



# NORTH HAVEN NEWS

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## Letter from Mayor Chris Fiore

Hello to all North Haven residents.

The 'dog days of summer' are here, kids are enjoying their last few weeks of summer vacation, and we're only a couple of weeks away from Labor Day.

The Village Trustees and I are planning a few initiatives that we discussed during the June campaign.

Accessory Living spaces on your property for family members, updates and minor revisions to the clearing code we passed last year, a further definition of the noise code to help assure everyone's "right to quiet enjoyment", are but a few considerations.

The clearing code as it is written does not protect our mature, majestic trees. We must keep our oaks, beeches, maples et.al., from being clear cut without consequence. These trees are essential to the character of the village, and we plan on introducing code revisions to protect them from unnecessary removal.

The water quality committee continues it's work, and there is some progress on the 4 poster permissions, helping us get a better handle on the tick population.

I am focused on "quiet enjoyment" and your right to enjoy your home and your property without undue interference. We will continue to work toward that goal.

The Board will meet next week; you are invited to participate in person or

by Zoom. I look forward to hearing your thoughts.  
Enjoy the remainder of the summer!

Chris Fiore

This month's edition of *North Haven News* will recap the highlights from the July Village of North Haven Board of Trustee meeting and work session, and previews agenda items of interest for the August Village Board Meeting.

Going forward, if you have any questions or if there are any other topics you would like to read about, please contact Terie Diat (Village Trustee) at [tdiat@northhavenvillage.org](mailto:tdiat@northhavenvillage.org).

### **Upcoming Board of Trustees Meeting, Change of Meeting Date**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 24th at 5 p.m. at Village Hall and via zoom. All residents are welcome and encouraged to attend. The agenda for this meeting will be posted on the Village website ([northhavenny.us](http://northhavenny.us)) under Minutes and Agendas the Friday before the meeting date. The zoom meeting link can be found on the home page of the Village website under the calendar entry for the Board of Trustee meeting.

Please note, starting in September, and each month thereafter, the monthly Board of Trustee meetings will move to the **third Wednesday** of each month at 5 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September, 21.

### **Public Hearings Scheduled for August 24th at 5 p.m.**

- Proposed dock at 4 On the Bluff.
- New Local Law Chapter 35 – Virtual Meeting Participation
  - A local law authorizing the Village Board of Trustees to use videoconferencing technology to participate in public meetings. Please view the local law [HERE](#).
  - This local law will enable all Village Board meetings for the Board of Trustees, as well as the Planning, ARB and ZBA Board meetings to be conducted as hybrid meetings, both in Village Hall and via zoom to encourage greater public participation.
- Amendment of Village Code Chapter 163 77-85 regarding the length of Rentals . Please see proposed amendment [HERE](#).

### **Village Updates:**

#### **Celebration to Honor Former Mayor Jeff Sander**

Please join us in honoring former Mayor Jeff Sander for all of his years of service to the Village of North Haven. The celebration will be held on Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at Village Hall, 335 Ferry Road. 4 p.m. – 6 p.m. Lite hors d'oeuvres, beer and wine. RSVP by September 6th (not necessary, but would be appreciated) Eileen Tuohy 631-725-1378 or [clerk@northhavenvillage.org](mailto:clerk@northhavenvillage.org). All are welcome. Please click [HERE](#) for

your invitation.

### **Seeking Donations for the Schoolhouse**

We are all so excited with the renovation of our one room schoolhouse! The North Haven Village Improvement Society is accepting any donations to help with this project.

We are looking for monetary donations, any old photos of George Washington and Abe Lincoln and any other artifacts of that era. Donations may be mailed to:  
The North Haven Village Improvement Society  
c/o North Haven Village Hall  
335 Ferry Road  
Sag Harbor, NY 11963

Please mark your donation for the Schoolhouse. We thank you and look forward to our grand opening.

### **Updates from the July 19th Board of Trustee's Meeting:**

#### **Moment of Silence**

A moment of silence was observed in memory of former Trustee John McLaughlin who served the Village from 1980-1982.

#### **Board Appointments**

Mayor Chris Fiore appointed, and the Board approved, Peter Boody to fill the unexpired term of his Trustee seat that was vacated when he was elected Mayor. Peter is a familiar face at Village Board meetings having reported on them for the Sag Harbor Express for many years. Please learn more about Peter in this month's "Spotlight" below.

The following additional appointments were also approved by the Board:  
Planning Board Alternate      Gregory Churchill      term to expire – June 30, 2023  
Zoning Board Alternate      Michael Daly      term to expire – June 30, 2023

#### **Public Hearings:**

##### **Dock Application – 4 On-the-Bluff**

A dock application for 4 On-the-Bluff was reviewed by the Board. The applicant was asked to make certain revisions and report back.

##### **Amendment to Noise Code**

A public hearing was held to amend the noise code related to the use or operation of off-road type recreational vehicles including but not limited to vehicles commonly referred to as dirt bikes, mini-bikes, go cart, side by sides, gasoline powered motorized scooters, gasoline powered golf carts (except in connection with property maintenance and then only between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.), snow mobiles (except during a declared snow emergency), all-terrain vehicles (except in connection with property maintenance and then only between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.), dune buggies, utility terrain vehicles, (except in connection

with property maintenance and then only between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.), any vehicle propelled by a two stroke or four stroke engine. No comments were received from the public during the public hearing. The Board later voted by resolution to approve the amendment. [HERE](#) is the amended code.

### **Update on *Kick Ticks Out of North Haven***

Trustee Diat and Deputy Mayor Abraham continue to work closely with Chris Miller from Horticulture Specialists Inc on the ***Kick Ticks Out of North Haven*** program. The DEC requirement is to have 100% consent of all homeowners within 745' of each 4-poster device. We have recently been able to collect all of the necessary consents to deploy two new 4-poster devices. One in Cilli field (off of 114), and the other at the end of Coves End Lane. Residents and their pets living in these areas will now be better protected from ticks and tick-borne diseases. This brings the total 4-posters on North Haven to ten. Our goal is to get to 17.

We continue to seek consents from residents in other areas where we would like to place 4-poster devices. If you have not yet signed a consent form, please click [HERE](#)

With everyone's participation, **Together We Can Kick Ticks Out of North Haven.**

### **Update on Lovelady Park**

Mayor Fiore updated that Jackson Dodds and Sam Panton recently donated their time and equipment to further clear the area between 114 and Sunset Beach Road in the colonnade of trees that will be the future walking path. He also informed the Board that the campaign for contributions will be launched the first week in August and that a grant writer is being engaged to assist with obtaining NY State grants.

### **Update on Water Quality Committee**

Trustee Diat updated that the Water Quality Committee has been meeting with local experts to assist with achieving the Committee's goals and objectives. A meeting was held with the Peconic Estuary Partnership who offered knowledge and helpful resources. They will help the Committee with funding. A regular, recurring meeting will be scheduled with the PEP.

The Committee has finalized a RFP with a scope of work to be sent to four organizations to perform a comprehensive water quality assessment for North Haven and offer recommendations for water quality improvement and actions. The RFP has since been sent out to the organizations and is due back to the Village by mid-September.

The Committee has also requested a proposal from Dr. Chris Gobler from Stony Brook University School of Marine and Atmospheric Sciences, to perform water quality testing for North Haven key waterbodies.

**Resolutions Approved by the Board of Trustees:**

· The following individuals are appointed to a committee to explore Community Living Spaces: Michael Daly, Deputy Mayor Claas Abraham, Trustee Dianne Skilbred, Carol Ahlers.

- Local Law No. 6 of 2022, amending Village Code 112-2 Noise Code
- Approval to contribute \$1,500 to the cost of Sag Harbor Water Quality Initiative (SHWQI) testing of the waters in Sag Harbor cove since North Haven will likely benefit from the results of said testing
- Approval to purchase the Muncity integrated Parcel Management SaaS program not to exceed \$55,000 (approved at July 26<sup>th</sup> working session)
- Approval to reimburse \$150 to four individuals for leaf pick up assessment included on the 22-23 tax bills. Each of the individuals qualify for the approved rebate based on STAR/Enhanced STAR status on Town Tax bills.
- Approval to refund various tax duplicate and overpayment of property taxes.
- Approval for a mass gathering permit at 1 Fahy's Road.
- Authorization for the Clerk/Treasurer to request RFP's to retain a firm qualified to prepare a comprehensive assessment of all water bodies and measure the results of the Village's water quality program over time.

#### **Other Discussions:**

- The Board held a discussion on resurfacing the Village tennis court and basketball court. The Board agreed to obtain an additional competitive bid. The Board also held a discussion on the offer from a resident to donate a padel court, and to send out an email to determine the extent of interest from residents.

#### **July 26<sup>th</sup> Board of Trustee Work Session Recap**

The Board of Trustees have been holding monthly work sessions. The purpose of the work sessions is to get input from fellow Board members on projects that individual (or teams of) Trustees are working on in order to move the projects forward towards completion or public hearings. Work sessions are open to the public but are not open to public comment. Below is a recap of the topics discussed at the July 26<sup>th</sup> work session:

- Coastal Setback Code – Trustee Diat
- Bay Haven/Sub-standard lot rezoning – Mayor Fiore, Attorney Middleton
- Videoconferencing Policy Update/Open Meeting Law – Clerk/Treasurer Tuohy
- Code Enforcement Update – Mayor Fiore
- Lovelady Powell Park/BOT Approval Process – Mayor Fiore
- Code Change – Sports Courts/Tennis Courts – Clerk/Treasurer Tuohy
- Beach Storage Sunset Beach – Clerk/Treasurer Tuohy

- APR Grant – Clerk/Treasurer Tuohy
- Clearing Code Update – Mayor Fiore



**"Spotlight" - Peter Boody -  
Village Board of Trustee  
Member**

Peter Boody, 71, grew up in Tenafly, New Jersey and graduated from Phillips Exeter Academy (1969), Columbia College (BA, 1974) and the Columbia University School of Journalism (MS, 1979). He started out on the East End as a Bridgehampton summer kid in the 1960s. The retired editor of The Southampton Press, he has lived in North Haven full time since the late 1970s with his wife Barbara and almost always with a dog on hand, currently a Westie named Stuey, age 11.

Since he started out as a reporter for The Press in 1974, leaving a dull job in New York to thrive as an ink-stained wretch, he has covered many, many municipal, school, library and fire district board meetings from Westhampton Beach to Montauk, not to mention politics and elections, features, breaking news and major issues such as open space and farmland preservation, affordable housing, and environmental threats to groundwater, surface waters and the bay system.

The Boody's were married in 1979 at the Old Whalers Church with a reception at the American Hotel and worked together for many years at The Press, where she was production manager for a time and he was a reporter, then editor of the affiliated Hampton Chronicle-News in Westhampton Beach, and then — after a break to get a journalism degree and work at Flying magazine — managing

editor and finally editor.

For 20 years, beginning in 1994, the couple had a beloved weekend house was in Arlington, Vermont, where Boody relished their escape into the Green Mountains from the grind of editing copy, laying out papers, writing editorials and stories, and managing the news staff.

A pilot who soloed at age 16 in 1967, paying for his own lessons, he worked for Flying Magazine from 1979 to 1981, after graduating from the Columbia J School, writing features and technical pieces about flying and national aviation news, including the air traffic controller's strike of 1981. He left the magazine to become managing editor of The Press (but only after a brief stint digging potatoes for Water Mill farmer Charlton Halsey).

He served as editor of the Press from 1984 through 1998. After a year off to travel with Barbara, he has edited the Shelter Island Reporter and helped launch the East Hampton Press as its first editor. A few years ago, he stepped in as news editor of The Sag Harbor Express for a couple of years and most recently has been freelancing for the Express and also The Press, which are now part of the same group. With his appointment to the North Haven Village Board, he has had to leave covering that panel's meetings to whoever the paper can throw into the breach.

For his semi-retirement years, he became an FAA-certified flight instructor in 2001 and has been teaching at East Hampton Airport ever since.

Boody said he was delighted to have been named to the North Haven Village Board. "After all

those years covering board meetings, including North Haven's Board of Trustees," he commented, "I have always wondered how I'd do sitting on the other side of the table, actually having to stick out my neck — and now I'm getting the chance, thanks to Mayor Chris Fiore's appointment. I am grateful to him and the other trustees for this chance to join them in facing the issues and concerns of my own hometown."

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