

## Government Committee Minutes of 1/7/19 Meeting

Submitted by Co-Chair Ann Sandford

Discussion focused on topics that address “local workforce needs.”

### Public transportation

- We agreed to hold a Public Information Meeting in April on operational aspects of the South Fork Commuter Connection service which will start on March 4 (to tie into the LIRR spring schedule)
  - Tom Neely, SH Town’s director of transportation, will meet with committee members on Wed., **Jan. 23** at 10 AM in SHT. The purpose is to gain an overview of the operations of the program. This will serve as a baseline for the committee to design a PIM: topics/questions include identifying other officials involved and their roles; issues raised by initial prospective users, i.e., hospital staff, teachers, and school administrators; identify the types of commuter needs not addressed in this rollout; etc.
- Judy Samuelson agreed to identify an EH official who is coordinating with SH and Mr. Neely. (**NOTE: On 1/9, Judy arranged for a meeting on January 22 at 10:30 at the adjunct to Town Hall, 300 Pantigo Place.**)
  - *Note: the EHT Board member spearheading the program is Kathee Burke-Gonzalez. Also, OLA is working on the issue-one perspective is the access to doctors.*

### Affordable housing

- We briefly discussed the viability of a future program on housing that would include the film Trouble in Paradise. Discussion pointed out that the content was dated and we may not possess legal rights to editing the film, etc. Judy agreed to look into these issues.
- Ann suggested that Michael Daly, a real estate broker in favor of affordable housing—“yes, in my back yard”, is interested in sharing his knowledge at a forum: he could present a positive perspective on affordable housing and property values. A PIM would include officials speaking to the status of the projects in each town.
- Arlene added that LWVH should have a presence at the public ceremony (not yet scheduled) introducing the new manor housing in EHT that Barbara Jordan lobbied for.

### Lobbying

We have lobbied Fred Thiele, Ken LaValle, Lee Zeldin on election law reforms, women’s issues, etc. This year, Ann will work with Bridget Fleming’s office to get dates to talk with us. Topics would include the new campaign finance law; elements of election law; budget. Target late Feb.

**Next meeting: Wed., Feb. 13, 10-11:30**