

**Southampton Village Clean Water Committee
Zoom Meeting
Southampton, NY
October 6, 2020
5:00pm**

MINUTES

The Clean Water Committee (CWC) Zoom meeting was held on October 6, 2020, Southampton, NY at 5:00 PM. Present were Mayor Warren, Paul Travis and Marc Chiffert, Village Planning Commission, Superintendent Gary Goleski, Department of Public Works, and CWC members: Rob Coburn, Daniela Kronemeyer, John Halsey, Tom Louthan & Holly Peterson.

1. Review September 1, 2020 CWC minutes: The minutes from the September 1, 2020 CWC meeting were accepted.
2. Update on H2M 2020 Wastewater Management & Sewer District study: Paul Travis gave an overview of the H2M presentation at the Planning Commission special meeting on August 27, 2020 to review findings of the Wastewater Management and Sewer District Study.
 - Paul noted that the Southampton hospital sewage treatment plant would be upgraded to cover the Village business district in Phase 1. The plan is for the hospital sewage treatment plant to be a short-term solution and the addition of another sewage treatment plant north of the Village would be the long-term solution.
 - Innovative/Alternative septic system upgrades for individual sites and homes would also be needed, especially for homes along South Main street and First Neck Lane facing Lake Agawam.
 - Tom Louthan referred to the comments prepared by the Clean Water Committee on the H2M presentation; the Committee will provide an update to the Planning Commission when the final H2M study is released.

Marc Chiffert said that there is a good location for the sewage treatment plant north of the Village near Burger King and the cemetery.

- A sewage treatment plant location north of the Village offers a much better option, as it would allow enough of the development that the Village is looking for, and a higher quality of effluent than that from Innovative/Alternative septic systems.
- The next step is for the Village to develop a partnership with the Town of Southampton, as the location for the sewage treatment plant north of the Village near Burger King and the cemetery is in the Town jurisdiction.

- This raises the possibility of the sewage treatment plant covering the Town of Southampton administration buildings and schools located in the Village.
- A location for the new sewage treatment plant is needed to proceed with a sewer district map and plan.

Paul Travis said that briefings on the Village sewer district are underway with the Mayor/Board of Trustees.

- The H2M study is being updated from the August 27th presentation. It is expected to be finished in November 2020 and there should be a presentation by H2M to the Mayor/Board of Trustees later that month.
- Brian Egan, Village attorney, is considering various legal issues.

Rob Coburn noted that the site options for a Village sewage treatment plant should address land uses outside of the current proposed sewer district phases 1 - 4 in order to understand what flows will not be addressed by the proposed sewer district.

- Southampton High School and Southampton Middle School and residential communities on Hampton Road, Hill Street and Narrow Lane are not included so far.
- Also, the concentration of school and dense residential uses on the eastern side of the Village are located in the Old Town Pond and Wickapogue Pond watersheds and contribute significantly to nitrogen loading in both the groundwater north of those bodies and in the bodies themselves.
- Paul Travis thought that these areas could be included in additional sewer district phases.
- Rob Coburn observed that community education on the proposed sewer district will be very important going forward.

Regarding funding a sewer district, Marc Chiffert said that the Southampton Town Community Preservation Fund (CPF) could offer support to the Village.

- John Halsey said that the Town CPF has seen a record increase so far in 2020. Southampton has received about \$42M through August. The CPF could devote 20% of CPF program revenues towards water quality projects.
- Holly Peterson stated that the cost of the sewer district is an important issue for the Village community, and it is critical to distill the key issues for public awareness at meetings. She would be glad to assist with developing summaries.

Mayor Warren said that he was pleased to see the Planning Commission and Clean Water Committee working together, and the Board of Trustees is fully engaged on the Village sewer district proposal.

Tom Louthan stated that the Clean Water Committee expects to complete a list of Village environmental priorities for 2021-2022 and will prepare correspondence to the Mayor/Board of Trustees.

3. The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 PM. The next CWC Zoom meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2020 at 5:00pm.