

CAC meeting 11-5-2025

1. Present: 5 CAC members and 1 non-member from Shinnecock Hills area:
Diane, Bernice, Maureen, Elaine, Renee, and Matt
Actions requested: Send via email to Matt Fenster, mattfenster@gmail.com a form to join CAC.

2. Discussed Beautification for Shinnecock Hills /Tuckahoe area

A. Landscaping for entrance/exit for CR39 and NY 27.

1. Town to distinguish area at the juncture of NY27 / CR39 for beautification to be established.

2. Create a Tuckahoe/Shinnecock Hills Beautification Association like those in Hampton Bays, Westhampton Beach, and East Quogue.

a. **After all:** Southampton town taxpayers have renovated **Ponquogue Beach Pavilion Facility at a cost of \$3.35 million, created a Westhampton Activity Center, purchased 20 Shinnecock Road (Former Bellaire Cove Motel) in Hampton Bays, created a Maritime Park Canal, adjacent to the Parks and Recreation Department office in Hampton Bays, completed Good Ground Park recreational park complete with amphitheater sits adjacent to Hampton Bays Main Street. Developed the Riverside Maritime Trail Park with pedestrian access to the Peconic River in Flanders area.**

- **Note:** *all these areas are West of the canal, areas that Southampton Supervisor and many Town officials live. The projects are wonderful! We are only asking for a sign and area to beautify that welcomes everyone to the Tuckahoe/Shinnecock Hills area with a peaceful / calming effect.*

b. **Example signage: Welcome to Tuckahoe- Shinnecock Hills- Home of Three Historic Golf Courses, Tuckahoe Woods Preserve, The Shinnecock Nation, and the Paumanok Path** .

By establishing a dedicated Beautification Association for Tuckahoe/Shinnecock Hills, the community can collaborate on landscaping projects, signage, and improvements that reflect the area's unique character and history. Such efforts would not only enhance the visual appeal but also foster local pride and provide a welcoming atmosphere for both residents and visitors.

In addition, forming partnerships with local businesses, civic organizations, and schools could generate further support and resources for ongoing beautification efforts. Community involvement and volunteer initiatives would help sustain the association's goals, ensuring long-term benefits for the area.

Action: To be presented by Elaine at next meeting with Michael Iasilli, Council member

3. Discussed creating a "Senior Plus" category for Southampton Town **Vehicle Beach Passes.**

- a. WE would like to petition Town to create a “Senior Plus” (70 years age) pass for Southampton town beaches at no cost. Beach passes are per vehicle and for many of us this currently is \$80 for senior residents aged 62 and \$100 for other residents with 2 vehicles.

Please see that attached previous letter to town urging, with justification consideration for seniors and comparisons with other towns in surrounding areas.

- Discussed petitioning Town regarding implementing a “**SENIOR PLUS” voucher for fall cleanup** that was discontinued.

*See attached for current Fall clean-ups from Mr. McArdle.

Action: To be presented by Elaine at next meeting with Michael Iasilli council member

4. Discussed Egress/Access to Greenfield Rd.

- a. Traffic lights will not be allowed
- b. The gas station is an area of safety concern and accidents
- c. Town and County to look at Greenfield Rd. and the exit/ entrance routes to gas station. Currently there is an entrance and exit on Greenfield Rd. to gas station, and a right turn only directly from gas station and an entrance only directly into gas station where many accidents have occurred. Gas pump density is high. Consider a similar pattern that exits with BJS gas station off CR58 in Riverhead.

CR 58 discontinued the Entrance to gas station from CR58, allowing for vehicles to enter gas station safely from the side road only, creating a one direction for entering gas pumps (like Costco gas pumps are entered) and has a “right turn only” when directly exiting onto CR58.

Action: Maureen to bring up at next meeting with council member, McArdle etc.

5. Discussed nuisance from rentals in the area, regarding excessive noise and illegal occupancy, fines, and addressing these issues for effective results.

- a. **Action: Lorraine to Invite a CODE enforcement officer** to the next meeting in December.

6. Discussed plan to address the high cost of student tuition at Tuckahoe School

- a. **Action: Diane will get together letter** addressing the school budget vs. Student enrollment for the last 12 years for Tuckahoe Trustees and Administration

Dear Members of the Southampton Town Council and Supervisor Maria Moore,

I'm writing to express concern regarding the current pricing structure for beach passes in the Town of Southampton, particularly as it affects our senior residents.

Southampton's fee of \$50 per vehicle — with only a modest reduction to \$40 for seniors — stands in stark contrast to the more considerate policies of neighboring communities. For example:

- **East Hampton Town** provides free beach passes to all residents.
- **Southampton Village** grants three free passes per residential address.
- **Riverhead** charges just \$25 per pass, with seniors paying only \$10.
- **Suffolk County** offers seniors passes at half price and free weekday access.

These neighboring policies demonstrate a commitment to accessibility and respect for seniors on fixed incomes. Unfortunately, Southampton Town's current rates feel disproportionate and burdensome by comparison. On top of that, the cost of beach passes is compounded for households with more than one vehicle, forcing residents to pay multiple fees just to enjoy the same public resource.

I urge the Council to review this policy and consider a more equitable approach — one that reflects both the spirit of community and the financial realities faced by many residents, particularly our older population. Adding to the concern, Southampton Town has already relinquished control of several beaches over the years — and most recently, it's expected that Main Beach in Sagaponack will be given up as well — further limiting public access while costs remain high.

For many Southampton Town residents, reaching an ocean beach is already a challenge, with Flying Point Beach being the only ocean beach option within reasonable driving distance for people living in the Tuckahoe Shinnecock, North Sea and Noyac area— and even there, parking is extremely limited.

Would the council be open to creating a new “Senior Plus” beach permit, offering a - no cost-beach parking permit to residents aged 70 and older?

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I hope we can work together to make our beaches more accessible and affordable for all Southampton residents.

Sincerely,

Diane Sadowski

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