



EAST HAMPTON TOWN BOARD

Candidates Debate – October 11, 2021

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The **East Hampton Group for Good Government** is a local nonpartisan organization promoting awareness of town and other local issues through spirited public discussions of ideas in a civil and respectful manner. The GGG sponsors “GGG Insights” on LTV and holds public forums and member meetings on local matters, encouraging its members to become involved with local government, school, quality of life and environmental issues. Learn more about the GGG at ehggg.org and watch “GGG Insights” presented on LTV, Channel 20 with direct links to our shows available on ehggg.org

**VOTE on November 2 in Person or by Absentee Ballot But VOTE
Only registered voters can vote in the general election**

LTV will air these debates live on LTV’s Channel 20 and on its YouTube Channel.
They can be accessed after the live presentation on demand on ehggg.org and on lveh.org.

EARLY VOTING IS AVAILABLE FROM October 23-31—SEE PAGE 4 FOR TIMES AND PLACE

Town Board Candidates Debates - Procedures

The purpose of the Debates is to give the public an opportunity to evaluate the candidates and to give the candidates an opportunity to share their views with the voters. We want to thank each candidate who elected to participate in the GGG Debates for giving the public this opportunity.

Prior to the Debates, each candidate was asked to submit to the GGG by October 1 two pages including a resume and ideas for the town. The materials submitted, unedited, are included in full below in this debate brochure.

Town residents, as well, have been encouraged to submit to the GGG their ideas for questions prior to day of the Debates. The GGG tries to include most of these ideas in the Debates, but time does not permit us to include questions on all areas of concern.

In each Debate, each candidate will have one minute to summarize his or her background and ideas for the town. At the end of each Debate each candidate will have one minute to sum up his or her views.

The format of each Debate is designed to give all candidates equal time to express their ideas, by setting one-minute time limits on each candidate response — with a 10 second warning as time is running out.

After opening statements by each of the candidates, the GGG Moderator will ask a series of prepared questions to the candidates. Each of the candidates will be given up to one minute to answer each question. The candidate asked to answer first will rotate so all candidates will be given a chance to be the first and last to answer some question(s). If candidates agree with an answer previously given, they are encouraged to simply say so to save time and allow questions on more issues to be asked.

After each candidate has had one minute to answer a question, all candidates will have up to an additional one-minute to disagree with another candidate on the issue or clarify their own answer.

The GGG has not distributed questions to candidates prior to the Debates, but suggests that candidates become familiar with town government issues: including affordable housing; upgrading telecommunications; wind and solar energy; balancing airport access and noise; covid and community health; climate change and rising sea levels; facilitating local business operations; improving year round job opportunities; attracting new year round business; open government and public access; deer management; the functioning of a town board as the town's chief executive as well as its legislature; the efficacy of a board liaison for interaction with the town's departments; the town budget, choices and bonding; union and collective bargaining issues; incentivizing outstanding town employees and improving the performance of low achievers; implementing information technology in town departments; Code enforcement — housing, drinking, safety; wastewater management; uses and limits on the CPF; increasing the involvement of Latino communities in civic affairs; beach access and cleanliness; senior and youth services; pre-K education; increasing non tax revenues.

After these Debates you may wish to visit **SeeThroughNY.com** which gives New Yorkers a window into how their state and local tax dollars are spent. **SeeThroughNY.com** is a web portal through which taxpayers can share, analyze and compare data from counties, cities, towns, villages, school districts and public authorities throughout New York. The site, sponsored by the [Empire Center for New York State Policy](http://EmpireCenter.org), allows visitors to search government payrolls, pensions, contracts and expenditures, and provides links to additional information and supporting material on other websites.

Only registered voters can vote in the General election on Tuesday November 2, 2021

However all registered voters may vote for any candidate of any party on Election Day

See below for important information on applying for an absentee ballot and early voting in the November 2nd General Election

For any questions regarding registering or your ballot call Suffolk County Board of Elections at 631 852-4500.
For help on registering, absentee ballots or voting call League of Women Voters at 631-324-4637

REGISTERING AND VOTING 2021—ABSENTEE BALLOTS—EARLY VOTING

REGISTRATION The time to register to vote in 2021 General Election expires on October 8, 2021

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

If you will be away from Suffolk County on Election Day or will be unable to go to your polling place because of illness (including risk of Covid 19 or other communicable disease) or disability, or you are the primary caregiver of an ill or disabled person, you can vote by absentee ballot. Suffolk County's Board of Elections website describes the new process to obtain an absentee ballot which has become more flexible.

The easiest way to obtain your absentee ballot is Electronically by the New York State Board of Elections Absentee Application Portal at: <https://absenteeballot.elections.ny.gov/> but you must transmit your request through the portal at least 15 days before the election.

Additional methods to obtain an absentee ballot and all the requirements for submitting a completed ballot can be found at <https://www.suffolkcounytyny.gov/Departments/BOE/InvitationtoBid>.

If you elect to mail your absentee ballot, it must be postmarked by Election Day and must reach the Board of Elections no more than 7 days after the election to be counted. To avoid delays in mailing, you should mail your ballot early.

EARLY VOTING

There are 9 days of early voting, from Saturday, October 23 through Sunday, October 31, which, in East Hampton Town, takes place at Windmill Village, 219 Accabonac Rd., Community Rm. #2. With an absentee ballot your vote will not be counted for two weeks, with early voting your vote is known on election day.

The dates/times for early voting are:

Weekends		Weekdays	
Sat. October 23	10 a.m.-3 p.m.	Mon. October 25	7 a.m.-3 p.m.
Sun. October 24	10 a.m.-3 p.m.	Tues. October 26	12 p.m.-8 p.m.
Sat. October 30	10 a.m.-3 p.m.	Wed. October 27	8 a.m.-4 p.m.
Sun. October 31	10 a.m.-3 p.m.	Thurs. October 28	8 a.m.-4 p.m.
		Fri. October 29	12 p.m.-8 p.m.

DEADLINE DATES FOR GENERAL ELECTION DAY: November 2, 2021

- October 23-31 deliver your completed absentee ballot in person to an early voting site
- November 1 last day to apply in person for absentee ballot
- November 2 last day to postmark your completed absentee ballot
- November 2 last day to deliver your absentee ballot in person to the County Board of Elections or to your voting polling place.

Kathee Burke-Gonzalez

Candidate for East Hampton Town Council

It is my firmly held belief that my job as a Town Board member is to enable the community to achieve its goals, by getting the facts and building consensus. Over the last eight years I have worked diligently with Town residents and Town staff addressing the pressing needs of our community: protecting drinking water, surface waters and harbors and bays, advancing clean, renewable energy projects, saving our beaches and beach access, leading a thoughtful process to secure meaningful relief from noisy aircraft operations, creating affordable housing opportunities, as well as advocating on behalf of our most precious resource – our children, our seniors and our hard working families. I am prepared for every meeting, ask pointed questions to ascertain the facts, and I listen to diverse points of view, as I have the ability and desire to work with everyone.

Experienced Public Servant

- Elected to the Town Board for a 4-year term November 2013 and 2017
- Appointed Deputy Supervisor January 2021
- Endorsed by the Democratic and Working Families parties in 2013, 2017 and 2021 and the Sierra Club 2021
- Town Board representative to Human Services, Information Technology, Town Clerk, and Springs Citizens Advisory Committee
- Liaison to Adolescent Mental Health & Substance Use Task Force, Disabilities Advisory Board, Montauk Playhouse Board of Managers, East Hampton Volunteer Ocean Rescue, YMCA Board of Managers, Senior Building Committee, Board of Ethics, Licensing Review Board, Special Event & Film Permitting Committee
- Co-liaison to Little League Ball Fields Re-Location Committee, Police Reform & Reinvention Committee
- Opted out of receiving the town's longevity bonus pay based on principle
- Trained with former Vice President Al Gore to become a Climate Reality Leader

Skilled Leader

The Global Health Crisis

- Establishing COVID testing sites in East Hampton, Montauk and Wainscott and creating a vaccination clinic in Wainscott
- Providing vital services for homebound seniors including delivering over 80,000 frozen meals, making thousands of wellness calls and delivering hundreds of prescriptions
- Coordinating with the Jon Bon Jovi Soul Foundation to site a much needed food bank here that would serve eight local food pantries
- Educating and engaging residents, business owners, second homeowners, renters, and visitors as we strived to keep our community healthy and safe

Responsible Government

- Balancing every budget, maintaining the town's Aaa credit rating and keeping taxes low
- Collaborating with Stony Brook Southampton Hospital on a new medical facility
- Leading a thoughtful process to secure meaningful relief from noisy aircraft operations
- Encouraging the advancement of town employees

Our Natural Environment

- Delivering water quality improvement projects including the town's low nitrogen septic incentive program, site specific storm water remediation, habitat restoration, and wastewater treatment projects
- Preserving open space, wetlands, watersheds, and farmland with CPF monies
- Identifying vulnerable properties and developing comprehensive coastal resiliency strategies
- Coordinating with the Army Corp and DEC on FIMP's beach nourishment project for Downtown Montauk
- Advancing off-shore wind and solar energy via the Accabonac solar farm, Green Homes initiative, authorization of the South Fork Wind easement agreements, and adoption of the CCA authorizing legislation

Our Social Responsibility

- Supporting quality childcare and after school care for our children

- Increasing mental health services for our youth
- Producing and co-hosting a show on LTV to begin a community conversation about adolescent mental health, substance use, dating violence, screen addiction, etc.
- Improving recreational opportunities at Montauk Skate Park, Maidstone Park Ball Field and Stephen Hands Path Soccer Fields
- Securing additional funding for Meals on Wheels and the Senior Nutrition Program
- Increasing accessibility at town beaches and parks
- Expanding senior health and wellness programs in East Hampton, Springs and Montauk
- Purchasing 7 acres on Abraham's Path to site the new, larger, net zero senior center

Our Infrastructure

- Addressing the wireless service coverage gaps and initiating a new wireless communications master plan
- Coordinating with Suffolk County on a \$7.6 million reconstruction of Springs Fireplace Road
- Initiating a Wastewater District in Downtown Montauk
- Installing EV-charging stations in East Hampton, Amagansett and Montauk
- Expanding parking in the heart of Amagansett

Our Community Character

- Creating affordable housing opportunities that include rental apartments and home ownership
- Working collaboratively with the Housing Authority on Gansett Meadow and a new apartment project on Three Mile Harbor
- Protecting our residential neighborhoods and our quality of life
- Saving our beaches and beach access
- Restoring historic buildings such as Second House Museum, Marine Museum and Springs Library for all to enjoy

Professional Business Executive

- More than thirty years experience as a marketing and advertising executive
1983 graduate of Siena College with a Bachelor of Science degree in Marketing and Management

Joe Karpinski (just21jk@gmail.com, just21jk.com, 631-488-8827)

Republican and Conservative Candidate for East Hampton Town Council

Hello my fellow residents. I'm Joe Karpinski. A dreaded millennial who is actually the best part of the millennials. I can do anything anyone my major can and do the same things as anyone that is my minor. I constantly see my opponents' reference their 30 years plus work experiences. I'm reminded I was only in Elementary School as they began careers being jacks of all trades, masters of none.

I'm the fortunate enough 3rd generation of my family to live in Amagansett. After graduating Kutztown University in 2006 with a degree in history. I finished researching my project for the Plainsboro Historical Society. After constructing an exhibit, being a part of their speaker series and saying goodbye to "Elsie the Cow" though she'll always be seen on a pack of cheese. Returning to Amagansett combining another passion and work. The love of the environment and taking care of plants led myself to work for one of the leading Tree Care companies in the industry. Serving the community as a member of the Amagansett Fire Department. I am a former officer in the Ambulance Squad for the better part of a decade and now approaching my 15th year of Service. Whether it's enjoying the wonders of the Harbor, Bay, Ocean or Walking around the State Parks. You just might see me out and about with my wife, children and dog.

When I was 18, my High School advisor said "Set 5 goals you'll achieve by 35". Simple enough. I wanted to be married, have children, own my home, own more than one vehicle and have season tickets to the Detroit Lions. I accomplished them all before I turned 35. Now I turned 38 and it's time to save our town.

Maybe I just got tired of being referred to when speaking at our public meetings as a resident, a local or a member of the public. Maybe you don't realize everything from the 2017 election is still all the same issues 4 years later.

I've decided to seek office as a Councilman for all the shortcomings that are around us. Some that are facing decades of neglect. Protecting our Beaches, Beach Access, Public Safety, Enforcement of the Town Laws and Codes (Not enforcement for some and not all), Protecting our Rights (Government is not the Grantor, it's the Protector). To work with our Environment while protecting everything we hold dear to preserve it for the Generations to come.

"For far too long the say everything, do nothing, pandering group we have in office or wants to be in office continually fails this community."

To all our opposition.

- Senior Center? Nonexistent.
- Energy? Facts and figures on preliminary reports aren't actuality. That is fantasy.
- Fisherman? All but an afterthought.
- Townspeople? See above.
- Beaches? Not protected adequately or at all.
- Enforcement of the Town Law and Codes. What enforcement?
- Communication Tower in Springs?

- Truck Beach? Airport? Beach Access?
- Different thoughts to the same end goal? Not allowed! One way should not be the only way.

“Enough is enough and it’s time for a change. Join with us November 2nd as we are a businessman, an educator and the blue collar. We ARE this community. The Tides are Changing.”

I’ve always been.

- Goals set and Goals Achieved.
- Hard Working and Determined.
- A Steward of the Environment.
- Protector of Rights.
- Advocate for the Voiceless.
- Volunteer
- Blue Collar

Memberships/Accomplishments:

1st Ever recipient of the Amagansett Fire Department EMS person of the year award (2012)

Graduated Kutztown University in 2006.

Lead Researcher on the “Twin M-League” project. 2006 - 2009

Former member of the Plainsboro and Princeton Historical Societies:

Arbor Day Foundation:

National Rifle Association:

The Fan Project: Support and Promote Woman’s Sports.

Professional Certified Applicators of Long Island:

Amagansett Fire Department/Amagansett FD Ambulance Squad:

Former Captain/EMT-B of the Amagansett FD Ambulance Squad: Currently a member of the Fire Police.

April 14th, 2021: I advocated for and brought Congressman Lee Zeldin’s office to the Trustees to offer help to dredge Napeague Harbor and all dredging projects. Longer than I’ve been alive we are waiting on Napeague to be addressed properly.

May 11th 2021: After years of advocating against hardened (static) structures on our shorelines. This date was symbolic as the ZBA and East Hampton Town took up my call for site remediation bonds. It is now a requirement from that date moving forward. What I will call my signature legislation without being in office.

CATE ROGERS
Democratic Candidate for Town Board
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Local Government Experience

- 2019 Participant in the Springs Corridor Study
- Vice Chair East Hampton Zoning Board of Appeals (board member for 9 years, serving 7 years as vice-chair)
- Membership on East Hampton Town committees: Nature Preserve Committee, Energy Sustainability Committee and Solarize-Energize Task Force, Emergency Preparedness Committee. Served on the 2014 Zoning Code Revisions Working Group.

Environmental Protection

- 2019-present Party to the Public Service Commission permitting process (Article VII) for the South Fork Wind Farm transmission cable.
- Climate Reality Leader, Mentor and Chapter Chair, The Climate Reality Project trained by Former Vice President Al Gore in Pittsburgh and Berlin 2017-2018. Mentor: Los Angeles training, Atlanta training, and for 3 Global Virtual Trainings. Founding Chapter Chairperson of the Peconic Region Chapter, 2018- present
- Co-Chair and founding member of the NYS Coalition of Climate Reality Chapters
- Founding member Win with Wind - Local offshore wind advocacy group
- Founding member Windworks,LI - Long Island Coalition of Labor Unions and Environmental Organizations

Democratic Leadership

- 2020 Re-elected Chairwoman East Hampton Town Democratic Committee by unanimous vote
- 2018 Elected Chairwoman East Hampton Town Democratic Committee formed Latino Outreach, Youth and Legislative teams.
- 2018 Elected to represent ED 15 in a community-wide primary election
- 2017 East Hampton Town Democratic Committee liaison to Congressional District-1
- 2017 East Hampton Town Democratic Campaign Committee, Campaign Coordinator working as an assistant to the Chairman of the Campaign Committee and helped to secure the Democratic sweep of town board and trustee elections
- 2017 East Hampton Town Democratic Committee – volunteer, served on the Policy, Website/Social Media sub-committees
- 2017 Top 3 phone banking volunteer
- 2016 East Hampton Presidential Election Headquarters Coordinator helping manage 150 local campaign volunteers and GOTV (in 2016 Hillary Clinton and Anna Throne-Holst both secured landslide victories in East Hampton by 30 pts and 27 pts respectively).
- 2016 East Hampton Town Democratic Committee “Democrat of the Year”
- 2013 Transition Assistant to the Supervisor Elect Larry Cantwell and member of the Transition Team

2020 Organizing Achievements

- **Created Local 2020 “Don’t Sit This One Out” EH DEMS Campaign**
 1. Congressional Candidate Forum (Feb 2020) 300+ attendees
 2. Absentee ballot outreach phonebanks for the primary
 3. Coordinated GOTV for the Primary and General Elections
 4. Distributed 350 Biden-Harris lawn signs locally
 5. Distributed 14 Enewsletters to our email database with voting and candidate information.
- **Organizing member of “New York For Biden” 2020 team**
 1. Managing team member-Virtual Campaign Headquarters for Long Island and NYC activating, training, and hosting thousands of volunteers across New York State who completed 2 million calls to battle ground states.
 2. Hosted the East Hampton Dems Weekly Phonebank to Swing States.

Additional Experience

- 30+ year business and property management experience running and managing family owned nationally recognized 7500 seat arena and 22-acre property.

Memberships

- The Climate Reality Project
- The Sierra Club
- New York League of Conservation Voters
- Planned Parenthood
- Monthly Supporter of the Springs Food Pantry and Organización Latino-Americana (OLA)

If elected, I will act on the following critical issues:

- to upgrade town-wide communications upgrade with reliable cell service and emergency radio services
- to build more affordable housing
- to change the status quo of the East Hampton airport.
- To fight for renewable energy projects and against climate change
- to end the nitrate and phosphorus pollution of our ground and surface water.
- to support Eminent Domain proceedings for public access at Napeague beach.

I am endorsed by the Democratic and Working Families parties.

Please vote for me, Cate Rogers, for Town Board on November 2, 2021.

JOHN WHELAN

CANDIDATE FOR TOWN BOARD

A DEMOCRAT ENDORSED BY THE INDEPENDENCE PARTY

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A Lifetime of Local Knowledge

I was born at Southampton Hospital and grew up on a large family farm in Northwest Woods. My mother was an accomplished artist and my father was an attorney who served as the East Hampton Town Attorney for decades. He counseled the Town Board, Planning Board, and Zoning Board of Appeals, and in 1957 he authored the first Zoning Code for the Town of East Hampton. I enjoyed attending many of his meetings as a teenager, and it was then that my passion for government began. East Hampton was relatively undeveloped at that time, especially the woods where I grew up, and from an early age, I knew how fortunate I was to be surrounded by beautiful and pristine woodlands, beaches, and farmlands. I also became increasingly aware that the only way I could help to balance development pressures against the ebbing away of the unimaginable beauty, unique character, and vital natural resources that I knew and loved as a child, was by becoming involved in town government.

Education

After graduating from East Hampton High School in 1975, I attended St. John's University in Minnesota, and spent a year studying at L'Ecole des Beaux Arts in Aix-en-Provence, France. I graduated from St. John's University in 1979 with Bachelor's Degrees in Fine Arts, French Literature and Secondary Education. I then went on to receive a Master's Degree in Architecture from Virginia Tech's College of Architecture and Urban Studies.

Professional Experience

In addition to a 30-year career in architecture, I was a project manager for The Ross School, an Environmental Planner for the Town of East Hampton, and a French teacher at The Waterfront School.

Government Experience

- I have contributed 2 years of service representing East Hampton Town on the Suffolk County Planning Commission
- I am the current Chairman of the East Hampton Town Zoning Board of Appeals, and have served in this position for the past 7 years. I was appointed by Supervisor Larry Cantwell in 2014.
- As Chairman of the ZBA, I have led with integrity, professionalism, transparency, and congeniality; and have never lost an Article 78 challenge on a decision I have made.
- I initiated the East Hampton Town Agricultural Advisory Committee.

Volunteer Work

- For the past 25 years, I have served as Lector and Eucharistic minister at Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church in East Hampton.
- Maureen's Haven – 7 years as a volunteer chaperone for homeless guests
- Current volunteer at The Retreat Domestic Violence Shelter – Pro-bono architectural services and facilities management
- Current member of the EECO Farm Board of Directors.

Democratic Leadership

- Registered as a Democrat at age 18
- Former East Hampton Town Democratic Executive Committee Member
- Former Democratic Committee Representative for District 16
- Co-founder and Chair of Organizing for America on the South Fork
- East End Coordinator for the Obama Campaign
- Obama Delegate Designee to the Democratic National Convention
- Guest of President Barack Obama at the White House
- Nominated Democratic Committee candidate for Town Board in 2009

Planning for The Future

Development is disastrous for the environment and we need to control it through strict land use regulations and green building codes. Any new development within the town should leave as light a footprint on the environment as possible, and there can be no exceptions for projects put forth by the Town Board. Affordable housing communities, a new Senior Center, and perhaps other town projects can be great assets to the town.... with careful planning! Without it, the town may contend with deforestation, loss of prime farmland or recreation spaces, wildlife habitat destruction, groundwater disruption and contamination, air and noise pollution, distasteful and unsustainable designs, traffic congestion, overcrowding, and further urbanization of East Hampton. I would avoid building on or near environmentally sensitive lands, and utilize innovative, eco-friendly designs that possess a strong sense of place and are built utilizing green building specifications. I would also choose renovation over new construction whenever possible. Our ecological footprint can be minimized through conservation, preservation, careful redevelopment, and community participation. By working together, we can protect our environment and preserve our quality of life for future generations.

JEFF BRAGMAN

An Independent Voice for East Hampton

Jeff has deep roots in East Hampton. A local resident for more than 35 years, he raised his son here, who attended local schools. As a land use attorney, Jeff learned to listen and trust local residents. He has a long record of fighting inappropriate development to protect rural character. He assisted clients in creating parks, including Shadmoor State Park, protecting historic buildings, and stopping two shopping centers in Bridgehampton.

As a Councilman, he has encouraged public participation and thoughtful decision-making.

He has been vigilant in protecting and maintaining our natural environment, especially our aquifers and surface waters. He has kept in mind that we all drink from the same well.

He is also deeply concerned about the loss of local character and community and believes that we can't let the houses and parties get bigger and bigger, while our local community gets smaller and smaller.

Transparency/Ethics: Jeff believes that local government must be more transparent and understandable to local residents. His independence and candor are apparent. He has also been a strong advocate for awareness and strict compliance with ethical rules.

Airport: As airport liaison, Jeff has the longest record of any town board member in advocating for local control to end noise, safety, and environmental impacts. He was responsible for organizing the re-envisioning process which will provide a basis to decide the future of the airport property.

Energy: Jeff advocated for Community Choice Aggregation, which would permit the town to combine its energy demand with larger municipalities to create a larger renewable market. Community choice uses existing infrastructure. The program also offers greater flexibility for the use of solar power. He has supported the adoption of the "stretch" building code, and environmentally sound wind power as a tool to meet the existential threat of global warming. He also advocated for environmental review, to protect our local fisheries, and the larger habitats at sea.

Montauk: Jeff supports a community wastewater treatment system, and zoning incentives to encourage coastal adaptation. Surface water quality in Montauk remains a concern. Long-promised beach sand replenishment is also necessary. Quality of life concerns of noise, litter, and partying remain. Jeff exposed and stopped an unlawful settlement turning Duryea's into an upscale yachting restaurant.

Senior Center: A new Senior Center is long overdue. Jeff has repeatedly urged greater transparency in the planning of a new site and would welcome listening sessions to hear directly from the Senior community before design and planning are finalized.

Cell Phone Service: Jeff joined neighbors opposing an inappropriate siting of a tower in a neighborhood woodland preserve. Public input confirmed that there was a less impacting site nearby. The controversy revived the town's negotiations for the new site, and expedited work on code changes and a master plan.

Seaplanes: In addition to his long record of support for local airport control to end the impacts of air traffic on our town, Jeff provided the New York State case law authorizing prohibiting seaplanes in town waters.

Housing: As liaison to the Housing Authority, Jeff secured unanimous approval of an Affordable Housing Overlay to move forward a new plan. He also obtained unanimous agreement to issue a \$25,000 grant to assist with preliminary engineering. He understands the need to balance community character with the need for housing affordability.

Well Contamination: Jeff helped to protect Wainscott residents from contaminated wells by obtaining public water. He also pressed for additional emergency funding for in-home water filtration for use while waiting for public water. The funding was unanimously approved.

Dust Storms: Dust storms from Amagansett farm fields damaged businesses, homes, and the library, and closed school recess. Jeff worked with the farming community and residents to craft a law requiring measures to stop erosion. It received unanimous approval.

Farm Views: Jeff also drafted zoning changes explicitly authorizing local boards to preserve the views and open vistas across publicly purchased fields. The changes ensure the protection of views into the future.

Camp Hero: Jeff obtained unanimous Town Board approval to use water quality funds for engineering design work for a state of the art wastewater system, replacing an outdated and polluting system.

Dog Park: Jeff opposed wholesale clearing and other changes to the Springs Dog Park, supporting the creation of a conveniently located small dog area.

Lead By Listening

Peter Van Scoyoc
Candidate for East Hampton Town Supervisor

Peter Van Scoyoc's family has roots in East Hampton that date to the 1700s. Peter operated a residential construction company and a charter fishing business here for over 25 years. He is intimately familiar with the land and waters of East Hampton and the issues we face. He cares deeply about our environment and community.

Peter has devoted much of his time to public service. He has coached little league, girls softball, and youth soccer in East Hampton and Springs. He is currently serving in his tenth year on the East Hampton Town Board and his second term as Town Supervisor. Prior to being elected, Peter served six years on the East Hampton Town Planning Board and five years on the East Hampton Zoning Board of Appeals, his last year as chair.

Some of Peter's Accomplishments

Leadership throughout the Pandemic

- Took early and decisive action by declaring a local State of Emergency, constantly worked to protect the public
 - Resulting in East Hampton having the 3rd lowest rate of Covid infections of any town on Long Island
- Activated the town's pandemic response plan and instituted the Unified Incident Command structure, ensuring that critical town services continued, and personal protective equipment (PPE) were secured for essential workers
- Delivered over 67,000 prepared meals to senior shut-ins throughout the pandemic
- Solicited tens of thousands of dollars in donations for local food pantries and other charitable organizations
- Established the Business Recovery Committee to help businesses survive the economic impacts of the pandemic
- Brought Covid-19 testing sites to East Hampton and Montauk
- Established and staffed a CDC/NYS compliant mass vaccination center in Wainscott, administering thousands of Pfizer Covid vaccine doses to East Hampton residents beginning in February 2021
 - Resulting in East Hampton Town having among the highest percentage of residents vaccinated on LI
- Facilitated additional Covid vaccination clinics in Springs and Montauk
- Allowed restaurants and fitness centers to operate outdoors by executive order, keeping businesses safely open
- Successfully lobbied the Governor to ease restrictions on outdoor catering to help local businesses

Water Quality

- Authorized the town's first Comprehensive Wastewater Management Study and Plan
- Instituted water improvement projects reducing runoff in town waters
- Authorized up to 20% of Community Preservation Funds for water improvement projects
- Offering incentives of up to \$20,000 per property for upgrades to low nitrogen septic systems
- First in Suffolk County to mandate low nitrogen septic systems for all new construction
- Expanded shellfish production to restore habitat and improve water quality
- Created a Water Supply District in Wainscott to ensure safe drinking water for more than 500 homes threatened by chemical contamination

Renewable Energy and Sustainability

- Adopting a 100% renewable energy goal, among the first communities in the U.S. to do so
- First town on Long Island to be designated a Climate Smart Community
- Benchmarked energy use in all town buildings
- Improving electric vehicle infrastructure by installing charging stations throughout the town
- Replacing older gas powered fleet vehicles with electric vehicles
- Installing LED street lighting in Montauk and throughout town buildings and ballfields
- First megawatt scale solar farm on the South Fork, repurposing an abandoned brush dump

- First utility scale battery storage facility on Long Island completed in East Hampton. The 5MW facility can meet peak demand of 5,000 homes for 8 hours. A second battery storage facility has now been completed in Montauk
- Negotiated over \$29 million dollars in Host Community Benefit funding for East Hampton, ensuring clean renewable energy from New York’s first offshore wind farm to the South Fork, meeting the Town’s 100% renewable energy goal by 2024

Affordable Housing

- 50 affordable housing units recently completed in Amagansett and East Hampton
- Acquired land in Wainscott and East Hampton creating opportunities for local working families to stay in town

Forward Planning

- Conducted Hamlet studies with the goal of promoting long-term vitality and viability of our business centers, with implementation now underway
- Coastal Assessment and Resiliency Planning (CARP) to address erosion and sea level rise
- Erosion Control District Feasibility Study for Downtown Montauk to fund beach sand replenishment
- Montauk Downtown Community Wastewater Study to address water quality concerns
- Leased land to facilitate the new Southampton Stony Brook Hospital Emergency Medical Center at Pantigo Place

Financial Management and Efficiency

- Conservative budgeting and strong fund balances have led to a Moody’s Aaa rating each year as Supervisor
- Adopted a capital plan that addresses infrastructure and other needs while reducing overall indebtedness
- Digitizing records and modernizing the way in which the town does business and serves residents
- Increased productivity of town employees through more training and financial incentives
- Encourage community involvement with over 30 volunteer committees and nearly 300 residents with expertise and diverse skills providing ideas and focus to help manage the complex issues facing of our community
- Hired a public relations firm to help us better engage and inform the public throughout the pandemic using Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. Improved the Town’s website allowing residents to sign up for notifications.

Open Space and Historic Preservation

- Acquired hundreds of acres of open space for recreation, farming, water quality improvement, and habitat protection while increasing public access to our waterfronts
- Saved and/or restored Jonathan Little Barn at Duck Creek, Gardiner Mill Cottage, North Main Street Barn, George Fowler House, Second House and Fort Pond House. Renovations of Springs Library and the Marine Museum are underway

Emergency Communications and Services

- Authorized the newly completed upgrade of Emergency Communications for Police and Emergency Services
- Added three new tower sites to cover areas previously not served in Springs, Montauk, and Northwest
- Worked with East Hampton Village to construct new Emergency Services Substation in Northwest, providing enhanced fire protection and ambulance services, as well as insurance premium reductions for homeowners

Peter’s Vision

“My vision for East Hampton is for a future that is forever vigilant in protecting our natural resources; a future that honors our past, and respects our history, traditions, and diversity; and a future full of opportunity for all of our residents who work and live here. There is still much more to do to protect our beautiful surroundings and quality of life here in East Hampton. I want to do what I can to ensure that future generations will continue to enjoy the beauty and bounty of our surroundings and experience the care and support that our small town community offers. I ask for your support to continue this important work.”