

## **CAC Northampton, Riverside, Flanders (NRF)**

7/14/2025

Meeting called to order at 7PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance: Rob Summerlin, Rosemary Stakey representing Northampton, David Fitzgerald representing Riverside, Kathy Krueel, Chrissy Prete, Henry Zebroski, Carla Casper, Barbara Swislosky representing Flanders.

Absent: Lorraine Pacleo

Guests: Councilperson Cyndi McNamara, 10 community members.

Minutes from July meeting read, accepted.

### **Old Business**

Blighted properties update from Councilperson McNamara regarding Meeting with Town Attorney and Code Enforcement. She stated the Town is planning to create a vacant property registry. This would allow the Town to obtain contact info on blighted properties and have owners repair or be fined. If blighted property is being used as a residence, Town Code officers would be responsible for enforcement, including forced cleanup or referral to Fire Marshall for red tag/demolition. A list of blighted properties in NRF area submitted to Councilperson McNamara for review. (attached below) Will follow-up at next meeting.

CMM Siteworks (sand pit): Update from Councilperson McNamara regarding this business. She states attorneys from both the Town and business will be meeting to discuss the many problems at this location. Numerous tickets have been issued by the Town including a stop work order and removal of stored mulch since no yard waste is to be processed here. Yet, despite the lack of Town permits, the business is operating as six days a week processing operation in a residential zoned area. A homeowner of East St. area was present to add comments that they have this property adjoining their backyard and stating that the odor, dust and noise are unbearable. Thus, the operation creates a nuisance to entire neighborhood. The Town will also be planning a meeting with the DEC regarding land use the Town does not permit under any circumstances. Additional information at next meeting.

### **New Business**

Traffic Mitigation: Suggestions include making Polk Street from East Street to Cypress Avenue heading west one-way only. This would alleviate the "trade parade" traffic in the neighborhoods south of Flanders Rd. and be used for local traffic only. Also suggested was to make streets north of Flanders Rd open to local traffic only with signs and enforcement. Councilperson

McNamara plans to meet with Tom Houghton, Town Engineer, Southampton Town. Update at next meeting.

Additionally, Suffolk County Legislator Stark's office was contacted regarding repainting of the Riverside roundabout and possibly placing junction boxes at Flanders Rd. to allow traffic to flow towards CR 94 and the LIE and also at Riverleigh Ave to allow traffic to flow towards Flanders Rd. This could possibly alleviate some of the gridlock experienced when the light at Main St and Peconic Ave in Riverhead is red and traffic backs up through the circle stopping ALL movement.

AI Septic Systems: The Town is investigating the legality of requiring rental properties upgrade to one of the new systems when rental permits are renewed (every two years).

Solar Speed Limit Signs: Councilperson McNamara to check with Town on procedure for "rotation" of temporary solar speed limit signs. How long in any given area before new location and what is criteria for where they need to be placed?

CHF Property: 47-57 Flanders Rd has been approved for a building with 40 affordable housing units with retail space on the ground floor. Has any thought been given to parking? Additional students in the RCSD?

**Public Comments:** Angela Huneault, FRNCA President, informed all in attendance that the ropes on the flagpole at the Riverside roundabout were cut by vandals and the American flag was left on the ground. The Suffolk County flag is missing, presumed stolen. The damage is severe enough that ropes will need to be completely replaced and FRNCA is investigating contractors for this.

Next meeting August 11, 2025 at 7PM.

Meeting adjourned 8:15PM

LIST:

**Blighted properties – Northampton, Riverside, Flanders area as of July 14, 2025**

**Northampton**

- 3951 Lake Ave. (Wildwood Bowl) – property in decline. Fence damaged – not effective
- Gas station - corner of Lake Ave.(CR 63) & Lakeview Dr. Owner has passed, family willing to sell to town. Town requesting building removal prior to purchase
- 16 Wildwood Trail – house burned down w/fatality. No fence, roof collapsed, unsafe signs posted by town FM.

## **Riverside**

- 9-11 Flanders Rd. – dilapidated gas station. Awnings removed for safety reasons but roof has fallen in on building.
- 15? Flanders Rd. – vacant with openings above security roll-up doors, graffiti.
- 47 Flanders Rd. – old Kirchner Glass, roof has caved in, Riverhead Fire Department has posted hazardous, do not enter signs.
- 57 Flanders Rd. – closed repair shop, in decline, graffiti on boarded windows.
- 219 & 223 Flanders Rd. - Old Peter's Motel. Property is abandoned & in disrepair.
- 225 Flanders Rd. – building is vacant & in disrepair with overhang falling down & windows uncovered & broken.
- 248 Flanders Rd. – roof peeling off, windows falling in.

## **Flanders**

- 43 Oak Ave. – dilapidated trailer being used for storage. Mattress & other trash stored behind it.
- 56 Cypress Ave. – house has been vacant & on fire twice in the past 30 years. Town boarded windows & tarped roof at cost to owner.
- 871 Flanders Rd. – house has been vacant for at least 10 years. Problematic with repeat 'unhoused tenants' known to CE/PD