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VILLAGE OF EAST HAMPTON BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 1, 2022
AT VILLAGE HALL, 86 MAIN STREET, EAST HAMPTON, NY

After Mayor Larsen welcomed everyone the Pledge of Allegiance was held, followed by a Roll Call, attendance reflected below.

Present: Jerry Larsen, Mayor
Chris Minardi, Deputy Mayor
Sandra Melendez, Trustee
Carrie Doyle, Trustee
Sarah Amaden, Trustee
Marcos Baladrón, Administrator
Lisa Perillo, Village Attorney
Hugh King, Historic Site Manager
Pam Bennett, Village Clerk
Jason Nower, LTV Moderator
June Lester, Deputy Clerk/Administrative Assistant

Village Hall, 86 Main Street

This work session is the first in a series to be held at a historically significant village property. Each monthly work session will be held at a different location; next month's will be held at The Hedges Inn, at 74 James Lane.

Hugh King spoke of its early beginnings. The house was built in 1720 for Dr. Samuel Hutchinson. Dr. Hutchinson's son, Eli - sold the property to Lyman Beecher in 1800 – a copy of the deed hangs in the lobby. It housed one of the first boarding schools in East Hampton. The students slept in what is now the Administrator's office. Lyman Beecher was the fourth minister in East Hampton, serving from 1799 – 1810 and wrote many of his sermons in his office, which is now the village attorney's office. The property was then sold to the Hand family, who added onto the house several times. The Hand family then sold it to Sally Ball, a real estate agent, who then sold it to Donald Clause. After being unsuccessful with having the property rezoned for three offices, he sold it to the village.

Pam Bennett spoke of Village Hall once it was relocated to its current location on April 26, 1996, where the Village Administrator, Building Inspector/Fire Marshal, and six office staff occupied the space. Currently within the Village Hall, we had the village administrator and eight office staff. In 2021 the Building Department moved to 88 Newtown, where three building inspectors, the village planner and secretary there.

Prior to 86 Main Street, Village Hall was located at 27 Main Street, from 1946 until it was sold in 1995. Village Hall occupied space in the Emergency Services Building until the renovations at 86 Main were finished.

Mayor's Announcements

Ed Hollander, will present a layout or schematic for Town Pond, for plantings around Town Pond, the way it used to be many years ago, at the October work session.

Weather permitting, the Foundation's last "Tuesday at Main" will be on September 6, starting at 6pm. The Kiwanis Club will be having a fundraiser starting at 7 pm, with a competition between the lifeguards and the fire department and police department.

Hybrid Meetings

Village Attorney Lisa Perillo gave an overview of the legislation concerning videoconferencing; the printed copy from NYCOM Attorney Perillo provided to the Board is below.

SECTION 103-A Videoconferencing by public bodies

Public Officers Law, Chapter 37, Article 7 Open Meetings Law

§ 103-a. Videoconferencing by public bodies.

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1. For the purposes of this section, "local public body" shall mean a public corporation as defined in section sixty-six of the general construction law, a political subdivision as defined in section one hundred of the general municipal law or a committee or subcommittee or other similar body of such entity, or any entity for which a quorum is required in order to conduct public business and which consists of two or more members, performing a governmental function for an entity limited in the execution of its official functions to a portion only of the state, or a political subdivision of the state, or for an agency or department thereof. For the purposes of this section, a public body shall be as defined in subdivision two of section one hundred two of this article.

2. A public body may, in its discretion, use videoconferencing to conduct its meetings pursuant to the requirements of this article provided that a minimum number of members are present to fulfill the public body's quorum requirement in the same physical location or locations where the public can attend and the following criteria are met:

(a) the governing board of a county, city, town or village has adopted a local law, or a public body has adopted a resolution, or the senate and assembly have adopted a joint resolution, following a public hearing, authorizing the use of videoconferencing:

(i) for itself and its committees or subcommittees; or,

(ii) specifying that each committee or subcommittee may make its own determination;

(iii) provided however, each community board in a city with a population of one million or more shall make its own determination;

(b) the public body has established written procedures governing member and public attendance consistent with this section, and such written procedures shall be conspicuously posted on the public website of the public body;

(c) members of the public body shall be physically present at any such meeting unless such member is unable to be physically present at any such meeting location due to extraordinary circumstances, as set forth in the resolution and written procedures adopted pursuant to paragraphs (a) and (b) of this subdivision, including disability, illness, caregiving responsibilities, or any other significant or unexpected factor or event which precludes the member's physical attendance at such meeting;

(d) except in the case of executive sessions conducted pursuant to section one hundred five of this article, the public body shall ensure that members of the public body can be heard, seen and identified, while the meeting is being conducted, including but not limited to any motions, proposals, resolutions, and any other matter formally discussed or voted upon;

(e) the minutes of the meetings involving videoconferencing shall include which, if any, members participated remotely and shall be available to the public pursuant to section one hundred six of this article;

(f) if videoconferencing is used to conduct a meeting, the public notice for the meeting shall inform the public that videoconferencing will be used, where the public can view and/or participate in such meeting, where required documents and records will be posted or available, and identify the physical location for the meeting where the public can attend;

(g) the public body shall provide that each meeting conducted using videoconferencing shall be recorded and such recordings posted or linked on the public website of the public body within five business days following the meeting, and shall remain so available for a minimum of five years thereafter. Such recordings shall be transcribed upon request;

(h) if videoconferencing is used to conduct a meeting, the public body shall provide the opportunity for members of the public to view such meeting via video, and to participate in proceedings via videoconference in real time where public comment or participation is authorized and shall ensure that videoconferencing authorizes the same public participation or testimony as in person participation or testimony; and

(i) a local public body electing to utilize videoconferencing to conduct its meetings must maintain an official website.

3. The in person participation requirements of paragraph (c) of subdivision two of this section shall not apply during a state disaster emergency declared by the governor pursuant to section twenty-eight of the executive law, or a local state of emergency proclaimed by the chief executive of a county, city, village or town pursuant to section twenty-four of the executive law, if the public body determines that the

circumstances necessitating the emergency declaration would affect or impair the ability of the public body to hold an in person meeting.

4. No later than January first, two thousand twenty-four, the committee on open government, created by paragraph (a) of subdivision one of section eighty-nine of this chapter, shall issue a report to the governor, the temporary president of the senate, the speaker of the assembly, the chair of the senate standing committee on local government, the chair of the senate standing committee on investigations and government operations, the chair of the assembly standing committee on local governments, and the chair of the assembly standing committee on governmental operations concerning the application and implementation of such law and any further recommendations governing the use of videoconferencing by public bodies to conduct meetings pursuant to this section.

5. Open meetings of any public body that are broadcast or that use videoconferencing shall utilize technology to permit access by members of the public with disabilities consistent with the 1990 Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), as amended, and corresponding guidelines. For the purposes of this section, "disability" shall have the meaning defined in section two hundred ninety-two of the executive law.

* NB Repealed July 1, 2024

Lumber Lane and Railroad Avenue Parking Pricing

Mayor Larsen briefly reviewed the paid parking legislation that was adopted Local Law #6-2021 and the fee schedule adopted by Resolution #28-2021.

The daily fee for *two locations in Parking Zone C had been set \$15 due to their proximity to the train station.

** (§267-36(B)1: On the north side of Railroad Avenue beginning at a point approximately 194 feet west of Race Lane and thence westerly until the intersection of Railroad Avenue and King Street & §267-7-36(B)2: Beginning from a point 137 feet south from the northwest corner of Lumber Lane at the intersection of Railroad Avenue running along the western side 360 feet south*

As those two locations are being under-utilized, the Board discussed lowering the daily parking fee to \$10, making it consistent with the daily parking fee in the Lumber Lane Lot. The resolution lowering the parking fee to \$10 will be presented at the October 21st meeting.

Deputy Mayor Minardi made a motion to close the meeting at 11:45 a.m., seconded by Trustee Melendez and carried unanimously.

(APPROVED BY BOARD OF TRUSTEES OCTOBER 21, 2022)

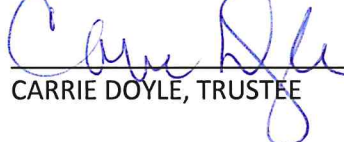

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