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1. Residential neighborhoods are feeling the impact of frequent short term rentals via Air B'n'B and VRBO among other social media outlets. The Village Code regulates single family residence short-term rentals to two two-week periods in any year. Would you use this provision to regulate Air B'n'B and VRBO? If not, why not? If so, how would you enforce this regulation?

I believe that section 278.1 as written is adequate to regulate the short-term rental market in our community. I do, however, believe that we need to have a more aggressive posture of enforcement. By that, I mean we should be checking the websites of the short-term rental companies to see if properties in the village are advertising for rent in violation of our ordinance. In those cases code enforcement should investigate and take the appropriate action, and then file a report that is readily accessed by other code enforcement officers and police. The police would then be able to refer to those records for enforcement purposes after normal business hours and on weekends.

2. The Village Comprehensive Plan, which helps to guide development in the Village was adopted in 2002. As adopted, the Village agreed with a key recommendation to produce a new Comprehensive Plan by 2022. What is your position on updating the Plan? And, if so, what specific recommendations would you seek to include in this update?

I agree with updating the Comprehensive Plan by 2022 and, to that end, the Village has committed to putting aside sufficient funds in the 20-21 budget for that purpose. Having said that, I do not believe we need to rewrite the entire plan. A review of the current plan by an appointed committee of residents, Village staff and a professional firm to guide the process would suffice.

3. Deer tick bites often come with other co-infections like babesiosis, ehrlichiosis, tularemia, etc. In our area, there are more Lone Star ticks than deer ticks yielding greater numbers of the alphagal meat allergy & ehrlichiosis cases. We have more ticks than ever and Lyme is still the number one tick-borne infection in the country. What do you propose to control the tick disease epidemic?.

About three years ago, with the assistance of VPS, the Village began a deer culling program that proved very successful. It was short lived however, since some animal activist groups threatened to sue and tie the Village up in court if the program continued. Since that time we have hired a professional firm that specializes in a systematic hunting of deer within village limits. It was only started this past year and it appears to be having some success. Other jurisdictions using this same company have indicated a degree of success as well.

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4. The Village Preservation Society has been concerned about the growing deer population in the Village and its surrounds. Deer are a scientifically accepted vector in the spread of Lyme disease and other tick-borne illnesses. Several years ago, the Society proposed sterilization for the Village as middle ground to doing nothing or a baited cull. What do you propose to control the deer population? Do you endorse culling? Do you endorse sterilization?

I do support the supervised hunting of deer within the village by a professional hunting organization, which would report the number of deer taken during each hunt. Using that reporting, the Village can determine the degree to which the program is working.

5. Aircraft noise is a big quality of life issue for Village residents, as well as communities all over the East End. How do you propose to address aircraft noise impacts on Village residents? When legally possible, what is your position on closing the airport?

I support the recent town effort to limit aircraft noise for our Village residents. I agree with the idea of not taking any more federal funding for the airport, thereby allowing all federal control to expire in 2024. At that point, the town should begin to limit the number of flights into and out of the airport on any given day. If that cannot be achieved, I think it would be reasonable to consider using the open space to construct some renewable energy equipment such as solar panels.

6. What role, if any, does local zoning play in relationship to nitrogen loading and other challenges to ground and surface water purity? What will you do to monitor and protect our water resources? What is your position on dredging Town Pond?

Local zoning can have a tremendous impact on nitrogen loading and other ground and surface water purity. As we pave over more land, the impervious surfaces prevent the absorption of storm water and inhibits the recharge of our ground water. The run off from these impervious surfaces contains many contaminates that then enter our surface waters. We currently have a contract with Lombardo Associates to monitor our surface water. We have also installed special filters in our roadway drains to help remove contaminates before they enter our ponds. I favor dredging Town Pond and the Village has already contracted for that dredging to begin in the next several months.

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7. The Village has long served as the cultural, commercial, educational and religious center of Town. The congestion these uses create can have a negative impact on the quality of life for Village residents. What steps would you take to mitigate this problem?

I, along with the current Village Board, are already taking steps to help moderate the effects of the issues you raise in your question. We are about to purchase a new high-tech parking system which will allow for better traffic flow through the village, as well as enabling the ability to adjust parking times by space, parking lot, and time of day. I also support the Free ride to help transport people from place to place. Additionally, I supported the establishment of more frequent LIRR service and the collaboration with the town for inter-jurisdictional bus routes. New this year, the Village is considering allowing a short-term bicycle rental company to provide service within the Village.

8. Widening the Stephen Hands Path trestle, has long been on the VPS LIRR wish list. Renovating that trestle would route truck traffic around the Village, particularly as trucks heading north on both North Main St and Accabonac Rd, are headed into the northern reaches of Town. What will you do to address this issue for Village residents?

I will continue to work to urge the LIRR to raise and widen the trestle at Stephen Hands Path just as they did to the North main Street and Accabonac trestles. I and trustee Borsack are working towards passing a resolution creating a vehicle weight limit of nine tons on North Main Street and Accabonac Highway, similar to the nine ton weight limit on other Village streets. This will prevent heavy trucks from using North Main Street and Accabonac Highway to access the Springs Road commercial district.

9. Our communities are particularly vulnerable to coastal erosion, sea level rise and extreme weather events. While Village beaches are included in the Town-wide coastal area resilience study, we are very much an add-on. Would you have the Village fund a study of Village dunes and beaches to assess their condition? What use would you make of the results of such a study?

I believe that we should see what the town study reveals regarding exactly what we should do regarding our coastal erosion problems. The town wide study costs roughly \$200,000.00. Our share of that is about \$13,000.00. I believe this study embodies the principal of "shared services" encouraged by New York State. Additionally, the Village code already includes section 124 which deals with preservation of our dunes and beaches.

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10. With McMansions scattered in neighborhoods with more modest homes, how should neighborhood character be treated within the zoning code? Is it desirable to achieve a balance and how would you do so under zoning?

I believe we need to improve the zoning code as it pertains to the size of new houses in our more modest neighborhoods. The Village Board recently passed a new section of the zoning code that will achieve just that. The new code was developed by a committee of professionals and the Village Building Department and was vetted at a public hearing. Its purpose is to diminish the slope and size of the roof structure in order to minimize the impact on the surrounding neighborhood.

11. What businesses do you think contribute the most to the economy of the Village? What steps would you take to encourage these businesses?

I believe that tourism is our most prevalent economic driver in the Village. Restaurants, Inns, and our beaches are the main support for tourism. That is why I supported the recent hiring of Nelson, Pope and Voorhis to guide us through the process of developing a sewage treatment plant to allow the restaurants in the Village to thrive. The current septic systems within our commercial core can not support the increased sewage flow that would result from expansion of restaurants and the possible addition of work force housing in the Village core.

12. Village residents remain concerned about the way PSEG-LI commandeered the public right of way to replace utility poles with larger, more toxic versions of what had been there for 60 years, allegedly to strengthen storm resistance, when it is clear that burying the lines is the proper solution. How will you negotiate the 'monster pole' issue? Please be specific.

I have recently appointed a committee of two Village Board members, residents of the affected area, and town officials in order to negotiate a solution acceptable to all stakeholders. This will entail agreeing on a location for the riser pole that is needed to be installed at the end of the proposed burial of the electric lines. I am confident that this group of honest and reasonable people will come to an agreement on that issue.



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12. Enforcement of laws that govern inappropriate signage, contractor parking on roadsides that rut the grasses and kill native plants, have a direct impact on Village residential life. How will your administration work to better enforce existing regulations to prevent this type of degradation to neighborhood character? What will you do to ensure that the Public Works Department is responsive to repairing this damage?

Several years ago, the Village Board, led by Barbara Borsack and I, passed legislation dealing with all of these problems. The Police Department and code enforcement are both charged with enforcing this code. Where appropriate, the police place temporary signage preventing parking on a road edge that has been compromised. Additionally, the Building Department requires repair of road edges at construction sites before a C.O. is issued. The Department of Public Works (DPW) is also very responsive in repairing road edges when necessary.

13. Many Village streets have very poor drainage, especially in the western area. What will you do to address this?

I have recently met with the head of the Village DPW and the head of the New York State DPW to address street drains along Route 27 in the Village that have been neglected for too long. They have already begun to clean out clogged drains and pipes. Additionally the Village DPW is in the process of cleaning drains on all Village streets.

14. What is your approach to public participation in government?

I support public participation in government. Village government is here to serve the residents of this community. I welcome input from the public regarding any issue pertaining to a better quality of life in our Village. I was the first Board member to establish direct email contact on the Village website. Prior to that, all emails were received via one secretarial email address. I also supported the introduction by Trustee Borsack of the new Facebook page for Village government. I encourage all residents to take advantage of those media and our bi-monthly meetings to express their concerns to the Village Board.

