Appointmen of Rosko Park (Hampton Bays) Advisory Committee

WHEREAS, in March 1999 the Town Board of the Town of Southampton adopted the 1999 Comprehensive Plan Update; and

WHEREAS, a goal of the 1999 Comprehensive Plan Update is to look at each hamlet and village center independently with the participation of that center’s business, resident and civic communities; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Southampton adopted the Hampton Bays Hamlet Center Strategy on November 23, 1999; and

WHEREAS, through the Hamlet Center Strategy, the Town Board of the Town of Southampton the Hampton Bays Civic Association, the Hampton Bays Beautification Committee, the Hampton Bays Chamber of Commerce, along with other individuals and business groups agreed upon a vision for Hampton Bays; and

WHEREAS, the large “Rosko tract” north of Montauk Highway is recommended for acquisition for the development of a hamlet green/parks and recreation under the Town’s Community Preservation Project Plan; and

WHEREAS, this area was also recognized in the 1999 Comprehensive Plan Update as an appropriate site for traditional neighborhood development, possibly linking associated open space to the hamlet center by new road connections; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution January 9, 2001, the Town Board of the Town of Southampton authorized the preparation of the Hampton Bays Hamlet Mixed Use Planned Development District; and

WHEREAS, the two properties making up the primary study area contain 36.2 acres of undeveloped land directly north of and in close proximity to the downtown Hampton Bays hamlet central business district. The two properties consist of Suffolk County Tax Parcels 900-225-1-1 & 21. The larger of the two parcels (225-1-1) owned by Mary Lee Bishop, John E. Rosko, Eileen Skretch and Leon F. Rosko is 32.7 acres with sole frontage on Sunrise Highway and Old Riverhead Road; and

WHEREAS, in October 2002, the Department of Land Management submitted a draft Hampton Bays Mixed Use Planned Development District study to the Town Board; and

WHEREAS, the general goals of the Hampton Bays Hamlet Mixed Use Planned Development District are as follows:

♦ Prepare plans and guidelines for the central area that will set the stage for new hamlet.
open space and streetscape improvements, improving image, activity and function.

♦ Provide guidelines for proposed private development, maximizing public benefits and minimizing impacts.

♦ Partnership activity involving public, private and civic/not-for-profit sector participants will be critical to future implementation.

♦ Examine alternative land uses and zoning regulations that will establish an agreed framework for new development to achieve the above objectives.

WHEREAS, said study recommended three alternatives for the development of the study area, including the property identified as the “Rosko Property”; and

WHEREAS, a consensus was achieved among the member organization of the Advisory Committee to support the total preservation of the Rosko property; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Southampton Community Preservation Project Plan 2001-2003 identifies target areas and properties, including the Rosko property, for acquisition for park, recreation, open space and/or conservation purposes; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held before the Town of Southampton on June 10, 2003 as part of the Community Preservation Project Plan 2001-2003 to determine if the Rosko property should be acquired pursuant to Section 247 of the General Municipal Law and it is felt that this acquisition is the best alternative for the protection of community character of all the reasonable alternatives available to the town, and it was determined that said property should be purchased; and

WHEREAS, the Hampton Bays community has expressed its desire to develop the Rosko property into a park; and

WHEREAS, to insure that the various civic, citizen, business, beautification and related groups are actively represented during the various phases of the Rosko Park Plan process, an Advisory Committee should be appointed.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Southampton does hereby appoint the following individuals to serve on the Rosko Park Advisory Committee for a period to coincide with the completion of the Rosko Park Plan:

Southampton Town Supervisor
Patrick Heaney
Southampton Town Deputy Supervisor
Robert Ross
Town Planning & Development Adm.
Jefferson Murphree
Town Planning Director
Kyle Collins
Parks & Recreation Superintendent
Allyn Jackson
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the charge to the Advisory Committee will be to: represent their respective organizations; establish coordination between the various organizations; collaborate with the Department of Land Management and the consulting team; participate in various community forums and workshops; and contribute to the formulation, review and refinement of various concepts, designs, plans, programs and legislation resulting as part of the Rosko Park Plan.

Financial Impact

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