

**Southampton Village Clean Water Committee  
Zoom Meeting  
Southampton, NY  
August 4, 2020  
5:00pm**

**MINUTES**

The Clean Water Committee (CWC) Zoom meeting was held on August 4, 2020, Southampton, NY at 5:00 PM. Present were CWC members: Rob Coburn, John Halsey and Tom Louthan.

1. Review March 11, 2020 CWC minutes: The minutes from the March 11, 2020 CWC meeting were accepted.
2. Update on Village/Town actions in past two months: Tom Louthan reviewed recent events. In June, a joint public hearing on the Lake Agawam April 2020 Harmful Algal Bloom Action Plan was held by Town & Mayor/Village Trustees.
  - HAB Action Plan adopted by Town Trustees and by Mayor/Village Trustees in June.
  - The Lake Agawam 2020 Management Plan was adopted by Mayor/Village Trustees in July. CWC is updating the website.
  - The bioswale at the south end of Lake Agawam was planted by the Lake Agawam Conservancy.
  - Mayor/Village Trustees also authorized the implementation of hydrogen peroxide as a HAB treatment for Lake Agawam and ratified a grant application to support groundwater remediation and a permeable reactive barrier.
  - It would be helpful to have recent water quality data through an update of the 2017 Village water quality study by Dr. Gobler, which includes results for Lake Agawam, Old Town Pond and Wickapogue Pond.
3. Old Town/Wickapogue Ponds 2020 management plan and next steps: Rob Coburn suggested that the Clean Water Committee conduct outreach with residents on the Old Town/Wickapogue Ponds 2020 management plan.
  - A coalition of residents could provide feedback and perhaps financial support for HAB treatments.
  - Tom Louthan said that the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation HAB website confirmed HAB blooms at Old Town Pond and Lake Agawam in July and August 2020. Also, funding for the Old Town Pond Green Infrastructure project with bioswales is delayed as a result of COVID-19.

- Rob Coburn recommended that the CWC send correspondence in September 2020 to the Mayor/Village Trustees requesting their adoption of the Old Town/Wickapogue Ponds 2020 management plan.
4. Heady/Taylor Creeks management plan: Rob Coburn and Pete Topping are developing a 2020 management plan for Heady & Taylor Creeks.
    - Pete Topping conducted field observations last week.
    - Rob Coburn mentioned that water quality testing is needed.
    - John Halsey remarked that public funding for conservation projects are on hold by reason of COVID-19. A positive development is that Community Preservation Funds are dramatically increasing in 2020. Rob Coburn suggested that there may be CPF support for water quality projects in estuarial waters for 2021. This could be an opportunity for the CWC to partner with Shavonne Smith, Director, Shinnecock Environmental Department.
  5. The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 PM. The next CWC Zoom meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 1, 2020 at 5:00pm.