

Govt Com. Minutes, May 13, 2019, 10-11:30

1. Brief **discussions** on the following topics:

--South Fork Commuter Connection- we reiterated that we will update the topic in the fall, probably with a Voter article

--Drivers licenses for undocumented immigrants—Estelle reminded us that the state League hasn't endorsed the legislation because other priorities; so, the Hamptons League can educate but not advocate.

--lobbying Senator LaValle, Congressman Lee Zeldin—we'll address holding these meetings over the course of the year

--Visit with Legislator Fleming: Ann will write a Voter article on the new Suffolk County campaign finance law [due 5/15] that Bridgette championed.

2. **Affordable Housing** PIM planning status:

--Judy will do an article for the upcoming Voter based on the letter sent to the speakers describing the PIM for June 17: the need? What's available? How is this housing funded?

--Handout for the PIM: Judy, Doreen, Glorian will prepare a fact sheet for the committee's discussion at its June 4 meeting.

--Glorian will talk to Dianna Weir about inviting Curtiss Highsmith to also speak on the panel given his work on housing for Southampton Town.

--PIM summary: Mon. June 17, Hampton Library Program Rm., 7-8:30; Dianna Weir for SH and Tom Ruhl and Katie Casey for EH are confirmed; Cathy will chair; Arlene will arrange for Sea-TV

--Refreshment, etc.—decide June 4

3. **NYS Court Simplification** issue:

--the committee recommends to the board that the Hamptons League join the 2019 Coalition to Campaign for Court Simplification in NYS.

--we also agreed to organize a PIM—perhaps early 2020—to educate our members and the public on the current and proposed court structure and the reasons for the reforms and their probable impact. Current thinking is that committee members would make up a panel on these topics.

4. **Joint Health Committee/Government Committee Work:**

--Cathy shared a proposal initiated by Valerie King that the Govt. Committee join with the Health Committee to study and educate the public about the limitations of access to and availability of healthcare options on the South Fork. It was suggested that the work begin by focusing on a small group, e.g., Shinnecock Reservation residents.

--Decision: Valarie and Cathy will arrange and lead a joint meeting of the committees.

**Next meeting date:** Tues., June 4, 10-11:30; Literacy Rm, Hampton Library