

# Southold Peconic Civic Association

Annual Membership Meeting  
July 2025



# Agenda

## Welcome

- Introduction of Board Members
- President's Report/Year in Review
  - Treasurer's Report
  - Committee Reports
- Questions and Feedback
- Zoning Update review
- Nominations & Vote
- Close Annual Meeting

# Civic Board Members

Nick Antonucci

Alvin Schein

Tom Mauri

Margaret Steinbugler

Maggie Merrill

Katy Stokes

Ralph Reinertsen


## Committee Members

Carol Brown • Virginia Cava • Ellen Darion • John McLane • Lynne  
Normandia • Carol Owens • Nancy DePas Reinertsen • Lynn  
Summers • Larry Tuthill

# Year in Review • 2024-2025

## Our Mission:

To preserve and enhance the character of the unique hamlets of Southold and Peconic by promoting civic engagement, ensuring residents are given a forum to consider, learn and act upon issues that affect our communities.



SOUTHOLD TOWN  
**STORMWATER  
MITIGATION**

**PAST SUCCESS & FUTURE PLANS**

PRESENTED BY TOWN ENGINEER  
MICHAEL COLLINS

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**SAT. SEPT. 21 • 10AM**

HOSTED BY  
NORTH FORK CIVICS

PECONIC  
COMMUNITY  
CENTER  
1170 PECONIC LANE

## Meetings & Presentations:

- Emergency preparedness •
- State of the Bays •
- Stormwater Mitigation •
- Code Enforcement •
- Small Business Challenges •
- Zoning Update •

# Accomplishments & Actions

- 2024-25: Goose Creek & Richmond Creek water testing
- Sept 2024: Native Garden Tour Richmond Creek
- Oct 2024: Beach Clean Up
- Feb 2025: WinterFest
- April 2025: Custer Preserve Native Garden Work Parties Begin
- April 2025: DarkSky + Earth Day Celebration
- May 2025: Beach Clean Up
- May 2025: Shore Bird Monitoring
- June 2025: Town Monarch Waystation Dedication, Garden Tour

# Information

We do our best to keep you informed!

- Town services
- Town meetings
- Neighboring Civic Programs & other Organizations
- Town issues: Zoning Update, SCWA Pipeline
- County issues: Water Quality Act

# Treasurer's Report

Primary sources of income: Membership dues & donations

Primary expenses: Insurance, Annual Southold High School Student Award (\$1,000), web-site related expenses, Committee-activity expenses

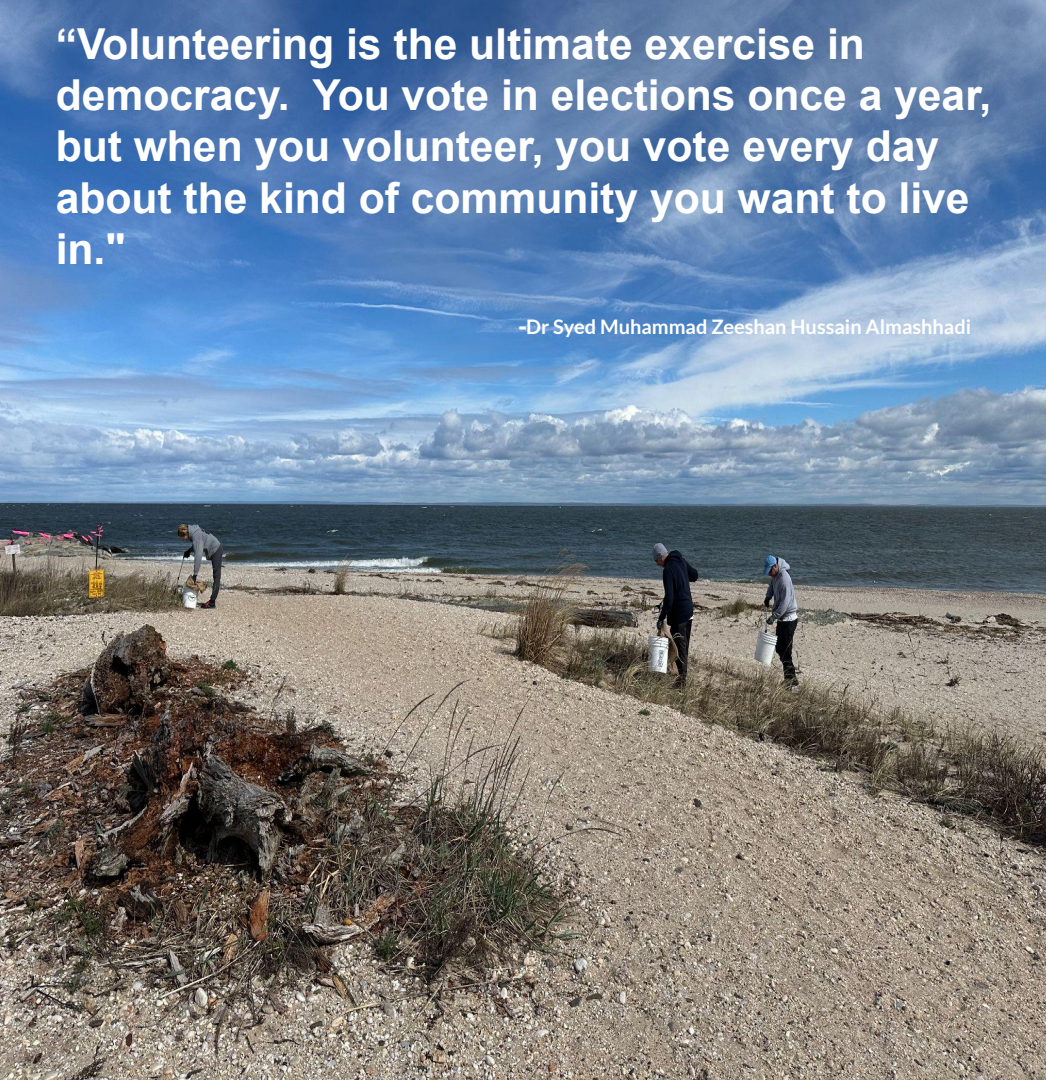
**Current Balance: \$4,393**

- The \$1,000 check for the Student Award has already been cashed



“Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in.”

-Dr Syed Muhammad Zeeshan Hussain Almashhadi



## Committees

- Communications
- Environment
- Government
- Housing
- Membership

# Communications Committee

Newsletters ° Member emails ° Community emails ° Social Media ° Website

## Member Newsletter

Winter 2025



## Thanks for stopping by!

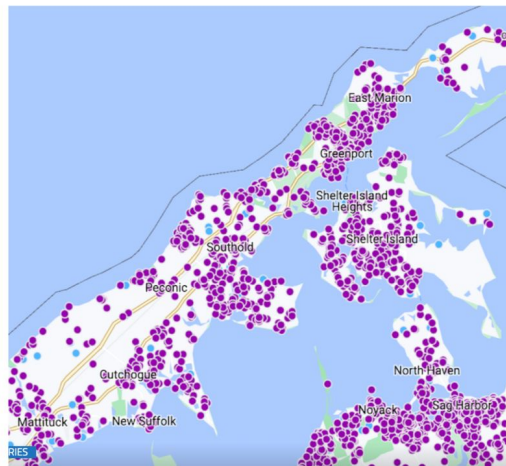
It was great to see so many of you at Southold's WinterFest on Feb. 8. Thanks for stopping by the Civic's table and for sharing your thoughts with us about what you would like to hear discussed at upcoming Civic meetings; if you didn't get a chance — email us at the link below. And thanks to the volunteers who helped staff our table at the event. It was lovely to see so much vibrant activity in our wintry hamlet!



[email us!](#)

## In case you missed it...

Really interesting presentation by the **Short Term Rental Task Force** to the Town Board at the Aug. 13 work session. We will keep you posted if the town moves forward with their recommendations.



For a **deep dive** into the report, the Short Term Rental Task Force Findings document is linked below. For an **overview** of their findings and recommendations, watch the presentation at the Town Board work session; presentation starts at 8:00 PM on the East End Beach house on the presentation day.



## Deadlines Ahead!

Deadlines for comments approaching for 2 important issues:

SCWA Pipeline July 11

Zoning Update July 18

## Public Comment Deadline: July 11

## Suffolk County Water Authority North Fork Pipeline

Public comments on the the scope of the Environmental Impact Statement of Suffolk County Water Authority's proposed North Fork Pipeline are due on or before **July 11**. Save the Sound's LI Project manager and Senior Science Advisor Louise Harrison (and civic member) recommends we submit our comments as directives (for example: "provide an assessment of the growth inducing impacts of ....."). Use words such as Explain, describe, Identify, provide, assess, verify ....") instead of questions. Click the link below to send your comments to SCWA.

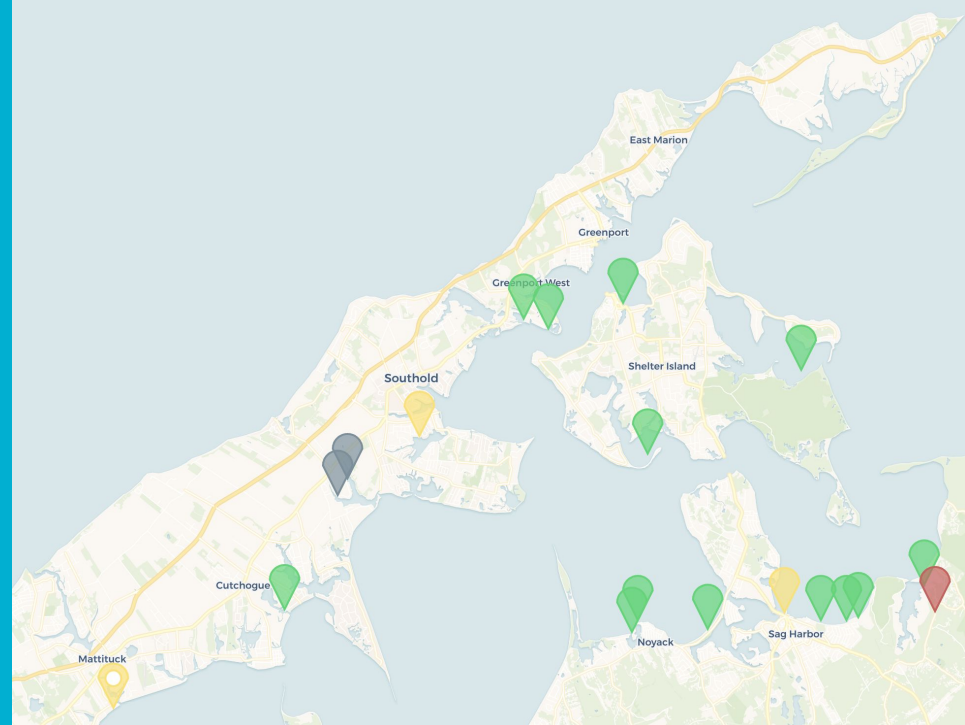
[Submit North Fork Pipeline comments to SCWA](#)

# Environment Committee Water Testing Collaboration

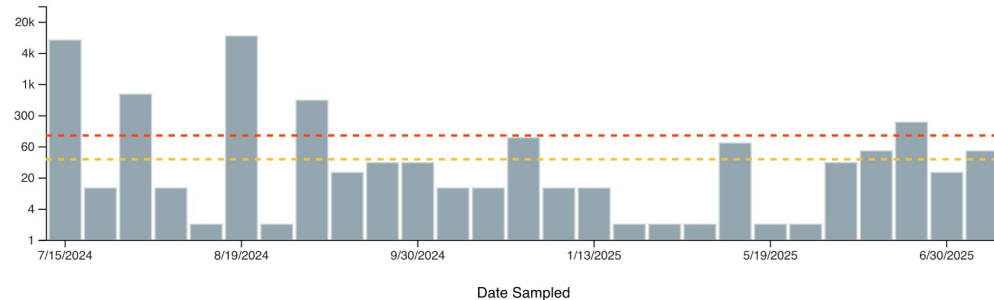
- SPCA
- Peconic Baykeeper
- Surfrider Eastern Long Island  
Blue Water Task Force

## Five locations in Southold Town

- Goose Creek: 9% of samples in the last year did not meet NYS Dept of Health water quality standards



Enterococcus  
(MPN/100mL)







Environment Committee

## Native Garden at Custer Preserve Collaboration

- Group for the East End
- ReWild Long Island
- Southold Town
- Weekly Work Parties, Tuesdays  
10-11 am April-November

# Kenny's Beach Clean Up May 4

- Collaboration With Many Local Organizations:
- Kenny's / McCabe's Beach Civic Assn
- Little Fish Restaurant
- Relic
- ReWild NoFo
- Southold Mother's Club

Free food and drink provided by local businesses.





# DarkSky+Earth Day May 3, 6pm-12am

- Custer Institute Hosted 7 Environmental Organizations
- Native Garden Tour
- Greg Doroski Reiterated the Town's Commitment to DarkSky Enforcement





# Monarch Waystation June 13

- Al Krupski & 3 Town Board Members
- 30+ People
- Great Press
- GFEE, ReWild & Monarchs Matter





# Sustainable Garden and Meadow Tour, June 21

- ReWild NoFo Collaboration
- 12 Gardens, 4 out of 5 Private Gardens in Southold & Peconic
- 150 + Participants
- Discounts from Local Nurseries & Winery
- Excellent Press Coverage and Reviews





# Shorebird Monitoring - Summer 2025

## Local Beach

- Piping Plovers
- Least Terns
- American Oystercatchers



Can you spot the plover chicks?

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# Government Committee

- Monitor Town Meeting agendas
  - Planning Board
  - Trustees
  - ZBA
  - Town Board
- Initiated NFC working group on Affordable Housing
- Tracked progress of proposed zoning update
- Letter to Fred Thiele - IDA reform
- Notified Town of unauthorized use of private barn





# Housing Committee

- Members provided comments at Town Board hearing on changes to code related to Accessory Dwelling Units
- Chair the NFC Working Group on Affordable Housing
  - Meet at least 2x monthly
  - Currently focused on preparing comments to be submitted to Town about proposed zoning update
    - General overview: zoning update doesn't do enough to incentivize/facilitate starter homes and rentals for nurses, teachers, emergency workers, retail personnel, etc. to be able to live where they work
    - Nationally, in communities where ADU's have been encouraged, not many have been built, so they do not end up increasing the housing supply much.

# Membership

2025 Introduced **Join It** membership database application

- Activate your existing account
- Renew or Join

64 current members, 124 expired members, 105  
prospective members, 404 contacts in our database

Members wanted to join the committee !

## What they're saying...

Great work to everyone involved, I am happy to support these efforts in any way we can!

Daniel J. Goodwin  
Superintendent of  
Highways

You and the other officers of the Civic are doing an amazing job in providing high quality and important educational programs to inform the residents of our Town about the compelling and timely issues and challenges we face.

Leslie Weisman  
Chair, Zoning Board of Appeals

Wonderful meeting this past Saturday. A real service to the public.

Councilwoman  
Anne Smith

Thanks as always, for all the stalwart work of our great Southold civics!

Bob DeLuca  
Group for the East End

Questions? Ideas? Requests?

# Membership Meeting: Zoning Update Forum

With over 90 attendees on May 20, the Planning Department presented proposed changes to the town's zoning in a forum with public participation, specifically for Southhold & Peconic hamlets. Public comment continues as the plan will be finalized later this year.



## SOUTHOLD ZONING UPDATE

The Town of Southhold is making it's first major zoning update since 1989 — and we want to hear from **YOU!**

Check out the Southhold Zoning Update site to learn more!

[www.southoldzoningupdate.com](http://www.southoldzoningupdate.com)

View the proposed zoning materials & share your feedback.

LEARN MORE



Whether you've been a part of the Southhold community for decades or are just starting to build your life or business here, your input matters.

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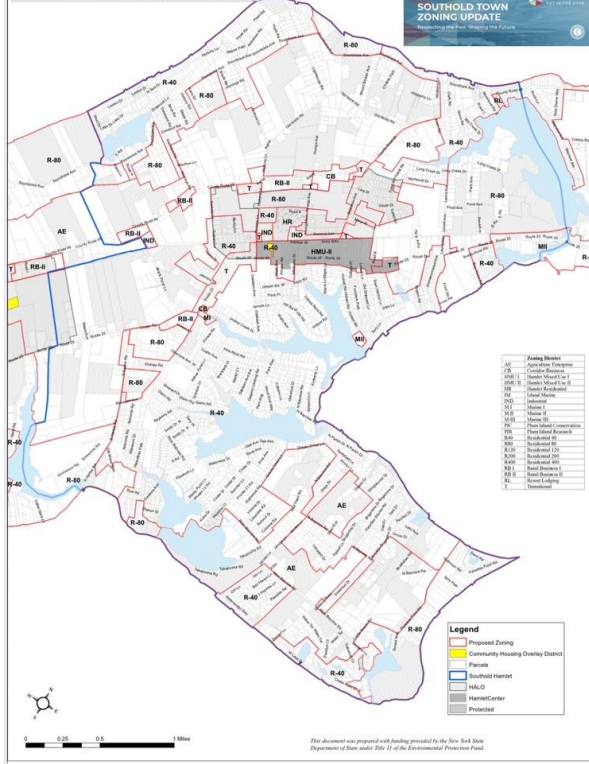


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GREENPORT HAMLET • EAST MARION • ORIENT • FISHERS ISLAND

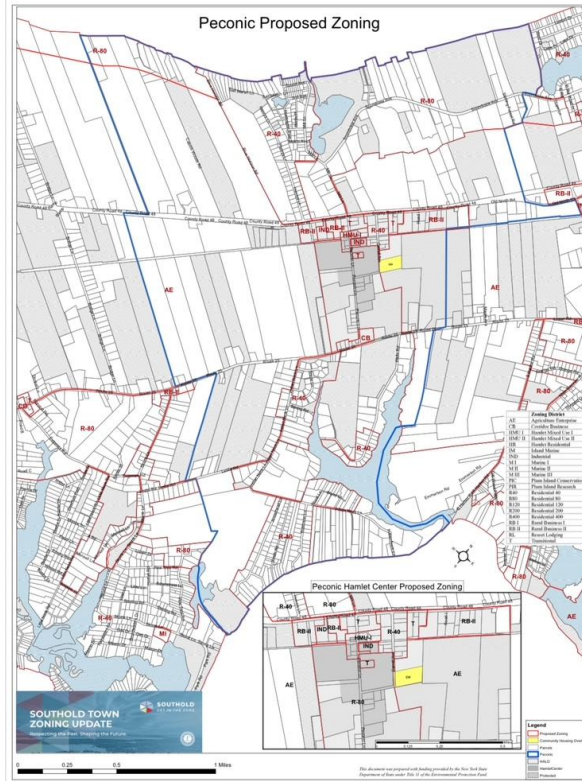
This project is prepared with funding provided by the New York State Department of State under Title II of the Environmental Protection Fund.



## Southold Hamlet Proposed Zoning



## Peconic Proposed Zoning



# Board Nominations and Voting

- Election is for three open board seats, all 2-year terms
- One open seat to be appointed to complete 1 year of a 2-year term
- Open nominations from the floor
- Nominee introductions, alphabetically by last name
- Cast ballots
- Ballots counted by at least two members who are not running for office
- New board announced to members within one week