PLANNING BOARD
PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA
September 28, 2023 6:00 PM

2. 625 Butter Lane (Whirled Peas)
Hamlet of Bridgehampton SCTM No. 900-51-1-17.7 (C. Shea) • Public hearing

• Covenant amendment
• Request to amend the location of the envelope for agricultural structures associated with a farm on a parcel created with the Subdivision Map of Whirled Peas
• 9.05-acre agricultural reserve parcel
• CR-80 Zoning District
• East of Butter Lane

Public Comments by Pamela Harwood, President, Bridgehampton Civic Association

"The decisions that are made by the Planning Board members following this public hearing are of the utmost importance to all residents of the Town of Southampton.

If you agree to this applicant's request for an amendment to change and diminish the covenant that codifies and restricts the activities and structures that are allowed on this agricultural reserve property, you will set a precedent that opens the door for this and all other owners of agricultural reserves to request that their restrictions be diminished.

The integrity of all the existing and future agricultural reserve easement agreements between those property owners and the Town government will be threatened.

What is the purpose and trustworthiness of a covenant between the Town of Southampton and a property owner if that covenant is not binding and can be changed simply because a person, who purchased the property with this covenant in place, fully knowing the restrictions for the use of the property, is requesting it, and has the money to pay for high-priced attorneys to press his case before the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals for years on end?

The seeming cat and mouse game regarding this property has been going on for a long while and is costing the neighbors and the Town a great deal of time and money when it should be clear that the Town's appointed board members can and should <u>just say no</u> and uphold this Agricultural Easement's existing provisions and the Town's zoning codes."