

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

MINUTES

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

1. Review November 10, 2020 CWC minutes: The minutes from the November 10, 2020 CWC meeting were accepted.
2. Old Town Pond Constructed Treatment Wetland proposal by Roux Environmental Engineering. Tom Louthan reviewed the highlights of the proposal.
 - At Old Town Pond – North, Roux would install a Constructed Treatment Wetland with a groundwater collection trench (pumped), aerated gravel nitrification zone, woodchip denitrification zone and in-pond re-aeration zone.
 - The cost would not exceed \$19,300, and the Village would use the proposal to apply for Town Community Preservation Funds.
 - Gary Goleski had a site visit at Old Town Pond with Roux this week; it does not appear that the four or five trees at the north end will interfere with the wetland project.
 - Roux is planning placement of several wells at the north end of Old Town Pond for water quality testing. Roux might be able to include an additional well location with water quality sampling analyses, while reducing the overall cost several thousand dollars in a final proposal.
 - Gary said that groundwater testing by Roux could combine with Village groundwater testing in that area. It will be important to confirm the flow of the groundwater; a north to south flow is normal, and we need to determine if any groundwater is missing the pond. Under the Roux proposal, there may be treatment of the water in the pond, possibly by extracting water and routing the water through the wetland and back into the pond. Rob Coburn noted that the water quality testing data could support increasing the extraction and filtration of pumping water from Old Town Pond into the wetlands.

- Gary also mentioned that Roux expects to coordinate and combine with the Green Infrastructure Project, which will add bioswales at the north and south ends of the Old town Pond.
3. Proposal to expand Clean Water Committee to Environmental Committee. At the November 24th Village Mayor/Board of Trustees meeting, there was a discussion by Trustee Andrew Pilaro to consider expanding the Clean Water Committee to an Environmental Committee.
- Rob Coburn summarized a draft Village Environmental Committee mission statement, adapted from the Clean Water Committee mission statement.
 - The Environmental Committee shall function as advisory to the Village Mayor/Board of Trustees. The purpose of the Committee is to assist the Village in the review of current and potential projects related to natural environmental resources and general water quality throughout the Village, and also make recommendations to the Village Mayor/Board of Trustees.
 - Rob said that the Committee may create or be assigned by the Mayor/Board of Trustees to oversee one or more task forces focused on discreet projects or aspects of its overall mission. The Village Surf Committee might become a task force and could join the Environmental Committee. Holly Peterson is a member of the Clean Water Committee and the Surf Committee.
 - Daniela Kronemeyer noted that the Southampton Arts Center established an Environmental Forum last year, with 70 members. Daniela has coordinated Forum meetings and said that this would be a great group for the Environmental Committee to coordinate with on a monthly basis. The Southampton Arts Center would be hosting Environmental Forum meetings again in 2021 after COVID-19 restrictions are lifted. Daniela maintains a contact list for the Environmental Forum.
 - Daniela also mentioned that the Southampton Arts Center will host a program, eARTH – Artists as Activists, presented with Oceana, Peconic Land Trust and South Fork Natural History Museum from April to July 2021.
 - Rob Coburn will monitor developments with Trustee Andrew Pilaro.
 - Trustee Joe McLoughlin thought that expanding to an Environmental Committee sounds like a good idea, allowing for more dialogue with the Board of Trustees and additional opportunities to work together.
4. Tom Louthan mentioned that the Clean Water Committee will prepare correspondence to the Mayor/Board of Trustees advising them to approve and adopt the updated Old Town Pond & Wickapogue Pond 2020 management plan by resolution at their December 10th meeting.

- The correspondence will include a suggested resolution, based on the resolution for approval of the Lake Agawam 2020 Management Plan from the Mayor/Board of Trustees meeting on July 21, 2020.
 - Trustee Joe McLoughlin suggested that Tom forward the documents to him, and he will coordinate with Charlene Kagel-Betts, Village Administrator, to add them to the December 10th agenda.
5. Gary Goleski gave an update on the Lake Agawam dredging project. Sediment was tested at the northern end this year, and later this month tests will be done at the southern end of Lake Agawam. The NY State Department of Environmental Conservation awarded a grant of \$30,000 and the Village cost will be \$38,000. Trustee Joe McLoughlin commented that the Lake Agawam Conservancy may be prepared to fund raise for the Lake Agawam dredging project.
 6. The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 PM. The next CWC Zoom meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 5, 2021 at 5:00pm.