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Letter from Mayor Chris Fiore

Good day all – Summer came – took a few days off – but will return very soon as we head toward the Solstice on the 21st.

Hope life is good thus far.

This past Saturday afternoon I was biking on Ferry Road by the curve at Cilli Field and came across yet another pedestrian strike from a vehicle. This time it was a biker who was fortunately wearing a helmet, which pretty much saved his life. I spoke again to the DOT today (Monday) asking them to accelerate their agreement for a speed study, the ok for radar signs, etc., as we had discussed on the Zoom call 2 weeks ago. I have enlisted the help of Fred Thiele who has more pull with the DOT than anyone I know. More to come.....

Meanwhile Southampton Town Police Chief Kiernan's promise for dedicated patrol cars in North Haven is a reality – there are SoHampton Town cruisers very visible on our side streets as well as Ferry Road. Radar signs as well! Please take note!

There is a new, smoothly functioning Board overseeing the Lovelady property...fyi, here is the slate : Suzanne Karkas, pres., Rob Remkus and Kathy Zappola, VP's. Camille Petrillo, Sec'y and John Hovekamp

Treasurer. This newly formed board will be responsible for fundraising to support their Master Plan for the property. They will work in concert with Dianne Skilbred's park advisory committee to align on what we want the park to be – Dianne will present their combined plan to the BOT for approval. Our village website will be the primary form of communication to keep everyone up to date. Remember, the park belongs to you; don't be shy about sharing your thoughts.

Deputy Mayor Claas Abraham has worked diligently crafting a plan for Family Accessory Living spaces – (not to be confused with affordable living). Space for members of your family to occupy, rent free. See the link [HERE](#) to the Express article by Steve Kotz that very well outlines the proposal. Then attend the Board meetings that will be open for your input and questions. Watch for the announcement!

At last month's worksession, I read excerpts of an email from Bob Deluca to the board. Based on his conversation with the DEC's regional Director, he quoted that Director as saying "the DEC has no regulatory authority over Cilli Pond", as well as "the village can do as it pleases with this parcel."

That is the exact position the DEC took when we all participated in a zoom call in April '22. It's important to know, because there are those who wish to minimize or erase the conversations that have been had with the department of environmental conservation. Facts matter!

Wishing you all the best!!

Chris Fiore

Mayor

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

Upcoming Board of Trustees Meeting

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, June 21 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 June 21 at 5 p.m.

1. A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 163 – ARTICLE I GENERAL PROVISIONS §163-5 DEFINITIONS AND WORD USAGE AND ENACTING ARTICLE XIII – **WETLAND/COASTAL SETBACKS** AND EXCEPTIONS

View the proposed code [HERE](#).

- It is the intent to introduce minimum setbacks for building activities, structures, and accessory structures within wetlands or coastal setbacks in order to protect and preserve environmental areas.

Village Updates:

Save the Date! Thursday, June 22, 7:00 p.m. Nitrogen Pollution & Septic Improvement in North Haven – Upgrade Your Septic System Virtually Cost Free

The North Haven Water Quality Improvement Committee is excited to host representatives from The Peconic Estuary Partnership and The Suffolk County Health Department on Thursday, June 22 at 7:00 p.m., at Village Hall, and via Zoom with an informative session on helping to improve the water quality in North Haven by upgrading your septic system. They'll also explain how to obtain up to \$55,000 in grants and rebates to cover the cost of the upgrade.

Local engineers and installers of the Innovative Alternative (I/A) septic systems will also be at Village Hall to answer questions. Please mark your calendars!

Zoom invite:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYvcuyppjooGdGIBzPyFXyigL0ByNUMgzkv>

Village Election – Tuesday, June 20th, 12 noon – 9:00 p.m

The annual election of the Village of North Haven will take place on Tuesday, June 20 at Village Hall, 335 Ferry Road between the hours of 12:00 noon and 9:00 p.m. There are two Trustee positions open for election for terms of two years each:

For the Community Vision Party: Terie Diat

For the North Haven Party: Peter Boody

Please vote!

Tax Payments Due

Property tax payments to the Village of North Haven are now due and are payable without penalty through July 3, 2023. Payments may be made at Village Hall, 335 Ferry Road, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. or online [HERE](#). Please note that fees will be applied to online payments.

Speed Limit Enforcement Update

The results of electronic speed monitoring on Short Beach Road from 4/26/23 through 6/10/23 showed that inbound traffic is up by approximately 55% vs the prior period to an average of 4.456 vehicles per day and outbound traffic is up by about 52% to an average of 4,326 vehicles per day. The summer traffic is here!

Inbound average speed was 35.3 mph and outbound average speed was 36.8 mph, both down slightly vs the prior period. The posted speed limit is 25 mph.

The village deployed a new mobile electronic speed limit monitoring station on Sunset Beach Road for three weeks after initially placing it on Tyndall Road. On Monday of this week, it was moved to Seely. We are collecting data and analyzing it. We will share the information after we have analyzed the trends.

If you live on a village road and would like to have the mobile speed radar deployed in your area or on your street, please contact DM Claas Abraham (cabraham@northhavenvillage.org) with your request.

Mayor Fiore met with the Chief of Police of Southampton Town recently and requested increased speed-limit enforcement, which the Village is now receiving. Additionally, the state DOT recently lowered the speed limit on Ferry Road between the traffic circle and the bridge to 35 mph at the village's request. We've also recently asked the DOT to lower the speed limit to 35 mph from the traffic circle to the Shelter Island Ferry and to expedite the approval of electronic radar signs to be placed on Ferry Road.

We urge all North Haven residents to please set the example and observe the posted speed limits.

Tennis Court Repair Update

The tennis court at Village Hall has undergone some much needed repairs. New striping still needs to be completed.

Gas Powered Leaf Blower Ban

As a reminder, gas powered leaf blowers are banned in North Haven as of May 1 until October 31. Please ensure that your landscapers are aware. By an intermunicipal agreement, Sag Harbor's code enforcement department is enforcing this and all North Haven's codes.

Topics Discussed at the May 17 Board of Trustee's Meeting, Please View the Recording of the Meeting for More Detail:

Presentations:

Suffolk County Water Authority – Water Conservation Efforts

Please view the presentation [HERE](#).

Stormwater Management Program Plan

The report can be viewed [HERE](#).

Public Hearings:

Wetland/Coastal Setbacks

DEC emails Regarding Lovelady Park

Water Quality Committee Update

Environmentally Friendly Alternatives to Garden & Lawn Care – Edwina von Gal – Please view the presentation [HERE](#) if you missed it!

Resolutions Approved by the Board of Trustees (selective):

- Approved a resolution to enter into an inter-municipal agreement with the Town of Southampton to participate in the Community Housing Fund
- Approved the request made by Event Power to hold the Mighty Hamptons Steve Tarpinian Memorial Triathlon 42nd annual race on Sunday, September 10, 2023.
- Approved the request for a mass gathering permit for 49 Robertson Drive
- Approved the request for a mass gathering permit for 4 Hawthorne Avenue

Discussion:

- Pickleball Courts & Basketball Courts
- June, July, August BOT Working Sessions Suspended

Public Input:

- Four residents spoke during the public comment period offering comments on Lovelady Park, inquiring about North Haven's Board of Ethics, and Susan Reed announced that a group of citizens are reviving the North Haven Civic Association to bring an independent source of information to citizens.

Working Session – May 23 – Topics Discussed

- Family Accessory Living Spaces Code
- Lovelady Park Approval Procedures
- Lovelady Park DEC Approvals/Park Management Plan

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