

**PLANNING COMMISSION
HYBRID PUBLIC HEARING
SOUTHAMPTON VILLAGE
DECEMBER 1, 2022**

Due notice having been given the public hearing of the Planning Commission for the Village of Southampton was held on Thursday, December 1, 2022, at 5:30PM as hybrid via video conferencing and in Village Hall, 23 Main Street, Southampton, New York.

Chair opened the meeting. Pledge of allegiance was held.

Present were Co-Chair Marc Chiffert
Co-Chair Michelangelo Lieberman (via video link)
Michael Anderson
Robert Essay
Pamela Gilmartin
Christian Picot (via video link)
Eduardo Simioni

Absent was Laura Devinney

Village Planner Alex Wallach joined later.

MINUTES ADOPTION

MOTION by Chair, second M. Anderson

To adopt the November Planning Commission minutes.

On Vote: M. Chiffert, M. Lieberman, M. Anderson, R. Essay, P. Gilmartin, C. Picot, and E. Simioni

UPDATE ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Handling of funds and staffing is still being worked out within CPF. The town attorney is preparing an application to appoint an advisory board to make recommendation for use of funds in the town.

UPDATE OF SEWER SYSTEM BY PAUL TRAVIS

Postponed to a future meeting.

UPDATES FROM VILLAGE PLANNER ALEX WALLACH

Possibly later in the meeting or at the next meeting.

UPDATES OF RECENT EFFORTS OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND TASK FORCES

Senior Center – P. Gilmartin had a meeting with Trustee Manger, and they gave him a copy of the memo given to the Board and they will schedule a meeting with the Village Clerk and see if there is a person presently employed that could add this work into schedule. Chair noted a tab will added to the

website that will state Senior Services or Committee and it will contain links to all the programs. A person needs to be used to put everything together so that the information can get out to seniors. There are lots of programs available and it needs to be coordinated. Senior Center has access to Meals on Wheels and that will be on the site as well.

Tree USA Initiative Update – The Tree City USA application was filed on the day before Thanksgiving and now we wait, and it could take several months. They will reach out to Lincoln, Nebraska to make sure the application was received, and all is in order. They are looking for a resident with strong experience to be on the Tree Board for official service, no one named by resolution as of yet. There are two member from Planning Commission on the Board. This is moving forward and very important to update streetscapes.

Real Estate Acquisition – Met with Trustee Arresta, there is some progress, but it is early to discuss further. They met with the owner of the property on Elm and Hampton Road about possible sale of the property, but there needs more review.

Term limit/Election Cycle Task Force – Pam and Marc and three others make up the task force and they are working towards resolutions. Consensus was that having elections yearly is burdensome, so it is good to look at the issue. They will make suggestions in January.

Deer Task Force – No real updates for this month. The hunting season between October 1st to January 1st has been missed. Mayor Irving was very helpful, and they will follow up on those policies. C. Picot asked M. Anderson about previous resolutions, has he found those resolutions and whether there were any dissolutions. M. Anderson noted that he is in contact with the Village, there seems to be discrepancies, some have said a resolution revoked and it may need to be begun again. M Chiffert feels some was applied, but then rescinded. C. Picot feels that they need electronic versions of resolution documents available, currently it takes weeks to find the documents. The Mayor is making efforts to digitize the records, and the Town has been doing quite a bit. The Village has software to get this project done noted M. Chiffert. R. Essay asked what Village is doing to protect from cyberattack since the County incident. Chair will ask Alex Wallach.

WORK FORCE HOUSING OVERLAY DISTRICT/BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT - Frank Fish is being retained and will come up with recommendations for work force housing overlay.

C. Picot reviewed section 4-3 of Master Plan pertaining to mobility regarding bicycles and pedestrians and asked if the Commission had comments to bring action items to elected Board. Chair Lieberman noted that Bird, the scooter company, was not what they wanted. The recommendations in Master Plan should be being reviewed. M Lieberman will have a prepared list of actions and will have input and then bring to the Board. M. Chiffert had gone to a mobility county meeting, and the ride sharing was part of that meeting. This will be revisited and reviewed next meeting.

UPDATES ON VILLAGE NEWS/DEVELOPMENTS

Last month there was a public comment about the adjacent project for public housing on County Road 39 , they requested extension with Town so they can provide their agency comments to Town. Southampton Press had a recent article referencing M. Lieberman’s presentation to the Town Planning Board. None of the improvements take place on the Village portion of property. Three years ago when

the project began, the Planning Board and Village Planning Board were identified as an involved agency and were notified, but Village is not lead agency. R. Essay mentioned the possibility of readjusting the Village boundary to the south side of CR39. M. Lieberman clarified to the Commission his role with the Town is to review applications for DEIS and SEQRA process, his position is not political. Boundaries have been adjusted in the past, they can possibly look into changing boundaries, it is easier manage when there are properties in one jurisdiction.

C. Picot on zoning in Master Plan, wanted opinion on SH hospital and if/when they depart the foundation which manages land will want to maximize return on it. Chair stated they definitely need to be proactive on this, it is complicated because they own multiple properties around there and they have their own sewage plant. They can in next few meetings the association of residents in the area to their meeting. M. Lieberman feels a study with recommendations would be a good tool for ZBA when applicant comes, the study would be useful to that Board. C. Picot feels for 2023 they should maybe focus attention on this matter. Chair feels that they should rezone so that it doesn't go to ZBA, he feels Planning Board should have it done. E. Simioni feels that they will come to the Village when they have plans.

Alex Wallach joined the meeting. He noted there is a zoning strategy that is being reviewed and hospital has retained a large architectural firm for future uses.

They were about 30% finished as of a month ago on the reconnaissance survey. There is no art overlay update at this time. R. Essay asked about the fines for tearing down historic structures, Trustees are looking into it, but feels the demolition permit process has helped. R. Essay feels a moratorium on building is a more useful penalty, and maybe review all fines.

C. Picot asked about Frank Fish workforce housing, they are still working on that and will have an update later.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND DISCUSSIONS

Christina Sullivan, resident, is concerned about tree limbs that are falling in storm gusts, part of the of the sidewalk was smashed today in her neighborhood on Cameron Street, it could've fallen on a person. She also noted deer as a huge issue.

Next meeting is scheduled for January 5, 2023.

MOTION by Chair, second P. Gilmartin.

To adjourn the meeting.

On Vote: Chair Chiffert, Co-Chair Lieberman, M. Anderson, P. Gilmartin, R. Essay, C. Picot, and E. Simioni

Respectfully Submitted by:

JoLee Sanchez

File Date: _____

Village Clerk