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Community Preservation

The historic community character of Southampton is of utmost importance to our quality of life. It's what makes Southampton Village so special. The Village Board unanimously approved a resolution, that was part of the adopted 2022 Comprehensive Master Plan, for Preservation Studios to conduct a **survey** of the existing structures of the village. This is paid for by a grant from New York State applied for in 2022. It is a survey only, to gather information. Once completed, the Historic Preservation Board can make an informed decision regarding any expansion of historic districts. When the survey is complete, the Board will review the results of the survey, hear public comments and weigh all options.

As with every decision that affects residents and homeowners, the Board will proceed with careful consideration and transparency.

“This will allow the Village to utilize a grant to have a survey done of properties in historically sensitive areas of our village,” said Mayor Manger. “This survey and its subsequent recommendations will give the village the necessary information to make informed decisions.”

This is important for many reasons. The last historic inventory that was done in the 1970s, left off the Pyrrhus Concer House (one of the historic structures in the village) and that building was demolished.

WHEREAS, the adopted 2022 Comprehensive Master Plan Update recommended that the Village update and expand its existing historic districts; and WHEREAS, Preservation Studios LLC previously conducted a Reconnaissance Level Survey Report on behalf of the Village and the Village Board of Architectural Review and Historic Preservation (BARHP) identifying areas of historic structures in preparation for a potential expansion of the Village Historic Districts; and WHEREAS, the Village determined that the identified Northeast and Southern Expansion areas are the most vulnerable to demolition and insensitive redevelopment in the Village; and WHEREAS, the BARHP and the Village Board of Trustees have determined that potential expansion of the Historic Districts as outlined in the report is both appropriate and desired for further study; and WHEREAS, said potential expansion requires an intensive-level survey and submission of a “National Register Nomination” to expand the existing Village and National Register Districts to the northwest and southern sections of the Village for inclusion on the Southampton Village and National Register of Historic Places; and WHEREAS, Preservation Studios has the appropriate background and experience necessary to work with Village staff to conduct said intensive-level survey and prepare the required nomination on behalf of the Village and negotiate the same as required; and WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees applied for and has accepted a \$40,000 reimbursement grant from New York's State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) Certified Local Government Grant Program, with in-kind staff and volunteer effort valued at an estimated \$35,000 toward completion of the historic district intensive-level survey; now, therefore be it RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees authorizes the Mayor to sign, upon approval of the Village Attorney as to form, a contract with Preservation Studios for the preparation of said nomination and any required supporting documentation at a cost not to exceed \$49,500.