

**Southampton Village Clean Water Committee
Zoom Meeting
Southampton, NY
January 5, 2021
5:00pm**

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The Clean Water Committee (CWC) Zoom meeting was held on January 5, 2021, Southampton, NY at 5:00 PM. Present were Village Mayor Jesse Warren, Village Trustee Joe McLoughlin, Superintendent Gary Goleski, Department of Public Works, Miranda Weber, Assistant to the Mayor, Josh Halsey, Peconic Land Trust and CWC members: Rob Coburn, John Halsey, Tom Louthan and Holly Peterson.

1. Review December 1, 2020 CWC minutes: The minutes from the December 1, 2020 CWC meeting were accepted.
2. Next steps to work with Peconic Land Trust and local residents of Old Town Pond to restore Old Town Pond.
 - Tom Louthan said that everyone is encouraged, as events are going in the right direction for Old Town Pond.
 - Mayor Warren reviewed the highlights: Roux Environmental Engineering will install a Constructed Treatment Wetland, which is a natural treatment center to remove nitrogen from Old Town Pond. The wetland will include a groundwater collection trench (pumped), aerated gravel nitrification zone, woodchip denitrification zone and in-pond re-aeration zone at the north end of Old Town Pond.
 - Mayor Warren commended the Old Town Pond and Wickapogue Pond 2020 management plan developed by the Clean Water Committee. The plan was recently approved by the Village Board of Trustees, with specific recommendations and cost projections to restore the ponds. The plan will be referenced in support of a request for \$900K in Southampton Town Community Preservation Funds.
 - Mayor Warren noted that the wetland cost would not exceed \$16,300, and the Village would use the Roux proposal to apply for Town Community Preservation Funds.
 - John Halsey said that the Peconic Land Trust would be available to work with local residents of Old Town Pond to raise private funds of about \$10K to complement public funds for this wetland project. At the suggestion of Brian Egan, Village Attorney, it makes sense for the Peconic Land Trust to work parallel to the Village under a separate contract agreement with Roux for a portion of the Old Town Pond restoration work.

- John Halsey outlined steps by the Peconic Land Trust to form a designated Old Town Pond fund for the wetland project, to which contributions by Old Town Pond residents would be directed. A separate contract with Peconic Land Trust and Roux with project costs set forth will foster accountability and confidence for Old Town Pond resident contributors. The Peconic Land Trust will act as a fiscal agent and check performance.
- Roux began the temporary well installation at the north end of Old Town Pond today, and it will be completed on January 6, 2021. The groundwater and surface water sampling will be completed on January 6th as well.
- Rob Coburn discussed next steps:
 - Form a neighborhood steering committee of three to four residents to help spread the word on the wetland project at Old Town Pond.
 - Have an introductory Zoom meeting later in January to introduce the steering committee to Peconic Land Trust representatives and Clean Water Committee members.
 - Send information from Edwina von Gal, the PRFCT Earth Project, with best practices for homeowners on how to talk to landscapers and landscape designers about reducing fertilizer and chemical use.
 - Host a larger Zoom call in March for as many neighbors as possible.
- Holly Peterson will assist Rob Coburn in developing a one-page overview about the Old Town Pond wetland project and organic landscaping practices to share with Old Town Pond residents.
- Gary Goleski said that the Green Infrastructure project at Old Town Pond will complement the wetland project. Suffolk County and CPF awards should cover Green Infrastructure project costs. Nelson, Pope & Voorhis applied to the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation for required permits. Gary expects that they will include the wetland project and work with Roux on the scope of the project to secure permits.
- Gary Goleski also announced that work on the Gin Lane project has begun and that the project is fully funded by Suffolk County and NYS Department of Environmental Conservation grant awards.
- Trustee Joe McLoughlin suggested that the Clean Water Committee could help review future bioswale proposals for Gin Lane. Gary Goleski noted that the dredging project for Lake Agawam could delay for now any additional bioswales in the Gin Lane area.
- Trustee Joe McLoughlin also noted that the proposal to expand the Clean Water Committee to an Environmental Committee should be considered by the Mayor/Board of Trustees this month; he will keep us posted. Tom Louthan said that he and Rob Coburn worked with

Trustee Andrew Pilaro on a draft mission statement, adapted from the Clean Water Committee mission statement.

- Rob Coburn said that he expects to distribute to the Clean Water Committee this month a draft management plan for Heady & Taylor Creeks, along with maps of Village water bodies.
3. The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 PM. The next CWC Zoom meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 2, 2021 at 5:00pm.