



Village of Southampton

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

January 8, 2026 - 6:00 PM

Call to Order

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Start Meeting Time: 6:00 PM

Present

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Mayor William Manger, Deputy Mayor Leonard Zinnanti, Trustee Edward Simioni, Trustee Robert Coburn, Village Administrator Scott Russell, Village Attorney Eileen Powers, Village Clerk Cathy Sweeney, & A/V Coordinator Sage Certain

Meeting Details

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1. The Village of Southampton 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

Join the meeting via ZOOM: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89730446459>

View the meeting via YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCwDidTdhkHXbspR0hkoxH4g>

Correspondence to the Board received by 12:00pm the day prior to the meeting will be added to this Agenda. If received thereafter, it will be posted to the next Agenda.

Public Comment Session is held monthly, on the 2nd Thursday at 6:00pm and our

Work Session is held monthly, 12 days thereafter, on Tuesday at 6:00pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

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Led by Mayor Manger

Board Presentations

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1. Recognition for newly appointed 2026 Southampton Village Fire Department Officers
Recognition for newly appointed 2026 Southampton Village Volunteer Ambulance Officers
Recognition for newly appointed 2026 Southampton Village Ocean Rescue Officers

Public Comment

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Video Reference: 09:01 (MM:SS)

Suggested Resolutions

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1. RESOLVED, the claims for the warrant dated January 8, 2026 totaling \$696,344.68 (Warrant #A-16 - General) and \$555,510.57 (Warrant #H-9 - Capital) are audited and approved.

Motion to Approve (Aye) was initiated by Leonard Zinnanti and seconded by William Manger.

Yes: William Manger, Leonard Zinnanti, Edward Simioni, Robert Coburn

No: None

Abstain: None

2. RESOLVED, the reading of the minutes for the December 11, 2025 BOT Meeting is dispensed, accepted as filed by the Village Clerk, hereby ratified and approved.

Motion to Approve (Aye) was initiated by Leonard Zinnanti and seconded by William Manger.

Yes: William Manger, Leonard Zinnanti, Edward Simioni, Robert Coburn

No: None

Abstain: None

3. WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Southampton has determined that this proposed local law is considered a "Type II Action" under 6 NYCRR Part 617.5(c)(38) of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) and that no further review under New York Environmental Conservation Law, Article 8, is necessary; now therefore, be it hereby

RESOLVED, the Village Board hereby directs that a public hearing shall be held as a Hybrid In-Person/ZOOM Meeting on February 12, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at the Village Meeting Room at the Southampton Village Hall, located at 23 Main Street, Southampton, New York 11968, to hear any and all persons either for or against a proposed local law entitled, "A Local Law amending Chapter 65-3 (Designation Of Landmarks and Historic Districts) to transfer the authority to designate historic districts from the Board of Architectural Review and Historic Preservation to the Village Board of Trustees." And, be it

RESOLVED, that the Planning Director is hereby authorized and directed to refer the proposed changes to §65 (Historic and Landmark Preservation) to the New York State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), for review under the Certified Local Government (CLG) standards; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Village Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish and post the following Notice of Public Hearing:

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that a public hearing shall be held as a Hybrid In-Person/ZOOM Meeting on February 12, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the Village Meeting Room at the Southampton Village Hall, located at 23 Main Street Southampton, New York 11968 to hear any and all persons either for or against a proposed local law entitled "A Local Law amending Chapter 65-3 (Designation Of Landmarks and Historic Districts) to transfer the authority to designate historic districts from the Board of Architectural Review and Historic Preservation to the Village Board of Trustees."

Copies of the proposed law, sponsored by Mayor William Manger, Jr., are on file in the Village Clerk's Office, Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Motion to Approve (Aye) was initiated by Robert Coburn and seconded by William Manger.

Yes: William Manger, Leonard Zinnanti, Edward Simioni, Robert Coburn

No: None

Abstain: None

4. WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works has historically retained independent contractors to assist the Village with snow removal during significant snowfalls; and

WHEREAS, for planning purposes, the Superintendent of Public Works desires to enter into contracts with the independent contractors, in advance, to ensure that the Village has sufficient help when needed; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Southampton has previously approved Non-Prevailing Wage Rental Rates for the Town Highway Department for the rental of equipment for sanding and snow removal; and

WHEREAS, the Village has reviewed same and determined they are appropriate and reasonable; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees approves the usage of the Non-Prevailing Wage Rental Rates adopted by the Town of Southampton for 2025 for use by the Village Department of Public Works when contracting for rental equipment for sanding and snow removal for the 2026/2027 season; and, be it further

RESOLVED, the Mayor is authorized to sign contracts with said independent contractors for snow removal for the 2026/2027 season upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Public Works and the approval, as to form, of the Village Attorney.

Motion to Approve (Aye) was initiated by William Manger and seconded by Leonard Zinnanti.

Yes: William Manger, Leonard Zinnanti, Edward Simioni, Robert Coburn

No: None

Abstain: None

5. RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees approves the sale of tax liens on all unpaid property taxes for the fiscal year 2025-2026 will be held at 1:00 pm on Tuesday, March 10, 2026, in the Board Room, Village Hall, 23 Main Street, Southampton, New York. Notice to this effect will be published in the official paper, The Southampton Press. The Village intends to purchase all eligible outstanding tax liens at said sale.

Motion to Approve (Aye) was initiated by Edward Simioni and seconded by William Manger.

Yes: William Manger, Leonard Zinnanti, Edward Simioni, Robert Coburn

No: None

Abstain: None

6. WHEREAS, the Village Board has determined that it is necessary and appropriate to purchase new beach chairs and umbrellas for Coopers Beach, due to the existing equipment becoming worn and no longer usable; and

WHEREAS, additional revenues have been realized from Coopers Beach sales and rentals, providing sufficient funds to amend the adopted budget with no impact on the general fund balance; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the Village Board hereby authorizes the budget amendment as follows:

INCREASE REVENUE: Coopers Sale & Rentals - A.2017 by \$22,000.00

INCREASE EXPENDITURE: Coopers Beach – Equipment – A.7141.2 by \$22,000.00

Motion to Approve (Aye) was initiated by Robert Coburn and seconded by William Manger.

Yes: William Manger, Leonard Zinnanti, Edward Simioni, Robert Coburn

No: None

Abstain: None

7. WHEREAS, the Town of Southampton has proposed a Regional Marine Operations Shared Services Project involving the acquisition of a marine barge to be jointly utilized by participating municipalities for navigation safety, marine infrastructure work, and emergency response activities; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project is intended to improve the efficiency, reliability, and cost-effectiveness of marine operations by reducing duplicative capital expenditures, limiting reliance on contracted services, and strengthening intermunicipal cooperation; and

WHEREAS, the proposed shared-services approach would allow participating municipalities to access a regional marine asset without the need for each municipality to independently purchase, operate, and maintain a marine barge; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Southampton intends to submit an application for funding through the New York State Department of State Local Government Efficiency (LGE) Grant Program to support the acquisition of the marine barge and the establishment of a formal shared-services framework among participating entities; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Southampton recognizes the regional value of this initiative and the operational and fiscal benefits that may result from participation in the project; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Southampton hereby expresses its support for the Regional Marine Operations Shared Services Project led by the Town of Southampton; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Village of Southampton affirms its intent to participate in the project, subject to final terms and conditions, through the development and execution of an intermunicipal agreement or other appropriate shared-services arrangement; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Village of Southampton authorizes its designated officials to cooperate with the Town of Southampton and other participating municipalities in project planning, coordination, and implementation efforts related to the shared marine operations initiative; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized, subject to the approval of the Village Attorney, to execute an intermunicipal equipment sharing agreement with the Town (and any other participating governments) for the shared barge as well as a letter of support for the Town of Southampton's application to the New York State Local Government Efficiency (LGE) Grant Program ; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution is adopted in support of the Town of Southampton's application to the New York State Local Government Efficiency (LGE) Grant Program and may be submitted as supporting documentation with that application.

Motion to Approve (Aye) was initiated by William Manger and seconded by Leonard Zinnanti.

Yes: William Manger, Leonard Zinnanti, Edward Simioni, Robert Coburn

No: None

Abstain: None

8. WHEREAS, in October of 2022, following a request for proposals, the Village accepted a proposal from Coopers Beach LLC and its sole member, John E. Betts, and thereafter entered into an agreement with Coopers Beach LLC to operate the concession at Cooper's Beach for the 2023, 2024 and 2025 beach seasons; and

WHEREAS, the agreement gave the Village the sole right to extend the contract for one additional year; and

WHEREAS, the Village is satisfied with the operation of the concession under Mr. Betts' tenure thus far and further, Coopers Beach LLC and Mr. Betts have complied with the terms of the agreement to the Village's satisfaction; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees authorizes the Mayor, subject to the approval of the Village Attorney, to sign an agreement extending the contract for the Coopers Beach Concession for one additional season, i.e. the 2026 beach season.

Motion to Approve (Aye) was initiated by Robert Coburn and seconded by William Manger.

Yes: William Manger, Leonard Zinnanti, Edward Simioni, Robert Coburn

No: None

Abstain: None

9. RESOLVED, the Village of Southampton Board of Trustees authorizes and retains Kimberly Judd, Esq., effective January 2, 2026, to defend the Village of Southampton and the Planning Board of the Village of Southampton in connection with a lawsuit initiated by 91 Fowler LLC regarding the Fowler subdivision application before the Planning Board. The Mayor is authorized to execute a retainer with Kimberly Judd, Esq., with an hourly rate of \$325, subject to the approval of the Village Attorney.

Motion to Approve (Aye) was initiated by William Manger and seconded by Leonard Zinnanti.

Yes: William Manger, Leonard Zinnanti, Edward Simioni, Robert Coburn

No: None

Abstain: None

Comments from Board Members

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Video Reference: 47:15 (MM:SS)

Motion to Adjourn Meeting

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Motion to Adjourn was initiated by William Manger and seconded by Leonard Zinnanti.

Yes: William Manger, Leonard Zinnanti, Edward Simioni, Robert Coburn

No: None

Abstain: None

End Meeting Time: 7:09 PM