

**Southampton Village Environmental Committee
Zoom Meeting
Southampton, NY
February 16, 2021
5:00pm**

MINUTES

The Village Environmental Committee (EC) Zoom meeting was held on February 16, 2021, Southampton, NY at 5:00 PM. Present were Miranda Weber, Assistant to the Mayor, Josh Halsey, Peconic Land Trust and EC members: Rob Coburn, John Halsey, Daniela Kronemeyer, Tom Louthan and Holly Peterson.

1. Review January 5, 2021 Clean Water Committee minutes: The minutes from the January 5, 2021 Clean Water Committee meeting were accepted.
2. Village Environmental Committee: The EC membership list was reviewed, and Rob Coburn and Tom Louthan were approved as Co-Chairs by a voice vote. In the Environmental Committee:
 - The Clean Water Committee will be replaced by a Clean Water Task Force and the Surf Committee will be replaced by a Surf Task Force (though currently inactive).
 - The EC mission statement was reviewed and recently approved by Charlene-Kagel-Betts, Village Administrator, and Ken Gray, Village attorney.
 - Daniela Kronemeyer will be the liaison to the Southampton Arts Center Environmental Forum, which now has over 60 participants. Daniela said that the Southampton Arts Center will host an exhibit, eARTH – Artists as Activists, from April 17 to July 11, 2021 to feature artists focusing on environmental conservation. Sponsors include Drawdown East End, Peconic Land Trust and others. Daniela will share the agenda with Miranda Weber, as Mayor Warren and Trustee Joe McLoughlin may want to participate.
3. Old Town Pond water quality project: Tom Louthan noted that the cost of wetland water quality project by Roux Environmental Engineering is \$928K, with \$883K applied for from the New York State Green Innovation Grant Program and a \$98K Village 10% match (possible Town Community Preservation Funds).
 - Holly Peterson reported that a fund-raising flyer should be distributed later this month to Old Town Pond residents.
 - Holly will share a draft flyer with Peconic Land Trust this week for their input.

- Hopefully, commitments will be received by March 31, 2021 for \$16,300 to cover the costs of the Roux Environmental Engineering wetland proposal.
 - Holly noted that she will require local addresses for Old Town Pond residents; Rob Coburn will assist and make an inquiry at Village Hall.
 - John Halsey said that additional buffers are needed at Old Town Pond; he noted that the buffer at Holly Peterson's home provides a good example.
4. Proposal from EverBlue to restore water quality at Old Town Pond: EverBlue has developed a combination of natural, in-lake restoration technologies to eliminate harmful blue-green algae blooms. With the Green Infrastructure Project about to get underway at Old Town Pond, and the wetland water quality project grant applied for, consideration of any additional projects would probably be delayed to next year.
 5. The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 PM. The next EC Zoom meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at 5:00pm.