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Letter from Mayor Chris Fiore

Hello everyone --

September is in full swing, the Harvest moon is behind us, and we look forward to more cool days and crisp nights.

The Trustees and I have been busy the last month -- we aligned to keep the rental code as is with a 14 day minimum rental. In light of the tragedy last month in Noyac, we strongly encourage everyone who has or is considering a rental of any part of their home, to register with the Village. [Get a safety inspection](#) and create a safe and legal space for rental activity.

Our Board meeting on the 21st will update us on Trustee Diat's progress on water quality and testing, Deputy Mayor Abraham's latest 4 poster tick effort, and a recap of the speed sign activity on our roads. Trustee Skilbred (as well as Tr. Abraham) will serve with Mike Daly and his committee as we look at the zoning requirements needed for adequate Accessory Living space for family members. Trustee Peter Boody is looking at neighboring Village codes that insure protection from clearcutting our mature trees -- the trees that serve to define a big part of our village's beauty. More to come.

Lovelady Preserve is moving along nicely, too. We will launch an updated website in a few weeks to let you know what the Phase 1 plan is for the remainder of this year. Jackson Dodds has been very instrumental in the clearing of invasive growth, dead trees, and other debris from the Promenade. His work is a donation to the Village and we are most grateful for his generosity. Check it out when you can -- you will be able to imagine just how wonderful this space will be when we complete the

job.

Let us know what is important to you -- thoughts and ideas are more than welcome!

I'm easy to reach: mayor@northhavenvillage.org.

Thanks and enjoy this beautiful month --

Chris

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

This month we are adding a new section to the Newsletter. **North Haven Code Trivia – Did You Know”** Each month we will share a short fact about the North Haven code to help residents become more knowledgeable about our regulations. We hope you will find this section useful!

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, September 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 September 21st at 5 p.m.

- Close the public hearing on proposed rental changes

Village Updates:

Celebration to Honor Former Mayor Jeff Sander

As a reminder, the celebration to honor former Mayor Jeff Sander for his years of service to the Village of North Haven will be held on Sunday, September 18th at Village Hall, 335 Ferry Road from 4 p.m. – 6 p.m. Lite hors d'oeuvres, beer and wine will be served. All are welcome. Please click [HERE](#) for your invitation.

Update on Speed Radar Signs

The Village installed the first of 4 speed radar signs earlier this summer on Short Beach Road to first and foremost remind motorists of their speed, but also to gain valuable insights into the number of vehicles traveling through the Village, the speeds they're traveling at, and at what times during the day these vehicles travel through the village.

o Statistics Speed Radar on Short Beach Road from July 22nd to September 9th:

- On average, 5,546 vehicles enter the village on Short Beach Road at an average speed of 35 mph each day
- On average, 5,062 vehicles leave the village on Short Beach Road at an average speed of 37 mph each day

The Village is currently working with the state DOT to install 2 additional speed radar signs on 114; One between the circle and the bridge, and another one between the circle and the ferry. Once all 3 static speed radar signs have been installed, the village will be able to better understand the traffic flow through the Village.

The fourth, a mobile, speed radar sign will be deployed on Village roads in the near future.

Updates from the August 24th Board of Trustee's Meeting:

Public Hearings:

Dock Application – 4 On-the-Bluff

- A public hearing was held on the dock application for 4 On-the-Bluff. No comments were made from the public. The Board later in the meeting voted on a resolution to approve the application subject to the applicant's compliance with the open items in the Village Planning Consultant's memo dated August 22, 2022.
- A public hearing was held on the proposed local law number 7 related to the open meeting law and virtual meetings for Village meetings. No comments were made from the public. The Board later in the meeting voted to approve the local law attached [HERE](#) via resolution as well as the policy [HERE](#). As a result, all Village meetings (Board of Trustees, ARB, ZBA and Planning Board) will be now be offered both in person at Village Hall and virtual via Zoom. A majority of Board members must be present in person at Village Hall for each meeting.
- A public hearing was held on proposed changes to Village code chapter 163, article XI – Rentals Sections 163-77, 163-85. The proposal was to eliminate the current definition of a transient rental as a period of 14 days or less and to add that no lease will be for less than 3 days. Public input was received indicating that the 3 day minimum rental would be encouraging Airbnb rental activity in the Village and could potentially have a negative impact as compared to the current 14 day minimum rental. The Board decided to hold over the public hearing until September 21st. The Board held further discussion at the Working Session on September 1st, and decided not to make any changes to the current rental code which can be found [HERE](#). 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.

Presentation on Community Housing Fund

A presentation by Michael Daly and Southampton Town Councilman Tommy John Schiavoni was shared with the Board on the Community

Housing Fund that will be a referendum on the ballot on November 8, 2022. Click [HERE](#) to view the presentation and learn more about the Community Housing Fund and the Town of Southampton referendum.

Update on *Kick Ticks Out of North Haven*

Trustee Diat and Deputy Mayor Abraham reported that they recently held a meeting with Assembly Woman Jodi Giglio, who represents District 2 covering the North Fork and Riverhead, regarding North Haven's *Kick Ticks Out of North Haven* program. Terie and Claas shared with Assembly Woman Giglio some of the challenges North Haven is facing to reduce the tick population and increase the number of four-poster devices to help protect homeowners and pets. Assembly Woman Giglio promised to assist our efforts wherever possible.

Attached [HERE](#) is a link to a recent article in 27East regarding tick-borne diseases.

We continue to seek consents from residents in 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.**

Resolutions Approved by the Board of Trustees:

- Proposal of Rogers & Taylor Appraiser, Inc of Hauppague, NY in the amount of \$7,500 to determine the appropriate park fee for a proposed sub-division that will include 400, 370, 362 Ferry Road, and 64 Actors Colony Road.
- Recommendation of the Clerk/Treasurer to increase the petty cash fund by \$150 to a total of \$200 for the purpose of village expenses of a petty nature.
- Various duplicate and overpayment of property taxes from the 2021-2022 fiscal year totaling \$1,649.14.
- Approval to advertise public hearing to be held on September 28th at 5:00 p.m. on the Fire Protection and Ambulance Contract between the Villages of Sag Harbor and North Haven. (Due to a publishing delay of meeting notice, this public hearing will now take place at the October meeting.)
- Approval to issue refunds on two parcels as per orders from the Supreme Court reducing the assessments on the properties for the 2021/2022 tax rolls.
- Approval a mass gathering permit for 34 Red Coats Lane and the use of Sunset Beach on September 10, 2022.
- Approve the increase of the income limitation for the senior citizen and disabled person's tax exemption from \$29,000 to \$50,000. This increase was recently signed into legislation by Governor Hochul.

Other Discussions:

- Public input was received on excessive litter observed on Ferry Road from the ferry to the traffic circle. Subsequent to the meeting, Village staff contacted the construction supervisor at a major construction site on

Ferry Road, who agreed they may be the source of the litter and agreed to be more careful with the covering on the dumpsters exiting the site. Additionally, the NYSDOT was contacted and responded to North Haven within one week to clean up the litter and mow the grass.

September 1st 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 1st work session:

- Rental Code Revision – Mayor Fiore
- Lovelady Park – Mayor Fiore
- School House Update – Trustee Skilbred
- Code Enforcement – Attorney Middleton
- Rezoning Sub-standard Lots – Attorney Middleton
- Beach Storage Code Update – Clerk/Treasurer Tuohy
- Virtual Meeting Policy – Clerk/Treasurer Tuohy
- Mass Gathering Permit – 38 Actors Colony Road – Clerk/Treasurer Tuohy
- Water Quality Testing – Trustee Diat

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

As per Village code, Chapter 47, Article II, Mass Gatherings on Private Property – (with certain exceptions) if you are having a mass gathering of 50 or more people, you need to get a permit, 60 days in advance of the gathering, from the Board of Trustees (there is no fee). 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" - Jane Babcook - ARB Member

I've been a resident of the East End since 1989 moving to North Haven in 2004 after a career in the Show Jumping world managing United States Equestrian Show Jumping Team members.

I decided to pursue Real Estate in 1998 and raised my daughter Emma in Sag Harbor schools. She has moved back to North Haven, working remotely for ESPN College Game Day and X Games.

Along with Emma, I live with my partner Tim of 23 years, and my two Bulldog Bassets Otto and Maily.

When not at work, I can be found on my boat, enjoying the beautiful surroundings.

I also have been a member of the North Haven ARB since 2014, a member of the Sag Harbor Yacht Club, and Breakwater Yacht Club where I have held the office of Vice Commodore and served on the board of directors for nearly 20 years.

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