Southampton Village Clean Water Committee
Zoom Meeting
Southampton, NY
November 10, 2020
5:00pm

MINUTES

The Clean Water Committee (CWC) Zoom meeting was held on November 10, 2020, Southampton, NY at 5:00 PM. Present were Paul Travis, Chair, Village Planning Commission and CWC members: Rob Coburn, Daniela Kronemeyer, John Halsey & Tom Louthan.

1. Review October 6, 2020 CWC minutes: The minutes from the October 6, 2020 CWC meeting were accepted.
2. Village environmental priorities 2021-2022 and correspondence to Mayor/Board of Trustees:
   - Tom Louthan reviewed the highlights; immediate priorities include Old Town Pond Green Infrastructure, Permeable Reactive Barrier along the North end of Lake Agawam, and Village-Wide Watershed Management Plan with groundwater study. These projects will require requests for funding to the Town of Southampton Community Preservation Fund ($158K Village cost estimated).
   - Gin Lane Stormwater Drainage Improvements – this project utilizes bioswales and installation of 13 leaching basins at the south end of Lake Agawam ($46K Village cost estimated).
   - Lake Agawam dredging project study ($38K Village cost estimated).
   - Most importantly, the Village H2M Wastewater and Sewer District 2020 study, map and plan will require additional funds for an update to the 2017 Village Water Quality study by Stony Brook University for Lake Agawam, Old Town Pond and Wickapogue Pond ($20K Village cost estimated).
   - Appropriations related to the above water quality improvement projects and sewer district expenses could be specifically enumerated in the Village 2021 - 2022 Village budget.
   - Paul Travis said that the Village sewer district study by H2M will be concluded this month and presented in a meeting by the Planning Commission with the Village Mayor/Board of Trustees in December. He noted that the scope of the H2M study is to focus on a sewer district for the Village business district. Brian Egan, Village Attorney and Charlene Kagel-Betts, Village Administrator, are involved in the review process.

- Paul Travis commented that there is a concerted effort by the Village Mayor/Board of Trustees to move forward as discussed at a Southampton Press Virtual Session to consider the future of the Village.
- Rob Coburn noted that Suffolk County recently approved the ability to have mini-sewer treatment plants, which could reduce the cost of the Village business sewer district with $2-3M cost estimated per plant, each one operating as a separate system. This could be a potential game-changer for the Village as only 4-6 mini-sewer district plants may be required. This is an option H2M should consider in their Village study for the Mayor/Board of Trustees.
- Tom Louthan noted that Marc Chiffert from the Planning Commission, Rob Coburn and Tom had a Zoom meeting with Dr. Gobler last week about the cost to update the 2017 Village Water Quality study, which he estimated at $20K. Rob Coburn said that Dr. Gobler would need to review the H2M sewer district study and set new design parameters and scope.
- On Community Preservation Funds, John Halsey said that after a slow year in 2019, revenues are at a record level so far in 2020, at around $80M. The CPF could devote 20% of the CPF program revenues towards water quality projects, which is sorely needed as so many of the water quality projects in the pipeline are on hold because of County funding shortages from COVID-19 emergencies.
- Daniela Kronemeyer spoke about election results approving Proposition 2, which would allow Suffolk County to use funds that were set aside for sewer projects to instead reduce the county budget deficit. Environmental projects rely on these funds, and they may not be replaced. Court challenges are expected.
- Roux Engineering had a walk-around with the Mayor recently to review potential actions to restore Old Town Pond and remedy runoff to Wickapogue Pond. Roux will prepare a report to summarize conclusions.

3. The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 PM. The next CWC Zoom meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 1, 2020 at 5:00pm.