

# **Hampton Bays Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting**

## **Minutes**

**January 16, 2020**

**2019 Members Present: Irene Anthony, Ray D'Angelo, Elizabeth Hook, Thea Fry, Barbara Lefkowitz, Robert Lefkowitz, Gerry Loesch, Mary Pazan**

**2019 Members Absent: Al Danza, Doreen Bartoldus, Mary Egan, Kevin Springer, Maureen Sutton**

**Town of Southampton Elected Officials: Councilperson Lofstad; Councilperson Martel**

**Other Town of Southampton Officials: Legislative Aides Paula Godfrey and May Zegarelli**

**Other Community Members: various**

- **Call to order by Chairperson Ray D'Angelo**
- **Pledge of Allegiance**
- **Organizational Issues:** Ray D'Angelo informed the attendees that the Town Board had not appointed the CAC members for 2020 and as per his discussions with Councilperson Bouvier, the members of the 2019 committee would carry over.
- **Thea Fry informed attendees about the recently advertised Press Luncheon and Panel discussion related to "The Future of Hampton Bays and Its Downtown" on February 7<sup>th</sup>**
- **Ray D'Angelo discussed that he attended the Town Board meeting on Tuesday, January 14<sup>th</sup> and there were individuals that spoke about the burial grounds of the Shinnecock Nation that were discovered at a worksite. Attendees discussed the facts and circumstances surrounding the site. Councilperson Lofstad confirmed that the Town Board previously approved the purchase of nearby property with Community Preservation Funds. Councilperson Lofstad also indicated that there was a meeting between Town representatives and Shinnecock Nation representatives to discuss Ray D'Angelo requested approval by the**

**committee to submit a letter to the Town Board to send letter of support for the Town Board to take whatever steps necessary to identify potential burial ground plots with the Shinnecock Nation and purchase said plots with CPF monies. . Thea Fry seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.**

- **Ray D'Angelo reported that he read into the record the attached letter at the January 14<sup>th</sup> Town Board meeting related to the agenda item for the approval for the FGEIS for the HBDOD. This letter memorialized the previously approved email correspondence sent to the Town Board in December regarding the committee and attendees concerns about the incomplete evaluation of the HBFD Superfund Site and the HBWD evaluation. (*Note: letter will be attached with the final approved executed minutes*)**
- **Ray D'Angelo indicated he received several emails and had discussions regarding the Newsday article about the Long Island Cares distribution center at 286 W. Montauk Highway. He indicated that he passed by the site and it is in a commercial area in the western portion of the hamlet.**
- **Julie Lofstad provided an update of the Bel-Aire Motel Purchase from the Town board work session held earlier in the day. She indicated that the Town closed on the property and is in the process of cleaning up and securing the site. The next step is to apply to the Suffolk County Department of Health to "grandfather" excess waste flow at the site. The building will not be demolished until approval is received. Ms. Lofstad indicated that the Supervisor reported that there does not seem to be interest in a motel, but instead potentially 55+ seasonal condominiums. Attendees voiced concern that the Town should not be trying to "gradfather" excess flow at Penny Pond or anywhere along the water front. Attendees reiterated their concern that the Town Board voted to redevelop the property instead of purchase the property with CPF monies.**
- **The attendees discussed the status of the FSGEIS for the HBDOD and voiced concern that the HBDOD is not "revitalization" but "urbanization". The attendees commented that it appears that the Town selectively implements portions of the Master Plan and the HB Corridor Study which distorts the outcome. The attendees also raised the issue that while tourism is important to the local business community, it should not be at the expense of the one-family residential home owners.**
- **Attendees discussed the need for basic maintenance of private roads for safety and emergency services. Mr. Neeley and Highway Supervisor**

- **The attendees discussed the following follow up queries from prior meetings and responses from Councilperson Lofstad:**
  - Query: Homeless Issue; Estimated number of homeless in Hampton Bays and the entire Town of Southampton. Please provide the source of the information. Response: Chief Skrynecki said that depending on the season, there are between 8 and 12 homeless persons in HB. Discussion: Attendees questioned the validity of the number of homeless in Hampton Bays based on daily observations at different times of the day.
  - Query: The amount of funding provided by the Town of Southampton to homeless outreach organizations. Please provide the organization's name and the amount of funding. Response: In 2019, we supported Maureen's Haven with \$15,000 in grant funding. Additionally, our Police Department does their own outreach and offers to connect homeless persons with the service organizations they need.
  - Query: Hampton Bays Water District; A copy of the D&B report for the HBWD. You indicated that the report would be available the week of Thanksgiving. If not available, please provide an revised estimated date that the report will be available. Response: The Town received a draft in late December. It is under review but not yet available to the public. A public presentation by D & B is scheduled for February 5. Discussion: Committee members voiced concern that the report has not been made public to the residents, but the Southampton Press received a copy. Councilperson Lofstad indicated that there were still some minor changes that needed to be made before it was released. Attendees also raised the issue that it doesn't appear that the Town Board/Water District Commissioners have the same sense of urgency as the public regarding this issue. Attendees discussed the lack of accountability and the fact there has been no real investigation regarding the length of time residents were drinking contaminated water.
  - Query: Clarification as to whether or not a vote of the Hampton bays Water District is required for a change of control to the SCWA. Response: Yes, a vote would be required.
  - Query: Is a determining factor whether or not the HBW transfers the assets or if the HBWD enters into a management agreement with the SCWA. Response: A vote would be needed either way.
  - Query: Superfund Site at the HBFD Main Street Location; What is the status of the investigation of the Superfund Site? Has the DEC given any updates on their investigation or when a report made be issued? Response: As far as I can tell, the most recent update was Feb 2019. You can contact Brian Jankauskas NYSDEC at [brian.jankauskas@dec.ny.gov](mailto:brian.jankauskas@dec.ny.gov) with any questions. Discussion: Attendees discussed the serverity of this issue and the appearance that the Town Board/Water

District Commissioners do not appear to be taking this issue seriously. Councilperson Lofstad indicated that there was a written draft dated in November 2019 and the final study should be completed in the summer of 2020. The attendees questioned the availability of the draft study with no conclusive response from the Town representatives.

- Query: Hampton Bays Movie Theater Status; The movie theater is still open it was supposed to close on December 31, 2019. Has there been a change in the proposed CVS? Response: Item was on Planning Board agenda Nov 14, 2019. Some changes were proposed and they commenced the SEQRA process. For additional information contact [CShea@SouthamptonTownNY.gov](mailto:CShea@SouthamptonTownNY.gov). Video of meeting on website. Query: Has a traffic study been proposed by the planning board? It is very apparent one is needed, traffic is very congested entering and leaving the shopping center. Please give us an update. Response. Yes, traffic study is required. Discussion: Attendees discussed the traffic impact for both the pending HBDOD zoning and the CVS at the Montauk Highway intersection of Springville/Cemetery Roads. Ray D'Angelo proposed that he send a letter to the Planning Board reiterating the importance of a traffic study. Thea Fry seconded the proposal and agreed unanimously by the committee members.
  
- Query from the January 14<sup>th</sup> Agenda Items:
  - Query 1-one year extension and additional \$48,500 for the D&B contract to develop a 10 yr plan for the HBWD. What is this scope of the additional work? Why will it take an additional year? What is the status of the final plan? Has D&B completed any part of its scope of work? Response: This was an extension of time so that D & B can complete the Plan. The Town has received a draft of the Plan to review (as stated above).
  - Query: 2- extension of the contract to maintain, install, repair water mains and hydrants. This contract is being retroactively extended from January 2019. This is ok, but has the contractor been working without getting paid or has there just been no work done to the water mains and hydrants in the last year? Response: The contractor HAS been paid for all work done.
  - Query 3- Bond resolution to pay \$190,000 matching funds to \$945,000 bike path to connect Red Creek and Good Ground Park. There is a marked bike lane already. What is the route of the bike path? Can we prevent clearing of trees and other vegetation? Is that the best use of grant monies? Is there an overall bike plan? Bike lanes, routes are mentioned extensively in the Comprehensive Plan. Response: Schematic of path brought to the meeting (see attached). Discussion: Attendees discussed the lack of safe bike path

and pedestrian paths in Hampton Bays that were included in the Master Plan and Corridor Study. The proposed path between GGP and Red Creek Parth is insufficient and potentially unsafe taking into consideration the condition of Squiretown Road.

- Query 4- Bond action to add \$125,000 to pay part of a “Comprehensive Plan Action Item.” What is that? Which Plan and which action item? *Response: The action item being implemented is for the Hampton Bays downtown overlay district. Discussion:* The attendees requested additional information regarding this item.

- Meeting adjourned 9 PM.

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