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Letter from Mayor Chris Fiore

Good day to all!

Now it finally feels like November and the fall and winter holidays are on their way. Lots happening here at home — our BOT meeting on Wednesday the 16th will host a second public hearing on the proposed lighting code, a further discussion on our effort to keep mature, majestic trees from being cut down without a very good reason, an update on the water quality initiative, plus some very impressive progress on the tick reduction effort. Other points for discussion include keeping the ratio of large structures in line with smaller parcels of land, protecting the character of streets and neighborhoods. Now that we are past election day, we will commence discussions on accessory living spaces.

There have been a number of voices raised about excessive speed on our roads, and I will meet this coming Monday with Councilman Schiavoni and Town of Southampton police captain Kiernan, to emphasize the need for more diligence on the part of our Town officers, as well as more visibility on our side roads. We have a great representation of officers on a daily basis, but we need more vigilance on speed, stop signs, and weigh limit violations. The police don't establish speed limits on Ferry Road, that's the jurisdiction of the NYS Department of Transportation, as it is a state route - 114. I have asked Assemblyman Fred Thiele to help coordinate a meeting with the DOT Regional Director to reinforce our concern over excessive speed - we agreed to a few traffic calming concepts when the state repaved 114, but the problems persist. The situation is exacerbated with the large, intimidating, construction vehicles. I will keep you in the loop.

There are certainly some exciting developments at the **Lovelady/Cilli property**. That beautiful blanket of green rye grass I mentioned in the last letter has taken nicely — the pond, which has been hidden by invasive overgrowth for decades, is open, visible and shimmering! The stone path under the 50+ year old maples awaits a stone dust cover, but is most certainly walkable today. Above is a photograph for the benefit of those who haven't been to see it lately. We'll plant native shrubbery to replace the invasive ones we removed, and Phase 1 will be complete! The Trustees formed an advisory committee to work with the 501 board, discussing potential for the next phase, which will begin in the Spring. One more shout out to Jackson Dodds and our own Sam Panton, for their volunteer work so generously contributed to complete Phase 1. Eileen has updated the website and images for the park. Go to our village site (northhavenny.us), click on Services then Recreation. The dropdown will show Lovelady Park. Check out the latest photos.

All are welcome to join the Trustees and me at our next meeting — either in person or zoom. Wednesday, Nov. 16, 5pm.

Hope to see you there.

And BTW, based on the noise level I'm hearing since November 1st, how happy are we that we didn't have to listen to those gas powered leaf blowers all summer long?

All the best for a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday!

Chris Fiore

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This month's newsletter edition will recap the highlights from the October Village of North Haven Board of Trustee meeting and Work Session. We will also preview agenda items of interest for the November Village Board Meeting.

Recordings of these meetings can be found on the Village website or by clicking [HERE](#).

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.

Upcoming Board of Trustees Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 16th 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) 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 Trustees meeting.

Public Hearings Scheduled for November 16th at 5 p.m.

· CONTINUATION OF THE PUBLIC HEARING ON A LOCAL LAW AMENDING VILLAGE CODE CHAPTER 163-36.2 – OUTDOOR LIGHTING – The Trustees intend by this local law to implement an outdoor lighting code that seeks to protect the night sky as well as neighbors from spillover light and glare. The provisions of the proposed code are intended to control and regulate exterior lighting throughout the Village to promote public safety on the Village's roads and highways, protect landowners from the intrusive effects of glare and light trespass, preserve the rural character of the Village, and maintain and restore the beauty of the night sky.

Based on input from residents at the October public hearing the REVISED proposed code provides for 12 months from the date the law is adopted, for residents to come into compliance with the provisions of the code. Landscape lighting, including around pools and ponds, must be extinguished by 11 p.m. External lighting that must be extinguished by 11 p.m. must be complied with as soon as the local law goes into effect (not 12 months from the date of adoption). Click [HERE](#) to see the revised proposed local law.

Village Updates:

North Haven Arbor Walk – Saturday, November 12th, 10:30 a.m.

The Village Parks and Trails Association is organizing an Arbor Walk with renowned East End arborist Jackson Dodds. North Haven hosts a wonderful assortment of tree types, each with its own soil and sun preferences, vulnerabilities, life cycle and history. Enjoy a walk with Jackson Dodds as he explains our wonderful trees, their peculiarities and what they need from us as stewards.

Meet at 19 Sunset Beach Road (Lovelady Property). Saturday, November 12th at 10:30 a.m.

Rain date: Sunday, November 13th at 10:30 a.m.

For more information email: info@NorthHavenParksandTrails.org

Gas Powered Leaf Blower Ban No Longer in Effect

North Haven's ban on gas-powered leaf blowers is no longer in effect until in effect until May 1st.

Leaf Pick-Up on Public Roads

Leaf pick up begins this week - November 7th and runs through December 16th, weather permitting. Leaf pickup will take place on public roads only.

Only leaves are to be brought to the roadside. No twigs, branches or other debris will be picked up.

Short Beach Road Traffic Statistics

The electronic speed monitor on Short Beach Road is giving us valuable information to help us manage and mitigate traffic and speed concerns. From September 7th to November 6th there were:

- An average of 3,680 incoming vehicles per day
- An average of 3,499 outgoing vehicles per day
- Incoming average speed was 36 mph (posted speed limit is 25mph)
- Outgoing average speed was 38 mph

Updates from the October 19th Board of Trustee's Meeting:

Public Hearings:

- A public hearing was held to discuss and approve the Fire Protection and Ambulance Contract between the Villages of Sag Harbor and North Haven. The term of the agreements are from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023. The contract for fire protection from Sag Harbor to North Haven is \$453,774.77. The contract for ambulance service from Sag Harbor to North Haven is \$272,255.55. Both sums are payable before February 1, 2023. No public comment was offered. The Board subsequently approved the contracts later in the meeting.
- A public hearing was held on a LOCAL LAW AMENDING VILLAGE CODE SECTION 156-35 SCHEDULE VII: STOP INTERSECTIONS - The Trustees intend by this local law to add a 3 way stop sign at the intersection of Fresh Pond Road and Harbor Drive. Several residents spoke in support of the proposed stop signs to slow the traffic in and out of the Bay Haven neighborhood. The Board subsequently approved the amendment to the local law. Click [HERE](#) to see the amended local law.
- A public hearing was held on the proposed LOCAL LAW AMENDING VILLAGE CODE CHAPTER 163-36.2 – OUTDOOR LIGHTING. As mentioned above, feedback was received by residents, and the Board agreed to revise the proposed code accordingly and continue the public hearing on November 16th with revisions to the proposed local law. Thank You to those who gave input!

Kick Ticks Out of North Haven

Deputy Mayor Abraham provided an update on the status of the tick management program. Consents have been obtained to place two more 4-poster devices which now brings the total devices to 13 across North Haven. We are KICKING THOSE TICKS OUT OF NORTH HAVEN in a BIG WAY!! If you have not yet signed a consent form, please click [HERE](#).

September 1 also marked the start of the deer management season. To that end, you may notice vehicles that belong to participants in the deer management program parked on the streets of North Haven. The Village will soon be issuing parking permits to be displayed on the dashboards of those vehicles so they can be properly identified. All participants in the deer management program are always properly trained and credentialed. If you have not yet signed a consent form, please sign

[HERE](#).

The two-pronged approach of both tick and deer management will yield the most effective results to manage the tick population in North Haven. To learn more about both programs, please visit the website [HERE](#) or feel free to contact Deputy Mayor Abraham or Trustee Diat at any time with questions at cabraham@northhavenvillage.org or tdiat@northhavenvillage.org.

Water Quality Committee Update

Trustee Diat updated that the Water Quality Committee, (members include Jeff Sander, Chris Remkus, Stephanie Joyce and Alison Scanlon), met with Dr. Chris Gobler of Stony Brook University School of Marine Sciences to discuss his proposal for water quality testing for 2022/2023. Dr. Gobler will submit a revised proposal for consideration. Dr. Gobler also explained the results from the September testing that was performed. The Committee also met with PW Grosser to discuss that firm's submission to the RFP (request for proposal) for a comprehensive water quality assessment for North Haven.

Protecting Majestic Trees

Trustee Boody reported that he is working on drafting a new code revision to protect landmarked trees or bigger trees. The code will propose to protect trees with 21 inch caliper at breast height and will require a special permit to be removed. Tree removal will be allowed if there is interference with a proposed building project. Trustee Boody is hoping this code revision will be a deterrent to residents who clear-cut their property. A draft for review is expected to be shared with the Board within one to two months.

Resolutions Approved by the Board of Trustees:

- Agreement for Fire Protection and Ambulance Service from the Village of Sag Harbor for 2023 for \$726,030.32
- Approved Local Law No. 8 amending Village Code 156-35 to include a 3-way stop sign at the intersection of Fresh Pond Road and Harbor Drive.
- Approved the reduction in assessment by \$134,000 and subsequent refund, on one property on the 2021/2022 tax role per order from the Supreme Court
- Conditionally approved a bid from Jackson Dodds & Company to replant the landscaping at the traffic circle, pending the additional cost of mulch, provided the final cost was less than the other bid received.
- Approved that all costs associated with the removal of the asbestos and demolition costs of the buildings/structures at 19 Sunset Beach Road in accordance with the Inter Municipal Agreement with the Town of Southampton be absorbed by the Village of North Haven. Note: Trustee Diat voted Nay, all other Board Members voted Yes

- Authorized the Clerk/Treasurer to solicit bids for the 19 Sunset Beach Road demolition and site stabilization project

- Authorized the Clerk/Treasurer to sign the agreement with the NYS Department of Transportation to maintain the benches and bike racks that will be installed at the ferry terminal

- Appointed the following individuals to the Lovelady Park Committee. Mayor Chris Fiore (non-voting member), Trustee Dianne Skilbred, Sam Panton, Julia Hubbard, Max Rohn, Jeffrey Sander. The purpose of the committee is to present to the North Haven Board of Trustees the park designs and any other proposed work that will be done at the site.

However, immediately following the vote for the appointment, discussion ensued regarding the purpose of the Committee. After hearing input from several members of the public, the Board agreed to revisit the Committee at the October 25th Working Session. The resolution to appoint the Lovelady Park Committee was rescinded

Public Input:

- Public input was received regarding the pending demolition of the Lovelady Powell structures and the potential to seek other alternatives
- An inquiry was made regarding screening of the storage container on Village property

October 25th 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 October 25th work session:

- Lovelady Advisory Committee Purpose/Creation
- Lighting Code Revisions
- Noise Code and Related discussions regarding pickleball/padel courts and other recreational courts on residential properties
- Sub-standard lot setback revisions
- Pollinator garden concept for the Village
- Ban on gas powered leaf blowers – dates/enforcement

Resolution Approved by the Board of Trustees:

- Appointment of a Lovelady Advisory Committee, representing the residents of the Village of North Haven, to the 501c3 Board (Village Parks and Trails Association) with the purpose of aiding the 501c3 Board with landscaping and design plans, identifying appropriate shrubs, bushes, trees and plants, any hardware such as benches, bridges and other landscaping structures. And the overall esthetics of the park. Presentations to the Board of Trustees of the Village of NH for approving

the above purposes must be approved by a majority of the Advisory Committee and the 501c3 Board. Note: Trustee Diat voted Nay, all other Board Members voted Yes.

North Haven Code Trivia – Did You Know....

As per Village code, Chapter 112 section 2J, building construction, renovation, repair, alteration is allowed between 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Monday – Friday. Such activity by contractors is prohibited on Saturdays, Sundays and state and federal holidays. Homeowners are permitted to perform repair work, which does not require a building permit, on Saturdays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. You can read the code section [HERE](#).

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