

**Southampton Village Clean Water Committee
Zoom Meeting
Southampton, NY
September 1, 2020
5:00pm**

MINUTES

The Clean Water Committee (CWC) Zoom meeting was held on September 1, 2020, Southampton, NY at 5:00 PM. Present were Village Trustee Kimberly Allan, Superintendent Gary Goleski, Department of Public Works, and CWC members: Rob Coburn, Daniela Kronemeyer and Tom Louthan.

1. Review August 4, 2020 CWC minutes: The minutes from the August 4, 2020 CWC meeting were accepted.
2. Review comments to Planning Commission on H2M 2020 Wastewater Management & Sewer District study. Tom Louthan noted that Paul Travis, Chair of the Planning Commission and Marc Chiffert, Planning Commission, asked the Clean Water Committee to submit comments on the presentation made by H2M at the Planning Commission's August 27th meeting. Rob Coburn summarized the highlights. The Committee supports:
 - Developing a Village sewer district and plan,
 - Using excess capacity available at the Hospital sewage treatment plant, and
 - Locating a centralized sewage treatment plant on property north of the Village.

Rob Coburn said that siting factors and options for a Southampton Village Sewage Treatment Plant should address significant land uses outside of the current proposed sewer district phases 1 – 4. This way, the community will understand what flows will not be addressed by proposed sewerage.

- Under the proposal, some areas would not be covered by sewerage in any phase: Southampton High School, Southampton Middle School and residential communities on Hampton Road, Hill Street and Narrow Lane.
- The high concentration of school and residential uses on the eastern side of the Village are located in the Old Town Pond and Wickapogue Pond watersheds. They contribute significantly to nitrogen loading in both the groundwater north of the ponds and in the ponds themselves.

- Tom Louthan said that consideration should be given to include Old Town Pond and Wickapogue Pond areas in the proposed sewer district phase 4, which would include some Lake Agawam residential homes. A critical next step is for Southampton Village to initiate an update of the February 2017 study by Dr. Christopher Gobler, Stony Brook University, "Quantifying Nitrogen Loading from Southampton Village to Surrounding Water Bodies and their Mitigation by Creating a Sewer District." This study would help determine the best approach for addressing nitrogen remediation of the Lake Agawam, Old Town Pond and Wickapogue Pond watersheds.
 - Daniela Kronemeyer said that she could assist with outreach programs at the Southampton Arts Center, especially if the Planning Commission considers hosting a public forum when the sewer district map and plan are approved.
 - Trustee Allan spoke about the importance of assembling background on the sewer district options and providing a web site with information online for the community. Trustee Allan suggested that there should be summaries prepared on financing, public/private partnership options, sewer district cost analysis with the possible application of Community Preservation Fund grants. Most important, we should explain the financial implications to Village taxpayers.
 - Gary Goleski said that with COVID-19 concerns, financing from NY state for a sewer district project will be on hold temporarily. He advised that it is important to move forward with the sewer district map and plan and estimate the costs. It could take two or more years before the sewer district project could begin, and he emphasized that we need to get ready to go with all the necessary documents in place.
 - Rob Coburn remarked that it would be a good opportunity for the Mayor/Board of Trustees to have a work session when the sewer district map and plan are approved.
3. The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 PM. The next CWC Zoom meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 6, 2020 at 5:00pm.