

SoutholdVOICE's "Defrost" Party a Huge Success

SoutholdVOICE's first annual "defrost" party, January 19th at the Touch of Venice restaurant in Mattituck, celebrated the end of dredging for this season. 100+ celebrants crowded in to hear SoutholdVOICE President, John Kramer, describe the young group's goals and accomplishments, and hear Southold Trustee, Dave Bergen, explain how Southold managed to get ten town creeks cleared in the short season. SoutholdVOICE Treasurer, Doug Rose, spoke as well, citing the skilled crew who ran the county's only hydraulic dredge for their dedicated effort through tough weather, balky equipment and adverse conditions. It was a fun evening, attendees reported.



SoutholdVOICE President, John Kramer, had some prepared remarks



SoutholdVOICE Treasurer, Doug Rose, thanked the crew of the just-finished dredge



Southold Town Trustee, Dave Bergen, explained the processes the town went through to secure the needed permits



...and everyone else partied!

Mission Statement

SoutholdVOICE is a citizen-run, non-profit organization of waterfront property owners and other stakeholders in Southold's extensive waterfront. Our mission is to raise awareness among the community of Southold Town regarding issues that impact shoreline and marine resources, including dredging, erosion control, ecological land use, road runoff abatement and permitting. And, to promote among the general public, environmentally sound policies regulating coastlines and waterways.

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Question 2: What is the definition of "functional" when talking about docks and bulkheads and jetties?

Answer: If it works to serve the purpose for which it was built, it is functional. Therefore, before going away for the winter, or before a storm, you may want to take some digital pictures of your structures to prove their condition. Repairing a functional structure is a simpler "administrative" permit. After a hurricane, for example, you might get an emergency permit to stop further damage while awaiting your administrative permit to replace in kind.

Question 3A: What is a Non-Turf Buffer?

Answer: Any pervious buffer that is usually required landward of a bulkhead that is NOT SOD. It can be sand, pebbles, rock, natural beach grass planting, even a wood deck, so long as it does not require mowing, pesticides and fertilizers. The purpose is to keep those things at least a minimum distance from the water. A Non-Turf buffer is usually stipulated in a developed lot with a house.

Question 3B: What is a Non Disturbance buffer?

Answer: A strip of land that is left natu-

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The Trustees Answer Your Questions

The Town Trustees have invited SoutholdVOICE to participate at their regular work sessions. At the January 23rd session, we raised the following questions to the Trustees. We hope this will help all of us in our understanding some of the complexities of life on the waterfront. Chairman John Kramer presented your questions and received the following responses from the board:

Question 1: At what point is a permit

for normal maintenance required? What's the answer to Dan Christianson's rotted dock plank question, fix it or not?

Answer: If a dock has a permit, no problem, repair in kind. (Remember, no CCA or treated lumber where feet and hands touch wood). A dock that has a permit has a number on it. If there is no number, then you will have to do some research and see if it is or is not "permitted."

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ral, and undisturbed, that separates what is usually an undeveloped tract of land from the water. This is usually stipulated in the pre-development stages where a farm for example is being developed. It would usually allow for an access path to the waterfront.

Question 4: The current Trustees Jurisdiction is how many feet from where?

Answer: 100' landward from the wetlands line. The wetlands line can be identified by the Trustees, a consultant or surveyor as long as it is agreed upon.

Question 5: Do the Trustees test water quality or have any water quality tests for the creeks in Southold?

Answer: Jim King tests for the DEC, creeks conditionally opened for shell fishing. A portion of Mattituck Creek and Hashamommuck are open or closed due to rain fall runoff. These are the only creeks that are conditional. The town has no data on any testing conducted in the town creeks by other agencies.

If the above didn't answer your question, please send what's got you wondering to southoldvoice@gmail.com or post a comment on our website, www.SoutholdVOICE.com and we will get you an answer.

The next Trustee work session is at 5:30 on Feb 27, 2008 at the Town Hall.

Check out two videos newly posted on our website: One shows someone "clamming for his supper" in Southold and the second shows the just-finished dredge in action at Goose Creek.

Two Join the Southold-VOICE Board

We are pleased to welcome Attorney Dunewood Truglia and Attorney Pat Moore to the Board of Directors of SoutholdVOICE, Inc. They bring extensive experience in permitting and other matters affecting our members.

Dave Bergen Resigns

From: "David Bergen"
Date: January 28, 2008
To: "John Kramer"
Subject: Resignation

John,

Please consider this my letter of resignation from membership in Southold VOICE. While I am adamant that my membership in the organization has not influenced my vote on any permits related to members of the organization in the past, or would in the future, I understand the perception which might exist with my dual role as member of SoutholdVOICE and as a Trustee.

I appreciate your understanding.

Sincerely,

Dave Bergen

(Dave Bergen is a Southold Town Trustee who has been under pressure to resign his valued membership in SoutholdVOICE. He has our gratitude and thanks for almost single handedly pushing the Army Core of Engineers and the DEC to release the long-stalled dredging permits for the season just closed.

It will be interesting to see whether other town officials resign their memberships in the Farm Bureau, Wine Council, NFEC, Nature Conservancy and similar organizations over whose interests they exercise authority.)

Bumper Sticker

Want a bumper sticker? Free to all members who send a stamped self-addressed #10 envelope to our P.O. box. Become a member. Show the flag!



Join SoutholdVOICE

Download a membership application online or fill out the form below and mail to SoutholdVOICE, PO Box 996, Southold NY 11971

E-mail: southoldVOICE@gmail.com

Annual Membership Dues:

\$35 per year
Those who join now are Founding Members and their dues will be good until June 2009!

Are you presently on our mailing list? _____

First Name Last Name

Mailing Address (include PO Box if necessary)

City State Zip code

Contact Phone #

E-mail

I don't have e-mail. Please mail material.

If your property address is different than your mailing address, please fill out the information below:

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