

## December 2020 Newsletter

**UNTIL FURTHER  
NOTICE, OUR  
GENERAL  
MEMBERSHIP  
MEETINGS WILL BE  
ZOOM MEETINGS  
STARTING AT 6 PM**  
(Zoom links will be sent by  
email)

**OUR NEXT MEETING  
WILL BE TUESDAY,  
DECEMBER 8**  
Nassau County IDA  
Chair Richard Kessel and  
CEO Harry Coghlin  
will be speaking

[Click here for our 2020-2021  
meeting schedule.](#)

### FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK:

Dear Colleagues:

I hope you and your families enjoyed Thanksgiving, despite having to endure the atypical restrictions resulting from COVID-19. As we begin the holiday season, we are well aware it will be unlike any we have ever experienced. Fortunately, New Yorkers are resilient and we always find a way adjust and make it work. The NCVOA is no different. Despite being prohibited from gathering in a large group, we have maintained regular communication with members via email and Zoom meetings. Judging by the strong participation of our villages and Friends of the NCVOA, it has been effective and has allowed the organization to remain operational.

In November, we successfully conducted two Zoom meetings with Nassau County Executive Laura Curran: One with the Executive Committee and the other with the general membership. A number of issues were discussed during these sessions including police retirements and staffing, license plate readers, COVID-19 and 239-f. The County Executive arranged for Health Commissioner Dr. Larry Eisenstein to brief the Executive Committee on COVID-19 and Brian Schneider, deputy county executive for Parks and Public Works, to update the general membership on 239-f.



*President Edward Lieberman  
Mayor of the Village of Sea Cliff*

There was, however, a common topic at both meetings: Nassau County Industrial Development Agency. The NCVOA has for years criticized the IDA's process of determining PILOT grants and its aloof relationship with local governments. New York State Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli also has issued several reports questioning the true economic value of IDAs.

During the Executive Committee session, NCVOA Past President and North Hills Mayor Marvin Natiss explained to the County Executive that residential construction projects are not within the IDA's jurisdiction, yet the IDA is approving an increasing number of PILOTs for these types of developments. Mayor Natiss said some contractors take advantage of IDA project parameters. Executive Director Ralph Kreitzman was quick to point out that villages should be allowed greater involvement in the decision-making process since IDA rulings directly impact village fiscal operations.

At the November 10 General Membership Zoom meeting, County Executive Curran said she believes the IDA can play a vital role in expanding workforce housing and benefitting villages. She also said IDA support for residential construction should be restricted to rental projects and not condominiums.

We thank County Executive Curran for her time and willingness to listen to our concerns. These IDA discussions were excellent primers for our upcoming Tuesday, December 8 General Membership Zoom meeting featuring Nassau County IDA Chairman Richard Kessel and Executive Director Harry Coghlan as the guest speakers. The increasing scrutiny of IDA approved projects is a timely and relevant concern for all villages. Please make every effort to attend and participate in the question and answer segment. The meeting begins at 6 p.m. and a Zoom link will be emailed prior.

### **Vote on By-Laws Revisions**

As I mentioned in last month's message, the By-Laws Committee met virtually and made recommendations for by-laws revisions. The revised by-laws document was sent to each village for review and we will move for adoption at the December 8 General Membership meeting.

### **Happy Holidays and New Year**

On behalf of the Executive Committee, I wish you and your families a very safe and Happy Holidays and a healthy and prosperous New Year. Together, we will get through this pandemic. Let's continue to stay safe and strong!

Sincerely,



Mayor Edward Lieberman

## **BY-LAWS UPDATE TO BE VOTED UPON AT OUR DECEMBER 8 MEETING:**

The By-Laws Committee appointed by our Executive Board to review and update our By-Laws has met a number of times and has discussed their recommendations with the Executive Board at which there was further discussion.

Pursuant to By-Laws Article XIII, notice was given in our November newsletter that the proposed, revised By-Laws are submitted to the member villages for a vote at our December 8 Zoom meeting at 6 pm. Accompanying this newsletter is another copy of a memorandum summarizing the more material changes, the proposed revised By-Laws and a copy marked to reflect changes from our existing By-Laws. If anyone has any questions or comments, please direct them to our Executive Director Ralph Kreitzman preferably by email to [exec@ncvoa.org](mailto:exec@ncvoa.org) or by telephone to 516-437-1455.

## **2021 SHARED SERVICES PLAN:**

A copy of the draft 2021 Nassau County Shared Services Plan can be found on the County's Shared Services website <https://www.nassaucountyny.gov/4274/Shared-Services>. In accordance with the state's County-wide Shared Services Initiative (CWSSI) law, the Shared Services Panel (our villages and the towns and cities) must vote to approve or reject the 2021 plan, following the same procedure from last year.

We are working with the County Executive to organize a date in December for an online virtual Panel meeting, during which you will be able to log-in and complete an online ballot to vote on the plan. Please look out for the meeting invitation to be in sent in the coming days. School and special districts are welcome to participate as well.

Please review the plan, and provide any comments or suggestions to Graham Long, Program Coordinator for Shared Services, at [glong@nassaucountyny.gov](mailto:glong@nassaucountyny.gov), by Friday, December 4th.

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

Everyone knows what a NIMBY is, but did you know these land use acronyms:

LULU - Locally unwanted land uses

NOPE - Not on planet Earth

BANANA - Build absolutely nothing anywhere near anything

CAVEs - Citizens against virtually everything

## MEET THE FRIENDS OF THE NCVOA:

The logos of our Friends of the NCVOA appear at the end of this newsletter and on our website – [ncvoa.org](http://ncvoa.org). If you click on a Friends' logo, you will be taken to their website home page.



### The Last Word:

**“The quality of a leader is reflected in the standards they set for themselves.”**

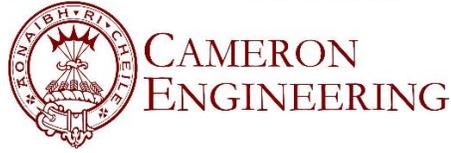
**-- Ray Kroc**

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