

February 2021 Newsletter

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

Tuesday, February 9
Representatives from the
New York Conference of
Mayors and Municipal
Officials (NYCOM) will
discuss the Governor's
proposed budget and
more

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



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

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK:

Dear Colleagues:

I recently announced to Village of Sea Cliff residents I will not seek re-election next month. This decision was made after much thought and consideration. I believe it is the best course of action for me and my family.

In accordance with NCVOA By-Laws, I will be stepping down as NCVOA president effective March 31, 2021. First Vice President Dan Serota will assume the president role until our annual election this June.

It has been my good fortune to have been given numerous opportunities to serve my village as a volunteer member of the Beach Committee, Planning Board member, trustee, deputy mayor and mayor. These last four years as mayor has been the culmination of my life-long commitment to community service.

One of the more rewarding aspects of my village official tenure has been my involvement in the NCVOA. The value of the relationships I have forged and the guidance I have received from so many talented and experienced village leaders is immeasurable. It has been a special privilege to serve as your president and I truly appreciate your support

and dedication to our organization. The NCVOA has played an integral role in advocating for villages and their residents for close to a century. I am confident the commitment and passion of our members will continue to propel the NCVOA for decades to come.

This year our villages have been challenged by many hurdles. Facing the scourge of COVID-19, a continued quest for social justice, extensive summer tropical storm damage, as well as other challenges, we as community leaders have helped our villages respond with fortitude and good will towards each other. It is that tenacity, civility and “better angels” that I always will remember and cherish.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your president. I am confident Mayor Serota and the officers and Executive Committee will continue to guide the NCVOA through the many challenges that lie ahead. I wish everyone the best this coming year and in future years.

Let's continue to stay safe and strong!

Sincerely,



Mayor Edward Lieberman

DID YOU KNOW?

Atlantic Beach Wins Zoning Control Battle

In 1962, Atlantic Beach became an incorporated village – the most recent Nassau County hamlet to incorporate. It quickly earned the distinction of being the only incorporated village in New York State without zoning control as the Nassau County Charter prohibits villages created after 1938 from having such power and vests it in the town in which the village is located.

For the next four decades the village fought, without success, for zoning control. That battle escalated to new heights in 1996 when Stephen Mahler was elected mayor. A successful trial lawyer, Mayor Mahler was relentless in challenging his village's exclusion. Mayor Mahler harnessed the support of the NCVOA as he continued to press the issue. His unwavering tenacity finally paid off as Atlantic Beach in 2002 was granted zoning powers. Mayor Mahler, who was NCVOA President in 2005-2006, served as Atlantic Beach mayor until 2014.

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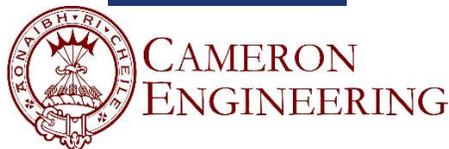
The Last Word:

"We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America....."

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