

*North Sea Citizens Advisory Committee  
Town of Southampton  
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*Minutes April 14, 2015*

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The Meeting opened at 7:38 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the March 10, 2015 meeting were approved.

**Plastic Bag Ban.** Guest Lynn Arthur announced that the Town-wide ban on single-use plastic bags goes into effect on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Key features of the ban are a 5 cent charge for a plastic bag and a 5 cent credit if you bring your own bag to the store for your purchases. Sag Harbor and Westhampton Beach did not pass similar legislation.

As not all Town residents are aware of the ban, an extensive external media campaign, including church announcements and press releases, will help to inform the public. The Parks Department will include a notification with any of its mailings. Notices will appear in *Dan's Paper*, and will be posted in Wild by Nature, at Our Lady of the Hamptons, the Environmental Club at Southampton HS, and social media sites. Public service videos were shown at a senior center and at the Sag Harbor elementary and high schools. Ms. Arthur brought a supply of re-usable King Kullen bags and distributed them to the members.

*\*denotes Seasonal Member  
\*\*denotes ex-officio  
member*

**Town Committee Reports**

**Housing.** The Housing Authority is beginning work on concepts for a prototype house that will exceed the energy efficiency requirements embodied in the Town Code. The goal is to achieve lower long-term operating costs; this goal has to be balanced against increased up-front costs for the energy saving features. The Authority also hopes to become an active partner advocating greater home energy efficiency throughout the Town.

**Landmarks.** Landmark status for the Tupper Boathouse has been approved by the Town Board. Town Engineer Christine Fetten is still working with the NYS Parks and Recreation office on the exact language they will approve for the RFP.

The North Sea Community Association approved submitting an application for landmark status for the North Sea Community House at 130 Noyac Road. This is the first step in the process, which has several steps.

**Sustainability.** In addition to passage of the single-use plastic bag ban, the Committee on Energy Supply is considering ways to try to encourage local transition from fossil to renewable fuel supplies.

**Solid Waste.** Thorny issues persist. A public hearing was held at Town Hall on changes to the law to get carters in compliance with NYS law. Few changes were made in the table of violations and accompanying fines. The Committee has gone “above and beyond” to contact all carters all over Long Island. Commercial carters’ dumping at transfer stations without registering and paying the requisite fees is difficult to police. The transfer station staff has final authority on what material can be dumped, but no actual enforcement power. An \$80,000 camera security system was only connected in the last 9 months.

The proposed garbage district in the Flanders-Riverhead area has met a mixed response. Bids have been received, and questions abound about the fees residents would be charged. A referendum must be held in the proposed district to approve its creation. Other issues concerned how garbage pick-up would work for residents on private roads, which are not plowed by the Town.

**Airport Noise.** No Report.

**Unimproved Roads.** A contract has been executed with the engineering firm selected through the RFP (Request for Proposals).

**Disabilities.** No Report.

**CAC Chairs Committee.** No Report.

### **Old Business**

**Little Fresh Pond/Southampton Day Camp Expansion.** All that is known is that the Planning Board held its first meeting on the proposal.

**Stahecki Property.** Neighbors have observed material being brought out of the site as well as large box trucks entering. Complaints have been filed with the Town.

**North Sea Hamlet Study.** Town Planner Kyle Collins has started working on it.

### **New Business**

**Highway Department Tax Allocation.** A member observed that 7.6% of our property tax bills is designated to be used by the Highway Department. This equals approximately \$22-\$23 million. He questioned what is the Highway Department’s budget, and where is the money spent.

**Animals on the Beach.** A member stated that people have gotten “very sloppy” about picking up pet waste, whether or not pet waste bags are provided, and

advocated animals be banned from the beaches during the summer. Anecdotal evidence included observing people merely burying their dog's waste in the sand and walking away.

The members were unsure what the Town and Village rules concerning animals on the beach were. It was thought that dogs are banned from Memorial to Labor Day between the hours of 9am and 6pm. Dogs always have to be on a leash, year-round. It was agreed there was a problem but that solutions were few: providing pet waste bags and mounting an awareness campaign were the best goals.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:32pm

### **Present**

John Clarke, Sheila Comparetto, Lucille Dunne, Barbara Fair, Mark Matthews , , R. Justice Phillips, Frank Palmer, Ann Reisman, John Watson and Judith White

### **Excused**

John Barona, Declan Blackmore, Susan Colledge, Dan Gebbia Arlene Schroeder, Mary E. Topping, Stephanie McNamara,

Guests: Ray Clare, Lynn Arthur