
Appendix A-1

Patricia Boudreau-Sullivan

From: Sundy Schermeyer
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2017 5:36 PM
To: Caryn Lockard
Cc: Patricia Boudreau-Sullivan
Subject: Re: Southampton Club and Camp

Handwritten initials/signature

Hi Caryn,

I have received your correspondence and will forward it on to the Planning Board and their secretary on your behalf.

Best,
Sundy

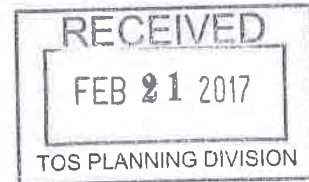
Sundy A. Schermeyer
Southampton Town Clerk, RMC

Sent from my iPad

> On Feb 21, 2017, at 4:25 PM, Caryn Lockard <carynslock@optonline.net> wrote:

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> Members of the Planning Board
> Southampton, NY 11968



> I am writing in support of the Southampton Club and Camp on Majors Path. I have been a resident of Southampton for 47 years; in fact, I was born here and have lived 24 of my years in Southampton in North Sea. I have watched Southampton grow at a rapid pace for many years. Unfortunately there remain very few places in the area where children can go outside and play morning to night, checking in for lunch and dinner, as I did as a child. Also, Southampton is no longer a place where many parents can afford to stay home with their children during the summer months. They need to work to afford to live here. Places like Southampton Club and Camp are very important to the children of Southampton. They provide a safe fun place for them to spend their summers while mom and dad are at work.

> While most back roads are now not so secret, I haven't noticed an increase in traffic on Majors Path due to the camp. Nor have I heard noise form the camp on my walks by in the summer. While I have recently watched two large houses be build down the road from my house, both only feet from Big Fresh Pond, I can only shake my head that the use of property nearby as a camp would be considered detrimental to the community in any way. I ask that you allow this camp to continue to operate and provide a safe, educational environment for the children of Southampton.

> Thank you for your time.

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> Sincerely,

> Caryn S. Lockard
> 8 Lake Side Dr.
> Southampton, NY 11968

Patricia Boudreau-Sullivan

From: Gina Minogue [gina.a.minogue@gmail.com]
 Sent: Sunday, January 22, 2017 10:38 AM
 To: Dennis Finnerty; John Blaney; cgandal@southamptontownny.gov; Philip Keith; Jacqui Lofaro; Robin Long; John Zuccarelli; sschermeyer@southamptontownny.go; Patricia Boudreau-Sullivan; Kerri Meyer
 Subject: In Support of Southampton Camp and Club

To the members of the Southampton Town Planning Board,

My name is Gina Minogue and my three daughters are presently employed at Southampton Camp and Club. My eldest has worked as a counselor at the camp for the past four summers, my middle child for the past three summers, and my youngest will be returning for her second summer beginning in June. I write to you today as a mother raising her children to be contributing members of the Long Island community. My daughters all sought out summer employment while they were on home on break from college. As you well may know, perhaps being parents yourselves, being a member of the work force helps provide a sense of daily purpose in a young persons' life. Not only this, but being a counselor at a summer camp which daily contributes to the well being of local Long Island children has instilled in my daughters a sense of responsibility, maturity, and intelligence that can only be provided by this type of work. You see, many students home from college break have difficulty finding seasonal work due to the demands of businesses in the area, as summer is when an influx of young people return to Long Island from their respective college towns. My daughters all found that Southampton Camp and Club fit perfectly into their educational schedules as an 8-10 week work season allowed them to earn a paycheck and return to school in the fall to focus on their studies. My three girls were and currently are members of the deans list, honor roll, and Latin honors student groups at their respective universities because they are fortunate enough to work in the summer season when they don't have to worry about studying for classes. Employment at Southampton Camp and Club has done wonders for my girls in a way that working as a barista, a waitress, or in retail could never hope to match. They have each gleaned skills to assist them in their future careers in their summers working for Southampton Camp and Club. As a member of a thriving Long Island community, I urge you to consider the insurmountable benefits of teaching our young people to give back to their community. Southampton Camp and Club caters to many local children and teaches them the skills of kindness, friendship, and humanity. I believe if this camp were to be removed from the property at 665 Majors Path, the Southampton community would lose an entire generation of bright minded young people able to contribute to Long Island for years to come. I believe I speak for all parents when I say that we would prefer our children to be employed by a company that values the bettering of society as opposed to making coffee and sweeping floors. My children come home every day regaling my husband and myself with stories of their campers' growth and in turn, their own maturity. The camp employs mostly local Long Island teenagers on their counselor staff which contributes to our community by providing valuable jobs for students at home for summer break. Many of these counselors are majoring in fields in childhood education and development and the kind of hands on experience provided at Southampton Camp and Club is invaluable to them. I hope that in your decision making, you consider the repercussions of removing this wonderful camp from our community. Not only would you be responsible for destroying the childhood memories of the campers who are not yet capable of understanding the situation, but the financial, educational, and emotional experiences of the counselors who have come to think of this camp as their summer time home. These young adults are working tirelessly to inspire the future generations of Long Islanders to be upstanding, contributing members of their local communities. What kind of message are you sending if you chose to remove this wonderful institution from their lives? These children, both the campers and the counselors, are our future community and civic leaders of Long Island. I believe that employment provided by Southampton Camp and Club speaks volumes of the good in the Southampton community and the good that the TLC family of camps brings to our towns. I hope that you will choose to stand on the right side of this matter and permit the camp to remain open.

Sincerely,
 Gina A. Minogue

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To the Southampton Town Planning Board,

When my daughter, Madalyn Wik, was five years old, just starting kindergarten, her brother was killed walking home by a hit and run driver. Our family was devastated. Later in the year, her teachers contacted me to tell me of this wonderful opportunity. A new camp was opening and they were generously offering scholarships (camperships). I cannot express how much this meant to us. At one of the lowest points of our life, we at least knew our young daughter would be taken care of. She would make friends. She would swim and dance and sing. She would make crafts. She would play games. She would learn and grow. That was a great comfort to us.

Madalyn is now nine years old. She has attended camp every year since it opened. She absolutely thrives there. She loves her counselors and swim instructors. They are kind, mature, fun and very efficient. When we drop Madalyn off after 9:00 AM, the staff is there to greet her. You can see how excited she is to go with them and begin her day at camp. We take Madalyn to camp instead of using the bus option because we live on Noyac Road, very close to Majors Path. I will tell you that Majors Path is a busy road in general. As you know, the dump is on Majors Path, as well as SYS. I know I use it often, all year long. The camp has a great system for drop off and pick up. You pull in, a staff member comes over, checks your child in or out, and another takes your child from or delivers your child to your car and you go on your way. It is fast and efficient and causes no problems on Majors Path.

As far as the pond goes, Madalyn has been going to the camp for four years, and she didn't even know there was a pond. I only know because I was told. It is simply not used and shouldn't even be considered an issue. Also, I have been to the camp many times over the last four summers, for shows or visiting days, and there is no way those children were so loud that they reduced people's quality of life. That is really reaching.

While Madalyn does go to camp on a campership, for which we are so grateful, it should not mean that my opinion matters less. I am a local, and Madalyn attends camp with many local children. I live here, so if anything, my opinion should matter more. The camp is an asset to this community. For our family, it helped us heal during a very difficult time. I hope Madalyn will be able to continue to grow and learn at Southampton Camp and Club.

Thank you,

Kathryn Wik

Kathryn Wik

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To the town planning board,

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My name is Thomas Wik my daughter is
Magdalen Rose Wik and is 9 years old. Magdalen is a
4th grader at Southampton Elementary school she also
attends Southampton Camp + Club. May I say that
she loves it!

We own a home on Major Rd close to the
intersection of Major's Path. We have lived
here for the last 20 years and have seen a
huge increase in the amount of traffic going
east and west at all times. This I'm sure
has absolutely nothing to do with Southampton Camp + Club.

I believe that having this small, family
orientated run Camp + Club is beneficial to the local
community. Helping some with daycare and a fun
learning experience.

I believe that this Camp + Club has little to
no effect to the local environment despite what you
being told.

In closing you have to ask yourselves some
questions.

- ① What happens if you close it? Development
- ② Will the local environment be better off closed? again Development!
- ③ Will this board be the ones to take away this positive
opportunity for the local and some not local children?

Indeed if you read this then
Thank you! Tommy Wik

Patricia Boudreau-Sullivan

From: Sundy Schermeyer
Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2017 2:45 PM
To: Kerri Meyer; Patricia Boudreau-Sullivan
Subject: Fwd: Southampton Camp and Club Public Forum Hearing

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Barrett, Kerry D" <kbarret5@friars.providence.edu>
Date: January 24, 2017 at 12:43:00 PM EST
To: "dfinnerty@southamptontownny.gov" <dfinnerty@southamptontownny.gov>, "jblaney@southamptontownny.gov" <jblaney@southamptontownny.gov>, "cgandel@southamptontownny.gov" <cgandel@southamptontownny.gov>, "pkeith@southamptontownny.gov" <pkeith@southamptontownny.gov>, "jlofaro@southamptontownny.gov" <jlofaro@southamptontownny.gov>, "rlong@southamptontownny.gov" <rlong@southamptontownny.gov>, "jzuccarelli@southamptontownny.gov" <jzuccarelli@southamptontownny.gov>, "sschermeyer@southamptontownny.gov" <sschermeyer@southamptontownny.gov>
Subject: Southampton Camp and Club Public Forum Hearing

To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to take the opportunity to address some of the concerns voiced by some residents of Southampton regarding Southampton Camp and Club. I have been a counselor at SCC for the past 3 summers, during which time I gained much knowledge regarding how the camp operates and plays a role in the Southampton community and beyond. I would like to take a few moments to share this insight with you so that you may make a more educated and well informed decision about the members of the community your actions will be impacting, aside from those that live in close proximity to the camp.

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As a full time student studying the sciences I find it difficult to find the time while away at college to balance a part time job on top of keeping up with rigorous and challenging courses I am enrolled in, clubs, internships, and other responsibilities. Southampton Camp and Club, at the very least, has been a major key role in the economic portion of the lives of myself and many of my peers. Having a full time job over the summer allows myself and many other college students to go back to school in the fall and not be concerned about how I am going to pay for the fundamentals we need such as books or food for the upcoming semester. This is not what makes Southampton Camp special, however it is significant to point out that for myself and a staff of approximately 70 other college-aged young adults, the camp is our primary source of income during the summer months, and without it we would have a difficult time finding jobs to provide the same opportunity.

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I understand that those living next door to the camp may be concerned about how traffic may interfere with their daily routines. However, these concerns should be put to rest with the following information. I am a staff member who commutes to work each day in a car with a few other counselors. Each day we park our cars at a satellite parking lot and SCC sends a bus to pick up the staff members who commute to camp each day. My car has not once been parked, or even driven past the camp grounds during business hours in the three summers I have worked there. In addition, the camp provides a bus service to pick up each individual camper from their respective houses to bring them to camp. Morning bus pick up is how every day is started at SCC and the number of campers who take advantage of this complementary service has been growing each year, while the number of campers being dropped off by parents has decreased. This trend is incredibly likely to continue. I would also like to take a moment to highlight the positive ecological impact this service has. If SCC were to be shut down, every single one of those parents from camp would have to drive their child to a different summer program which would increase carbon emissions that do not currently occur due to the bus service that SCC provides. Surely, a town that relies so heavily on the beauty of nature and clean waters during the summer months could appreciate any motivation to reduce societies' carbon footprint.

Another concern that I feel compelled to address is regarding the use of the lake bordering the property of SCC. There has never been a single camper to set foot anywhere even remotely close to the lake. The camp has a pool that each camper swims in twice a day so presently, there is no need for use of the lake. In fact, the lake is behind a fairly dense patch of trees that it is not even visible from the part of camp that the campers use, so I doubt that many of the campers are even aware that there is a lake near the camp grounds. Any activity of children being near that lake are children not under the care of Southampton Camp and Club and therefore should not be considered when making decisions about the status of the camp.

Although the issues that I have discussed so far are certainly important issues, they are not what I felt were most important to address in this letter. I have witnessed Southampton Camp and Club have an immense impact on the lives of the campers, their parents, and the counsellors. Southampton Camp and Club is *not* a place you send your children off to so they are entertained while you get work done at home. It may be what you think you are getting when you sign your child up for the first time, but Southampton Camp and Club goes far beyond that. I have watched children of all ages grow into better friends, athletes, artists, dancers, scientists, but most importantly citizens by the end of the eight weeks of camp they attend. I have been proud to watch each camper leave each day with a little more of the 'Starfish-y' attitude camp tries to teach each camper. However, I am sure that you will read many other letters and hear many other testimonials from the parents of these campers so I would like to share the important impact that camp had on me personally, and hope that you recognize that if a camp is able to so significantly change the life path of one counselor for the better, it *has* to be impacting many others in similar ways as well.

When I took a job at a summer camp as a counselor, I thought it would be a fun summer job where I could be outside all day and make a few dollars to survive the next semester. I never

thought it would change me and impact me the way it did. Before working at camp I was more introverted in new social settings. With a group of people I was comfortable around, I could be confident but I could also be intimidated if someone older, smarter, or better walked into the room. My first summer of camp changed that. Camp made me confident, a leader, and gave me the ability to make outsiders feel comfortable in a group or feel more confident myself going into a new group of people. When you spend your whole day trying to make a three-year old who misses his mom laugh, you lose all sense of trying to look "cool" and pull out the wackiest dance moves, funny faces, jokes, songs, stories you can think of. Once I was constantly focused more on trying to entertain three year olds, I noticed I relaxed more in outside settings and was no longer concerned with what other people thought of me. With the skills I learned as a counselor at camp, I realized I was gaining more friends, I was being presented with more opportunities, and the leadership skills I polished over the summers landed me a position as head of a prestigious research lab at my college as a sophomore-a position that has typically only been reserved for seniors in the past. None of this would have been possible without camp and my future is brighter as a result of it.

Each summer, Southampton Camp and Club employs a number of international counselors who live on the camp grounds. Through this, I have become friends with people from all over the world. I have been exposed to new cultures and new languages. I feel more aware of other people after meeting all these new counselors from other places. I have been inspired to study abroad this upcoming semester and I look forward to being able to grow as I travel from country to country, immersing myself in the culture of my camp friends as I visit each of their birth countries.

Camp has shown me that life is not so black and white. If you go to school to study science, there are other things you can do with your life than be a researcher or a doctor. In one way or another I used what I learned in my science classes at school to teach kids something every day at camp and that was incredibly rewarding to me. By meeting other adults at camp that mixed their skills with their passions, I realized that there was more I could be as a biology major than just a biologist or a doctor. I realized that my love for science, my love for children, and my desire to help people did not have to live in three separate worlds. I began researching jobs that combined all three. Before camp, when approached with the question every college student who doesn't have a plan yet hates to be asked "what are you going to do with that major?", I cringed, shrugged, and changed the subject as fast as I possibly could. After honing in on the three most important elements for me in a job I have decided to enter a program to become a pediatric genetic counselor. Camp taught me how to find my strengths, find my passions, set goals, and find a way to make each of those elements fit together in my life.

Southampton Camp and Club does not harm the community, it enhances it and gives back to it. Each summer, scholarships are awarded to families from North Sea Volunteer Fire Department, Southampton Volunteer Fire Department, Southampton Volunteer Ambulance Service, Tuckahoe Common School District and Southampton Elementary School. Without these scholarships, many families would not be able to send their kids to such an incredible camp for a single week much less the entire summer. Looking back, I wish more than anything that my home town had provided me with a summer camp that was even a quarter as amazing as

Southampton Camp and Club is, and the town should really pride itself for being home to such an influential and beneficial establishment. Beyond that, the camp gives back each summer by hosting a food drive for the local food shelter and the desire to help others is instilled in campers, counselors, and staff alike to make our community a better place to be for everyone.

Camp for me, is not a summer job. It is not a paycheck at the end of the summer. It is not something I do just to pass the time until the next weekend I can spend at the beach with my friends. Southampton Camp and Club is a place to grow, discover, learn, imagine and let loose. The camp is a place to make friends and memories. At camp you learn to lead, be flexible, and manage time. It's a place to be exposed to new people, push your limits, and set new goals. It is a place to make a difference. I hope I have impressed upon you the importance Southampton Camp and Club has on the lives of all those involved and that you keep all of these elements in mind as you make your final decision about the status of the camp. Finally, I thank you for taking the time to read this letter. I realize that each of you have many items on your agenda but I have a deep-rooted belief that Southampton Camp and Club has done nothing but improve the lives of all those it has touched and I would be doing an incredible injustice to an even greater establishment by not standing up and defending what has been such an important monument in my life and the lives of many others.

Thank you again, and if you have any other questions, I can be reached at kbarret5@friars.providence.edu

Campfully,

Kerry Barrett

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Clare Shea

From: Patricia Boudreau-Sullivan
Sent: Friday, January 20, 2017 2:39 PM
To: Clare Shea
Subject: FW: In Support of Southampton Camp and Club

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From: Sundry Schermeyer
 Sent: Friday, January 20, 2017 1:42 PM
 To: Alexis Minogue
 Cc: Patricia Boudreau-Sullivan; Kerri Meyer
 Subject: Re: In Support of Southampton Camp and Club

Hi Alexis,

If you could please notify those that want to submit letters in your group to direct them to the Planning Board's secretary not the Town Clerk's office to ensure they are submitted timely to the Planning Board, please email to either pboudreau@southamptontownny.gov or kmeyer@southamptontownny.gov.

Thank you

Sundry A. Schermeyer
 Southampton Town Clerk, RMC
 Schermeyer@southamptontownny.gov

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Sent from my iPad

> On Jan 20, 2017, at 1:19 PM, Alexis Minogue <alexis.minogue@gmail.com> wrote:
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 > To the members of the Southampton Town Planning Board,
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 > My name is Alexis Minogue and I have been employed as a counselor at Southampton Camp and Club for the past four summers. I am returning this summer to be a counselor for the same group of young ladies that I began my Southampton experience with back in 2013. I am 25 years old and I hold a masters degree with honors from the University of Georgia. I was born and raised on Long Island and consider myself to be a contributing member to the Long Island community. This camp, which I have called my home away from home for the past several summers, teaches our campers "the skills of making and keeping friends", something we believe cannot be taught in a classroom. My fellow counselors and I have done our duties to the local children of Southampton in instilling these "S.T.A.R.F.I.S.H." values every day for eight to ten weeks each summer. This acronym is made up of several different words that help our campers learn and grow to become empathetic, kind, and mature young people. They include Sportsmanship, Tolerance, Appreciation, Respect, Friendship, Integrity, Sensitivity, and Helpfulness. In attending the town meeting on December 8, 2016 I was able to listen to the opposing argument, that our camp family must be shut down in order to better the community. One argument I heard from many members of the opposition is that our camp has not been very "neighborly" towards the residents surrounding our property. Please allow me to cite the following examples of how several members of the Save the Little Fresh Pond community have shown myself and my campers what it means to be a "good neighbor."
 > In our first summer of operation, the camp held a "Carnival Day" complete with rides and games on our spacious soccer fields. The events began in the early afternoon so as not to

disturb any of the surrounding properties with any excess noises of excitement or fun memories being made. My campers were between the ages of three and four at the time. When it was our turn to attend the carnival activities, one of my three year old girls became upset because she saw a man standing in wooded area on our property with a video camera, filming the activities. This man's name is Foster Maer. Mr. Maer is a Southampton town resident who is adamant on removing the camp on the grounds that we have been "bad neighbors" in the past, but how can one ignore this man's illegal, harmful, and scarring actions? Upon seeing that there was a strange man video taping our children, the counselors removed the campers from the area and called the camp directors to handle the situation. It is my knowledge that the directors did not call the police or even press charges against Mr. Mear, despite his malicious activity that frightened many of our campers and staff including trespassing and illegally recording minors.

> In my third summer at Southampton Camp and Club, when my girls were five years old, one of our weekly activities was Gaga. Gaga is a sport played at camps and some schools around the world and can be described as a much safer and more contained version of dodgeball. Our Gaga pits are located in the far front corner of our property close to Majors Path. It was around 11:30 in the morning on a weekday when myself and my fellow counselors were confronted by a woman walking through the wooded area in scantily clad pajamas screaming obscenities. This woman, whose name I did not acquire, was upset at the noises coming from the Gaga pits. She claims that she lived in the house next to our property (which was visible from the Gaga pits) and was awoken by our noises at 11:30 in the afternoon on a Wednesday. This particular "good neighbor" said the F word so many times that one of my five year old girls took me aside and asked me to define it as she was confused on it's meaning. I escorted our good neighbor to the main office where our directors could speak with her about the problem she was having. I am unaware of the subject of any conversations that took place between this woman and our directors, but I am again under the impression that we did not press charges against this person for trespassing on our property and potentially endangering our campers.

> The third instance of neighborly kindness I've experience as a counselor at Southampton Camp and Club has been at least two interactions with Ms. Celeste Frank. I have personally witnessed Ms. Frank in the wooded area near our pool and tennis courts with a device used to measure sound decibels during the day. At the last hearing on December 8th, Ms. Frank claimed that she took decibel recordings of the camp noises early in the morning from her own living room. I am claiming that Ms. Frank is falsifying her evidence as I have personally witnessed Celeste Frank standing on our property with a recording device. I believe Mr. Frank is lying about where these decibel levels have been recorded. Unless she can prove that these recordings have taken place in her home with video footage, I have reason to believe that the recordings she provided were taken on our property and thus should not be considered in her argument to remove our camp on the grounds of noise violation laws. Again, it is my understanding that Ms. Frank was not prosecuted by any directors at Southampton Camp and Club for her actions of trespassing and illegally recording minors.

> If these members of the Little Fresh Pond community claim that our directors have acted strongly in the past, I believe it is due to the sheer bewilderment that someone could wish to put our campers in danger. By trespassing on our property, these citizens have made our campers feel scared and unsafe and have in some part caused detriment to their camp experiences. If we come off strong, it is because we wish to protect our campers from these harmful and untrue allegations who wish to destroy the fun summer memories created at Southampton Camp and Club. It is my only wish that I can impart the skills of making and keeping friends, as well as what it means to truly be a good neighbor to my young campers. I will continue to do so as long as Southampton Camp and Club is in operation, and it is my firm belief that if the Southampton Town Board listens to the evidence provided by those in support of the camp, that there is only one decision that can be made. Southampton Camp and Club must remain open so that the future residents of the Hamptons communities can grow up to be respectful, kind, and most importantly, good neighbors.

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> Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to seeing you all again at the next meeting on January 26th.

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> Sincerely,
> Alexis Minogue