Clarification from Charlene Kagel-Betts, explain the temporary positions are 90-day positions, no benefits associated at 30 hours/wk.

Mayor Warren: Concurred with Charlene, this will supplement the need for assistance during the busy months.

13. RESOLVED, The Board of Trustees approves the amendment for the Clerk's Office Appointment for Mylene Michel-Guerra for the one-year term ending June 30, 2022 to a two-year term ending June 30, 2023.

Motion to Approve (Aye) was initiated by Jesse Warren and seconded by Joseph McLoughlin.

Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Joseph McLoughlin, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson

No: None

Abstain: None

14. RESOLVED, The Board of Trustees approves the proposal submitted by BFJ Planning to assist the Village by “developing materials for and designing a stand-alone website on the Village CivicPlus Platform” for use in the Comprehensive Plan Update funded through donations.

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

Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Joseph McLoughlin, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson

No: None

Abstain: None

15. RESOLVED, The Board of Trustees authorize the Village Administrator to Notice a Public Hearing on July 20, 2021 at 6:00pm, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Southampton, Suffolk County, NY, pursuant to Chapter 116, Section 116-37 of the Code of the Village of Southampton, shall consider: THE PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE VILLAGE CODE, CHAPTER 116-37, BUILDING PERMITS, CERTIFICATES, OR OCCUPANCY, FEES, ENFORCEMENT. More specifically, the proposed modification to the Code is intended to require a review of any proposed demolition of any structure 70 years or older. The procedure will require a referral to the Board of Architectural Review and Historic Preservation.

Motion to Approve (Aye) was initiated by Jesse Warren and seconded by Joseph McLoughlin.

Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Joseph McLoughlin, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson

No: None

Abstain: None

Trustee Stevenson: Clarification of existing law books and the date it was created.

Trustee McLoughlin: Provided the clarification to the public and make a compromise to have a review of ending the 50 year old statute.

Trustee Stevenson: Request to review with committee prior to September.

16. RESOLVED, The Board of Trustees adopts a Local Law to AMEND THE VILLAGE CODE, CHAPTER 110, Section 110-43. Schedule H: Speed Regulations.

More specifically, impose a 25 mph speed limit on Halsey, Pelham and Prospect Streets and Somerset Avenue.

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

Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Joseph McLoughlin, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson

No: None

Abstain: None

**Mayoral Appointments:** Mayor Warren announces the appointment of Joyce Giuffra to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term ending June 30, 2026, replacing Kevin Guidera whose term expired June 30, 2021.

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

Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Joseph McLoughlin, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson

No: None

Abstain: None

**Comments from Board Members:**

Trustee Arresta~

Trustee Brown~

Trustee McLoughlin~

Trustee Stevenson~

Mayor Warren~

Trustee Arresta:

Congratulations to Miranda, a tremendous help and support to our team. A storm is imminent, clearing out drains, protecting generators and ready for the storm. The drainage installations will be really helpful. We are awaiting the speed machines, hoping to get them soon. The charging stations are coming soon.

Trustee Brown:

Congratulations and you are making a great impact already and congratulations!

Trustee McLoughlin:

Congratulations to Miranda, welcome back Lydia and you will do a good job just as before. Welcome to Joyce to the ZBA. We want to thank Mr. Guidera for his decades of service. Additionally, I want to address the parties at the beaches, highlighting the party during the Fourth of July, there was a great amount of debris left behind. Perhaps we can consider discussing implementing a bond in place for instances as such.

Trustee Stevenson:

I am totally impressed with you Miranda! The Fourth of July Parade was an impressive event, once in a lifetime sort of dream come true. We have the inclusion of many groups, including our first responders, military, folks waving their American flags, it was a true moment of patriotism.

The North Sea Fire Department decided to use their float as a vehicle for making political statements.

Organizations which are funded through taxpayer dollars are not entitled to the same privileges and are expected to remain politically neutral. Derogatory statements were offensive.

Communication was read and Mr. Grisnik indicated they will review and take action.

Consideration to review the NSFD and its character representation during the parade and future events.

Mayor Warren:

Thank you Trustee Stevenson for your input. Our gratitude is expressed to the DPW for their diligence and preparation for the upcoming storm. An extended note of gratitude to Mr. Kevin Guidera and his dedication to the village and ZBA.

We are working on the Vietnam Memorial Task Force and hoping to formulate a collaboration with residents who have served our country and thank our many veterans for their service in Korea.

**Motion to Adjourn to Executive Session** for the purpose of discussing contractual, litigation and specific Village personnel matters.

No Executive Session

**Return to Public Session:**

None

**Resolutions, if any:** \_\_/\_\_/\_\_\_\_

None

**Motion to Adjourn:** \_\_/\_\_/\_\_\_\_

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

Yes: Jesse Warren, Gina Arresta, Joseph McLoughlin, Robin Brown, Roy Stevenson

No: None

Abstain: None

Meeting Ended: 7:12PM