

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

9/13/2025

Meeting called to order at 7PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance: Rob Summerlin, Rosemary Stakey representing Northampton, Kathy Krueel, Lorraine Paceleo, Henry Zebroski, Carla Casper, Barbara Swislosky representing Flanders.

Absent: David Fitzgerald, Chrissy Prete

Guests: Councilperson Cyndi McNamara, Councilperson Rick Martel, Suffolk County Legislator Catherine Stark, Legislative Aide Dean Gandley.

Minutes from July meeting read, accepted.

Old Business

Blighted properties: Councilperson McNamara along with other Town officials are working on a blighted property registry. This would include modifications to town code which could have the owners fined if they choose to leave property/improvements in a neglected state. If they elect to demolish or repair the property in question, it would be removed from this registry. Project remains in a development status - more updates to follow. Legislator Stark reminded all in attendance of Suffolk County Health Department being able to swiftly assist with excess garbage and rat-infested locations. It was also mentioned that Suffolk County Vector Control has the ability to enter all premises if there is a problem.

Old deteriorating gas station property on Lake Ave. & Lakeview Dr. in Northampton is in contract with the Town. Public hearings input with purchase authorizations have been approved and closing is imminent. Owners are waiting on permits for demolition.

CMM Siteworks (sand pit) is still operating illegally. No updates. Injunction filing by Town attorney was mentioned – it was unclear if this has occurred.

Traffic Mitigation: Per Councilperson McNamara after speaking with the Town Traffic Engineer, Tom Houghton, stated Polk St. is a private road so residents living on or near that street may close it down or make it one way if they choose to do so. A petition from these homeowners would be needed as well as approval from EMS and FD to ensure response time is not impacted. The Traffic Engineer claims local streets north of Flanders Rd., Evergreen Rd., Peconic Trail, Reeves Bay Trail, Wood Road Trail do not show significant accident reports to warrant local traffic only. Members present emphasized the need to further discuss this opinion along with additional options to reduce traffic volume on side streets.

AI Septic System: Councilperson McNamara states an outreach program (bilingual?) to owners of rental properties for system upgrades is in the works. It would inform property owners of the money available from the state, county and town for these upgrades and the reasons they are needed.

Solar speed signs: Councilperson McNamara would like a map of considered positions for speed sign placement options.

#### New Business

The 7-11 proposed for derelict property at 9-11 & 39 Flanders Rd.: All in attendance informed of ZBA hearing scheduled for 9/18/25 at Town Hall. CAC informed by FRNCA they hold petition regarding neighborhood opposition to 7-11 site proposal (440+ signatures to date).

Water Quality: Councilmembers McNamara and Martel stressed the importance of local CAC and Civic groups involvement with the CPF/Water Quality Advisory Board due to our proximity to many water bodies being impacted by sewage waste and other contaminants polluting our ground and surface waters.

Refuse problem: Wooded property between Suffolk Ave. and Quogue St. in Flanders is in need of some TLC. Councilperson Martel to ascertain whether Town or county owned. States he would follow-up with a visual inspection.

#### Public Comment

FRNCA President Angela Huneault stated new flag ropes (that are more difficult to cut) and pulleys have been purchased. These replace the ones previously damaged by vandals on the Riverside circle flagpole. Riverhead Fire Department has been contacted and agreed to install. As it stands right now, FRNCA is legally liable if something happens on the Suffolk County owned property. Legislator Stark informed all that if FRNCA agrees to have Suffolk County take responsibility of the circle, all vegetation could be removed. The importance of the spruce (Christmas tree) in the center was emphasized – perhaps shaping of plantings is all that is necessary. Legislator Stark to inquire further.

Next meeting October 21, 2025 at 7PM at Flanders Community Center.

Meeting Adjourned 9PM