

**Southampton Village Environmental Committee  
Zoom Meeting  
Southampton, NY  
May 4, 2021  
5:00pm**

**MINUTES**

The Village Environmental Committee (EC) Zoom meeting was held on May 4, 2021, Southampton, NY at 5:00 PM. Present were Trustee Joe McLoughlin, Gary Goleski, Superintendent, Department of Public Works, Miranda Weber, Assistant to the Mayor, Josh Halsey, Peconic Land Trust and EC members: Rob Coburn, John Halsey, Tom Louthan and Holly Peterson.

1. Review March 30, 2021 Environmental Committee minutes: The minutes from the March 30, 2021 EC meeting were accepted.
2. Southampton Arts Center exhibit, eARTH – Artists as Activists. Rob Coburn gave an update. The exhibit opened on April 17 and is focused on environmental conservation.
  - Daniela Kronemeyer is coordinating an environmental policy panel on May 22, 2021, 2pm with Mayor Warren, Dr. Gobler, Ann Welker & Dieter von Lehsten and Joe Shaw, Southampton Press, moderating. This panel will cover clean up of Lake Agawam, gas leaf blower ban, helium-filled and mylar balloon ban and recycling.
  - Daniela is also coordinating a Village sewer district and water quality panel on June 13, 2021, with Rob Coburn and Trustee Joe McLoughlin is also interested in participating.
3. Village Sewer District & Village Water Quality Plan: Trustee McLoughlin said that the sewer district task force considered six proposals from engineering firms to develop the Village sewer district map and plan.
  - The task force has narrowed the selection to three firms and expects to make a selection this month.
  - Miranda Weber noted that the sewer district task force has made great progress and also said that the Mayor supports the preparation of a new Village Comprehensive Plan, which was last done in 2000.
  - Gary Goleski added that a Village water quality study will be conducted as part of the sewer district process; the study will be helpful in securing grants from Suffolk County. A list of water quality project priorities will be developed, similar to the list the EC prepared for the Mayor/Board of Trustees for the 2021-2022 Village budget considerations.

- Tom Louthan suggested that the Appendix to the Village water quality study could include the Lake Agawam 2020 Management Plan (updated 12/31/2020), the Old Town Pond - Wickapogue Pond 2020 Management Plan (updated 12/10/2020), and the list of Village 2021-2022 environmental and clean water priorities prepared by the EC. Tom will send Gary copies of the documents.
- Gary Goleski also mentioned that the Village will apply for Community Preservation Funds to install bioswales at Linden Lane and the intersection of Windmill Lane & Nugent Street. Concept plans are now available.

#### 4. Old Town Pond Water Quality Project:

- Holly Peterson is getting up to speed with fund-raising efforts towards the Village expense of \$16,300 to cover the cost of the Roux Environmental Engineering Old Town Pond wetland proposal.
- Holly is coordinating with the Peconic Land Trust. She asked Miranda Weber to contact the Village Administrator to see if the Village has paid the wetland proposal costs to Roux. If so, \$16,300 raised and additional funds contributed by Old Town Pond residents could be a down payment for the \$98K Village 10% match on the Old Town Pond wetland project.
- John Halsey said that the Peconic Land Trust will operate an Old Town Pond fund for contributions and is glad to assist Holly with community outreach. Rob Coburn suggested that a gathering to celebrate water quality project developments could be organized at Old Town pond North in August or September 2021; John Halsey said that the Peconic Land Trust would consider participating in the event.
- Gary Goleski said bioswales are planned for Old Town Pond North & South from the Green Infrastructure project. The Village will file required permits with the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation in June 2021. A survey of the pond needs to be done and final plans completed; an August 2021 start date for the bioswales is expected.
- Also, everyone is pleased that the Village is working closely with the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation and the Lake Agawam Conservancy to install three solar-powered ultrasonic devices in Lake Agawam. Also, treatments of a hydrogen peroxide-based product called GreenClean Liquid will be applied in spring and summer. Taken together, these initiatives will help mitigate the toxic harmful algae blooms. Additionally, the Gin Lane stormwater project with bioswales, while delayed should be completed this summer, and the Nelson, Pope & Voorhis Lake Agawam dredging report is due later this year.

5. The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 PM. The next EC Zoom meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 8, 2021 at 5:00pm.