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Letter from Mayor Chris Fiore

Hello everyone –

Hoping this note and Newsletter find you in good health and enjoying this holiday season.

The Board of Trustees and I will meet for the final BOT meeting of the year to wrap up this very busy 2022: Wednesday, December 21 at 5pm; in person at Village Hall as well as on Zoom.

Your Trustees, Dianne Skilbred, Deputy Mayor Claas Abraham, Terie Diat and newly appointed Peter Boody have been working on various projects these last 6 months since I took office. Here's a few of the initiatives we have assumed:

- **The Lighting Code:** We hope to pass the new lighting code at Wednesday's session. We will have had three public hearings, and I believe thanks to your input, we have landed on an excellent final version.
- I met with Town Councilman Tommy John Schiavoni and **Captain James Kiernan of the Southampton Town Police** a couple of weeks before he was promoted to Chief. We discussed excessive speed, stop sign violators, weight limit infractions and vigilance on secondary village roads, with particular attention to construction vehicles and other trucks. He promised stricter attention and performance. We receive a monthly report of all police activity, so let's see what happens. Next stop: the NYS Dept. of Transportation to discuss speed limits on SR 114 (aka Ferry Road) and other traffic calming ideas.

· Trustee Peter Boody will present a clearing code revision that will address the **protection of large, majestic trees** from being clearcut. We should have a public hearing on this in January.

· Trustee Skillbred and I will commence a review of our building codes to insure we allow **moderate sized homes** on moderate sized properties, We intend to preserve the character of our neighborhoods, and keep oversized structures in check.

· Deputy Mayor Claas Abraham will meet with Mike Daly and the **Accessory Living Space** group in January to examine the issue of legalizing accessory structures for living spaces for immediate family. This is a complex issue with many moving parts, so we will move forward cautiously and keep you all informed of developments.

· Trustee Diat will finalize setback and shoreline protection revisions to protect our wetlands and our precious water that surrounds 95% of this village, She will also announce important developments from the **Water Quality committee** – stay tuned!

· The news from the latest tick census is very positive: Claas will inform us on the 21st.

· And finally, the **Lovelady project** finished the work on Phase I (95%). I have received dozens of messages from so many of you about your excitement and approval of the work that Jackson Dodds' company completed. The newly cleared Promenade, the walking/running path, the rolling lawn, the visibility of Cilli Pond.....your kudos are most appreciated and very welcome. Hopefully, we will see similar accessibility on the other side of the pond next year – perhaps a continuation of the walking path (connecting across the pond) – completing a half mile walk from start to finish from Sunset Beach Road. It's your park – let us know what you would like to see and we will inform the committees of your wishes.

Lastly, thanks and a warm round of applause for our Village staff, headed by Eileen Tuohy, for all they do for us – we are most grateful for your work. And don't forget the tireless efforts of our Planning Board, ZBA and ARB. They donate their time to help make North Haven the great place it is. One resident from Sunset Road tagged it **North Heaven** back in the 60's – quite appropriate! Thank you all and my very best for a wonderful holiday season!

Chris Fiore
Mayor

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This month's newsletter edition will recap the highlights from the November Village of North Haven Board of Trustee meeting and Work Session. We will also preview agenda items of interest for the December 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, December 21st 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 Trustee meeting.

Public Hearings Scheduled for December 21st 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, outdoor lighting code. 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 November public hearing the REVISED proposed code has been amended for the period of time that holiday lighting may be permitted, as well as other minor changes. Click [HERE](#) to see the revised proposed local law.

Village Updates:

Santa Claus is Coming to North Haven – Saturday, December 17th

The North Haven Ladies Village Improvement Society is pleased to announce the annual visit from Santa Claus! He will visit the homes of North Haven children and homebound adults perched upon a shiny red fire truck and deliver holiday goodies!

Watch for him on Saturday, December 17th starting at 12:00 noon. Please RSVP to NorthHavenLVIS@gmail.com.

Coat Drive at Village Hall for Maureen's Haven until December 21st

Please drop off your lightly used coats in the drop box inside the conference room at Village Hall until December 21st. The drive will benefit Maureen's Haven, a homeless outreach center serving the East End, and providing shelter and support service. Maureen's Haven treats those in need with dignity and respect while offering life saving services such as food and a warm, safe place to sleep. Counseling, job training and case management are part of the mission to get individuals back on their feet.

Thank You to North Haven resident Jean Cowen for organizing the coat

drive.

Leaf Pick-Up on Public Roads

Leaf pick up continues 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.

New Stock Farm Trails Hiking Hours

The The Stock Farm Trails (that can be accessed from Ferry Road, just past Village Hall) are a treasured, and very special resource for the residents of North Haven. It is a lovely time of year to take a hike on the trails to appreciate this preserved area of our Village. A map of the trails can be found [HERE](#).

The trails are always safe for hikers to use while the deer management program is underway. Hikers are invited to use the trails anytime during daylight hours. Some residents have requested specific hours where there is no hunting activity. We have designated the hours of 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. as a period where no hunting is permitted on the Stock Farm trails. This does not limit hunting on private property. The Deer Management staff has been alerted and the signage will be changed to reflect this change. This notice is effective Monday, November 21, 2022 and continue through to the end of bow season. (Please note that new signs will be ordered.)

While on the trails, we will appreciate it if hikers will be mindful of a few simple protocols:

- Please keep dogs leashed
- Please do not litter
- Please refrain from interacting with any members of the deer management program if you do happen to observe them. They have a short time frame to complete the work the Village has hired them to do.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Year End Summary – “Kick Ticks Out of North Haven” Program

In March of 2022, the Village launched the “**Kick Ticks Out of North Haven**” program to revitalize our historically successful deer and tick management program. The program focuses on dramatically reducing ticks by strategically placing 4-Poster stations throughout the Village.

Soon the 4-Poster devices will be removed and stored for the winter season. After nine-months, we are happy to summarize the results of our first season of the “Kick Ticks Out of North Haven” efforts.

- 363 or approximately **47%** of homeowners in North Haven have consented to deployment of a 4-Poster device within 745’ of their residence to aid in the reduction of ticks
- 135 or approximately **17%** of homeowners in North Haven have consented to allow the deer management program within 150’ of their

residence to aid in the management of the deer herd in North Haven

- 4-Poster devices have increased from a low of 3 devices in November of 2020 after the DEC invoked new consent regulations, to 15 devices that are now currently deployed throughout North Haven. Additionally, we have obtained consents to deploy two additional 4-Poster devices which will take us up to **17** 4-Poster devices when the program re-starts in the spring of 2023.
- Chris Miller from Horticulture Specialist Inc., administers the program for North Haven, and performs sample tick drags twice per year. The recent sample tick drags that were performed across seven locations in North Haven in November showed an **84% reduction** in black legged adult ticks vs November, 2021. This is proof that our hard work to increase the 4-Poster devices from 3 to 15, combined with the deer management program, is yielding positive results. When we analyzed the tick drag samples more deeply, there was a larger reduction in ticks in the areas that were closer to 4-Poster devices than in areas in the Village that did not have a 4-Poster device.

Thus, we will continue to encourage residents who have not yet signed the 4-Poster consent to please do so – there is evidence that they are effective at reducing ticks to protect the health of people and pets in North Haven. You may consent by clicking [HERE](#).

In summary, the “*Kick Ticks Out of North Haven*” program has been successful due to a few key factors:

- We deployed a two-pronged approach: 4-Poster devices to reduce ticks at their source (on the neck of deer), and Deer Management to control the herd
- We live in a contained land mass – essentially almost an island, therefore the two-pronged approach can be well deployed and managed
- The Village has professionally run programs for both the (Tick) 4-Poster and the Deer Management programs by Chris Miller Horticulture Specialist Inc, and Woods and Wave Management respectively
- Data is collected (via sample tick drags & herd reduction tracking) to track statistics over time to validate the effectiveness of the programs
- The Village has dedicated funding in the budget for these programs
- The Village Board of Trustees (Deputy Mayor Abraham and Trustee Diat) put forth the effort to engage residents to obtain the necessary consents to drive the success of the programs and report progress frequently

Thank You to all who have supported this important initiative.

Updates from the November 16th Board of Trustee’s Meeting:

Public Hearings:

- A public hearing was held on the proposed LOCAL LAW AMENDING VILLAGE CODE CHAPTER 163-36.2 – OUTDOOR LIGHTING. Susan Harder from The New York Section of the International Dark-Sky Association offered feedback to the Board on the proposed code and provided printed information. Ms. Harder mentioned that North Haven is the last Village on the East End to enact lighting code. Feedback was received on the proposed code related the length of time that holiday

lighting can be permitted. Feedback was also received on the 11p.m. time for lighting to be extinguished at night with some supportive and some opposed. Feedback was also given by several residents on several aspects of the code that they found confusing. The Board agreed to consider the input from the residents and continue the public hearing on December 21st with revisions to the proposed local law. Thank You to those who gave input!

Sub-standard Lots Zoning Change

Mayor Fiore updated that the Board had considered changing the zoning for smaller sized “sub-standard” lots after receiving a request from the Bay Haven homeowners association to reduce the need for variance requests. After carefully analyzing such a zoning change, it was determined that only seven homeowners of sub-standard lots under consideration for such a zoning change have requested (and been granted) a variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals over the past three years. The Board determined that the volume of variance requests did not warrant changing the zoning code across the Village.

Water Quality Committee Update

Trustee Diat updated that the Water Quality Committee, (members include Jeff Sander, Chris Remkus, Stephanie Joyce and Alison Scanlon), was very excited to learn that a project recently proposed by the Committee will be launched by Dr. Chris Gobler of Stony Brook University School of Marine Sciences. Project Blue Carbon will utilize combinations of kelp, oysters, and seagrasses to sequester carbon, mitigate ocean acidification, protect shorelines, extract nitrogen and improve water quality/clarity.

- Multiple study sites will be established off of the eastern shoreline of North Haven, Sag Harbor and Shelter Island to pilot oyster reefs, oyster cages, staked seaweed lines and seagrass plantings.

Protecting Majestic Trees

Trustee Boody reported on the draft of a new code revision to the clearing code to protect trees of 21” 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. Trustee Skilbred suggested the protection should be at 16” caliper. Trustee Diat voiced concern that the clearing code was rescinding changes put in place as recently as March of 2021 that allows residents to make changes to their property as long as they stay within the clearing limits outlined in the clearing code. She was also concerned about proposed changes that would make it more difficult for residents to establish pre-existing clearing. Trustee Boody is awaiting feedback from the Village’s Environmental Consultant.

Resolutions Approved by the Board of Trustees:

- Updated the approved bid from Jackson Dodds & Company as low bidder for \$9,300 to replant the landscaping at the traffic circle

- Amended the approved resolution authorizing the Clerk/Treasurer to solicit bids for the 19 Sunset Beach Road demolition and site stabilization project
- Proposal for cybersecurity insurance coverage from Coalition Insurance Solutions in the amount of \$10,000
- Approval of the policy for the approval process for the development of the property currently known as the Lovelady Park
- Approval of Phase 1 work at the Lovelady Park
 - Clear dead and fallen limbs, branches and debris from the area south of the pond from 100' of the goose pond to Ferry Road
 - Remove invasive shrubbery & weeds – Russian olive, barberry, mile-a-minute, poisonous vines and phragmites
 - Clear soil of rocks and twigs to prepare soil for rye grass seed
 - Broadcast 500 pounds of rye seed throughout
 - Plant 6 new sugar maples to replace dead trees along the promenade
 - Create 6' pathway under the alle to accept stone base for path
 - Apply 160 tons of RCA material for walking path base
 - Apply 100 tons of stone dust to the top and the RCA walking path base
 - Replace (in designated areas) invasive shrubbery with native shrubbery
- Amendment to the appointment of the Advisory Committee to the North Haven Parks and Trails Association. The last paragraph of the resolution was amended to read Whereas, presentations to the Board of Trustees of the Village of North Haven for the purpose of approving landscaping and design plans, selection of plants, approval of hardware, such as benches, bridges, and other landscaping structures, must be approved by a majority of the Advisory Committee and the 501(c)(3) Board, collectively. Any member representing both boards will only have one vote. Trustee Diat voted nay, all other Board members voted yes
- Appointed the following individuals to the LoveLady Park Advisory Committee. Mayor Chris Fiore (non-voting member), Trustee Dianne Skilbred, Sam Panton, Julia Hubbard, Max Rohn, Jeffrey Sander. Trustee Diat voted nay. All other Board members voted yes
- An audit report report for the agreed upon procedures of reviewing building department fees, as previously approved by the Board, as prepared by Satty, Levine & Ciacco, CPA's P.C. was distributed to the Board of Trustees for their review. Said audit report was accepted by the Board of Trustees

November 30th 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:

- Lighting Code Revisions
- Tree Protection Code
- Screening of Storage Container on Village Property
- Coastal Setback Code
- Update on Park Fees from Approved Sub-Divisions

Resolutions Approved by the Board of Trustees:

- Adoption of the Policy Against Discrimination and Harassment
- Adoption of the Policy for Sexual Harassment Prevention



"Spotlight" - Ernie Schieferstein
- Planning Board Member

Ernie Schieferstein moved to Sag Harbor in 1976 after graduating from Syracuse University with an architectural degree.

He worked for several years in noted architect Eugene Futturman's studio designing and building custom homes.

I loved it out here so much I designed and built a retirement home for my parents in Wainscott. I then renovated a historic house in Sag Harbor on Oakland Avenue during which time I met my future wife.

Diane Sjöholm is a noted estate Landscape Designer on the East End having also been involved with several large environmentally sensitive natural planting restorations. Diane grew up here during her vacations as her family was involved with the local summer boating and sport

fishing community. I continue that tradition by sailing our fantastic local waters and raising/farming oysters in Three Mile Harbor.

We designed and built our new home from scratch here in North Haven on a beautiful, quiet dead-end lot in 1993 shortly after our daughter was born, to live the simpler life after the hustle and bustle of Sag Harbor.

Daria Rae is now 29 and is a practicing attorney in NYC after attending Vassar and then graduating cum laude from Fordham Law School. She attended The Hampton Day School & then Ross School which prepared her well for her future endeavors.

Ernie has served on the Village Planning Board for approximately 5 years.

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