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Letter from Mayor Chris Fiore

Good day all!

The autumn weather is here, the full moon is brilliant – it's the Hunter Moon – and you will see activity in the usual places as hunters gear up for the season that officially began last week.

Deputy Mayor Claas Abraham has been on a tear with consent forms for the 4 poster tick reduction program – we have seen 2 additional stations in the last month. This is good news, as the tick population in North Haven has seen dramatic increases this summer. There's more to do.

The next Board of Trustees meeting is Wednesday the 19th at 5pm – in person or zoom. All are welcome. We will discuss:

- a new Dark Skies lighting code, designed to keep light from encroaching on neighbor's property or adjacent roads.
- we will look at liberalizing setback revisions for smaller lots, both established and undeveloped. (lots under one acre). This will ease a small amount of the cases the ZBA handles.
- Trustee Dianne Skilbred and I are setting up a zoom call with the Assistant Chief of the Southampton Town Police department – addressing speed on our Village roads (especially the side roads), as well as common stop sign violations and overweight truck traffic. We have dedicated officers assigned to our Village; our priorities must also be theirs.
- Trustee Peter Boody will present a discussion on how we can defend the majesty of our mature trees – trees over a certain caliper that have withstood the test of time and add so much beauty and character to North Haven. The clearing code does not specifically address this issue –

we will.

- Trustee Terie Diat will act as coordinator for all dock applications received by the Board of Trustees. Her experience in this area will serve to streamline these discussions and keep things moving, as long as the applicant's submissions are complete.

Thanks again to Jackson Dodds – he has donated the 6 new sugar maple trees along the Pallotine promenade and they're planted, as is the rye grass seed in the area where all that overgrowth was. Now we will see the walking path and new native shrubbery installed before we settle in for the cold weather. (did you notice the pond?)

You'll also see sprucing up around the roundabout as well. Eileen has a contract going out to replace shrubbery and replant hundreds of bulbs – looking ahead to Spring '23!

BTW, anyone in favor of installing a pickleball court next to tennis?

You can reach me anytime at: Mayor@northhavenvillage.org
Thanks and enjoy this great month of October!
Hope to see you at our meeting.
Chris

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This month's newsletter edition will recap the highlights from the September Village of North Haven Board of Trustee meeting and Work Session, as well as the October 4th Board of Trustees special Work Session. As a reminder minutes and recordings of meetings can be accessed on the Village website homepage. We will also preview agenda items of interest for the October Village Board Meeting.

This month's "Spotlight" features Zoning Board of Appeals Member Stephen Cox.

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, October 19th 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 October 19th at 5 p.m.

- Fire Protection and Ambulance Contract between the Villages of Sag Harbor and North Haven.

- 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. Click [HERE](#) to see the proposed local law.

· A LOCAL LAW AMENDING VILLAGE CODE CHAPTER 163-36.2 – DARK SKIES – OUTDOOR LIGHTING – The Trustees intend by this local law to implement a dark skies, 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, protect nocturnal animals and insects and maintain and restore the beauty of the night sky. The proposed code provides for 24 months from the date the law is adopted, for residents to come into compliance with the provisions of the code. Click [HERE](#) to see the proposed local law.

Village Updates:

Reminder – Gas Powered Leaf Blower Ban Still In Effect

As a reminder – North Haven's ban on gas-powered leaf blowers is in effect until October 31st.

Volunteers For Village Boards

Service on the Village Boards is a terrific way to support our North Haven community, especially so if you have relevant experience or expertise that can enhance one of our boards. If you would be interested in potentially serving on one of the Village Boards: Board of Architectural Review and Historic Preservation, Zoning Board of Appeals, or Planning Board, or would like more information, please submit your name, and a brief bio/background to the Village Clerk/Treasurer Eileen Tuohy at etuohy@northhavenvillage.com. We are compiling a list of candidates to keep on hand for when there are future openings on our boards. Thank You!

We Want Your Photos of North Haven!

Calling all photographers – and who isn't a fabulous photographer these days! Share your great photos and videos of North Haven so we can post them on our website for everyone to see! (Widescreen format please). Just hit REPLY to this newsletter email and attach them! Thanks!

New Playground Equipment Has Arrived

Big news for the kiddies...two new pieces of playground equipment have been installed. The equipment resembles playground equipment that would have been used by children in the era of the old school house and therefore is in keeping with the intent to open the old school house as a museum for school children and draw young children to the venue. Thanks to the School House Committee, Trustee Dianne Skilbred, Jessica VonHagn and Deanna Lattanzio, for organizing the purchase and installation.

Updates from the September 21st Board of Trustee's Meeting:

Public Hearings:

Rental Code Change – a public hearing was held for the purpose of closing the public hearing held over from earlier meetings to amend the previously proposed changes to the rental code. The Board of Trustees had previously proposed to amend the minimum length of days for rentals. However, after receiving input from the public, and upon further discussion, the Board is no longer in favor of making any amendments to the current code which requires 14 day minimum rentals.

Some comments were received from the public regarding rentals for events such as the Hampton Classic which are of a duration less than 14 days. The current code already provides a mechanism for shorter-term rentals for special events, so no amendment to provide for special occasions was deemed necessary. The Board upheld the current code and rental minimum of 14 days. To summarize the regulations regarding rental periods, the current rental code requires 14 day minimum rentals, and no rental property shall be rented more than once in a two-week period.

North Haven Trustees Support Town of Southampton Community Housing Fund

The Board of Trustees passed a resolution [HERE](#) expressing its support for the creation of a Town of Southampton Community Housing Fund to be funded by a 0.5% supplemental real estate transfer tax. The supplemental real estate transfer tax is subject to a mandatory referendum at the November 8, 2022 general election. The lack of affordable housing is an issue impacting all of the Towns and Villages on the East End. To learn more about the Town of Southampton Community Housing Fund please click [HERE](#). We urge everyone to vote on November 8th in the general election.

Traffic Enforcement

The Trustees noted that there were 18 traffic stops conducted by Southampton Town Police during the month of August. It is not known how many tickets may have been issued, and if any of them may have been for excessive speed. Mayor Fiore suggested a meeting be scheduled with the Town of Southampton Police to review the traffic enforcement activity and the locations on North Haven that are monitored for speed. A request will be made for secondary roads to be monitored in addition to Ferry Road and Short Beach Road.

Kick Ticks Out of North Haven

Deputy Mayor Abraham provided an update on the status of the tick management program. While there were no new 4-poster units added during the month of August, consents have been obtained to add two new units in September, taking the total number of 4-posters in North Haven up to 13. If you have not yet signed a consent form please click [HERE](#).

September 1 also marked the start of the deer management season. 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.

Water Quality Committee Update

Trustee Diat updated that the Water Quality Committee (members include Jeff Sander, Chris Remkus, Stephanie Joyce and Alison Scanlon), received responses back to the RFP (request for proposal) for a comprehensive water quality assessment for North Haven. The committee is now in the process of evaluating the proposals and will meet with the organizations that responded.

Dr. Chris Gobler, from Stony Brook University School of Marine and Atmospheric Sciences, performed the first round of water quality testing, on two dates in September, in five water bodies in North Haven (Fresh Pond, Genet Creek, Great Salt Pond, Mashomuck Creek, & Polles Creek) to obtain a baseline measurement of water quality health in those locations. A meeting will be held with Dr. Gobler this week to understand the test results. Test results will be posted on the Village website after the meeting.

The Water Quality Committee also met in late August with the Peconic Estuary Partnership and has recommended several opportunities for North Haven, Sag Harbor and Shelter Island to collaborate on projects to improve water quality. The PEP is taking these ideas under consideration.

Update on Code Enforcement

Mayor Fiore reported that he held a meeting with Sag Harbor Mayor Larocca, North Haven Village Attorney Middleton and the Sag Harbor Village Attorney to discuss the Village of Sag Harbor taking over code enforcement activities for the Village of North Haven. All parties are aligned with this plan. The next step will be to work on an inter-municipal agreement. The Board of Trustees feels that the Village of Sag Harbor will be able to respond to North Haven code enforcement complaints on a more timely basis than the Town of South Hampton Code Enforcement who currently travel from Hampton Bays.

Resolutions Approved by the Board of Trustees:

- Amend the terms of Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals Members to be in accordance with NYS Village Law Section 7 which states that the terms of the members of said board will be staggered over a 5 year period. Upon research by the Clerk/Treasurer on an unrelated matter it was discovered that such terms for the Planning Board and ZBA were incorrectly recorded upon resignations of previous board members:
PB Bryan Von Hagn Amended Term to expire June 30, 2025

PB	Ernest Schieferstein	Amended Term to expire June 30, 2024
PB	Chris Duryea	Amended Term to expire June 30, 2026
ZBA	Mark Poitras	Amended Term to expire June 30, 2027
ZBA	Scott Brook	Amended Term to expire June 30, 2026
ZBA	Michael D'Angelo	Amended Term to expire June 30, 2023
ZBA	Steve Cox	Amended Term to expire June 30, 2025

- Amend the terms of the Board of Architectural Review & Historic Preservation members to be in accordance with Village Code Chapter 163, Article 163-55 which states that each member shall serve a term of three consecutive years. The terms shall be staggered so that the terms of two members expire in a given year, the terms of two members expire in the following year and the term of one member will expire in the second year following the given year. Upon research by the Clerk/Treasurer on an unrelated matter it was discovered that such terms for the BARHP were incorrectly recorded upon resignations of previous members.

Glenn Lawton	Amended term to expire June 30, 2023
Jane Babcook	Amended term to expire June 30, 2024
Susan Edwards	Amended term to expire June 30, 2025
Kim Eads	Amended term to expire June 30, 2025

- Approve quotes from South Fork Asphalt for drain installations based on current Town/State contracts: Sunset Beach Road - \$9,702.50. Seely Lane - \$9,297.50. Sunset Road - \$9,297.50.

- Approve to donate to the Sag Harbor Fire Department Antique Fire Truck Association one unused file cabinet.

- Approve to advertise a public hearing to be held on October 19th, 2022 – amending the Village Code Chapter 156-10, along with Schedule VII, Section 156-35 adding a 3 way stop sign at the intersection of Fresh Pond Road and Harbor Drive.

- Approve to advertise a public hearing to be held on October 19th, 2022- amending Village Code Chapter 163-5 and enacting Village Code Chapter 163-362, Dark Skies – Lighting.

- A discussion was held on the Approval Process and Procedures for Lovelady Park that were proposed to be adopted via resolution. The Board discussed specifically the element of the procedures that addresses the amount of \$75,000 that is needed to demolish the structures on the property, as required by the agreement with the Town of Southampton and the CPF when the property was acquired. Trustee Diat recalled that Mayor Sander suggested the money come from the Lovelady donations. The other Trustees remembered differently. The transcript from the BOT budget meeting showed no decision. The Trustees moved the discussion to the Working Session. Mayor Fiore offered to reimburse the Village with any funds raised over the Lovelady goal of \$400,000. There will be a vote of the BOT at the October 19 meeting.

September 27th 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 September 27th work session:

- Coordination of Dock Applications
- Sub-standard Lots Proposed Code Change
- Lighting Code Alignment Confirmation
- Noise Code Discussion
- Tree Preservation/Clearing Limitations
- Succession Planning for Future Board Vacancies
- Review Board Assignments/Timelines
- Needs from Village Attorney
- Code Enforcement/Meeting with Sag Harbor
- Upcoming Traffic Enforcement Zoom Meeting
- Lovelady Park Approval Procedures
- BOT Support for Southampton Community Housing Fund
- Proposal to Replant Traffic Circle

Special Board of Trustees Working Session – October 4th – Recap

A special Board of Trustees Working Session meeting was held on October 4th with the Village Parks and Trails Association Board members (Stephanie Joyce, President, Stella Sands, Secretary and Max Rohn, Treasurer) who are the not-for-profit board working on the Lovelady Park.

- The Village Attorney reviewed the responsibilities of the Parks and Trails Association which are to raise funds for the benefit of Lovelady Park and other Village parks and trails
- Mayor Fiore proposed to appoint a new committee to liase between the Parks & Trails Association and the Village Board of Trustees
- Mayor Fiore described Phase 1, Phase 1A, and Phases 2&3 of the Lovelady Park development
 - Mayor Fiore asked the Trustees if they were in agreement that they had approved the Phase 1 development. All Trustees were in agreement except for Trustee Diat who said, no, she did not agree that there was a formal documented approval for Phase 1.
 - Mayor Fiore opened the meeting up to the Parks and Trails Association Board members Stephanie Joyce and Stella Sands who presented comments, concerns and discussion points to the Village Board of Trustees. Below is a brief recap.
 - A question was raised on why a new committee is needed to liase between the Parks & Trails Association and the Village Board of Trustees
 - Concerns were raised by the Parks & Trails Association Board that they have not been fully informed about the design plans for the Lovelady Park. It was agreed all parties working on the Park should align before presenting final plans to the Board of Trustees for approval.
 - Suggestions were made by the Parks & Trails Association Board members to tap the brakes and get more input from the public on the park design elements, take a more collaborative approach with additional input from other landscaper designers, and to consider other alternative solutions to save the structures from demolition.

- There were some questions raised by the Parks & Trials Association Board about roles and responsibilities related to fundraising by the Mayor.

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

As per Village code, Chapter 163 sections 77-95 , Article XI, [rental permits are required for *all* rentals - not just summer rentals](#). You can read the code section [HERE](#). The permit application is [HERE](#), and can also be found on the Village website under Forms on the homepage.



"Spotlight" - Stephen Cox - Zoning Board of Appeals Member

Stephen Cox grew up in Delaware and received a bachelor of Mechanical Engineering from the University of Delaware, where his father taught English. While in college Steve was on the swim and volleyball teams and worked summers as an ocean lifeguard. He continues to enjoy swimming several times a week at the East Hampton YMCA. He's been a computer game developer for almost 40 years, and is currently working on Mixed Reality, which consists of Augmented and Virtual Reality applications. He recently won an Emmy for Outstanding Digital Innovation for his work on a Virtual Reality application for Major League Baseball.

He first visited Sag Harbor in 1986 shortly after meeting his future wife, Chris Tice. He and Chris married in 1989 and after having lived in Los Angeles, San Francisco and Boston, they moved to Nassau County in 1992, purchasing a second home in Noyac in 1996. In 2005, they moved to Sag Harbor full time after purchasing a home in North Haven.

Steve has been the president of

the Bay Haven Homeowners Association for the past 11 years, and a member of the North Haven Zoning Board of Appeals for 8 years. Steve and Chris have three daughters, Lindsay, Taylor and Samantha, all graduates of Pierson High School. Both he and Chris, who served as a member of the Sag Harbor Board of Education for 12 years, both believe in the importance of giving back to the community and feel lucky to live in such a beautiful place.

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