

Experience:

VOS Trustee : 2010-2017

Saltaire Softball Commissioner : 1995 - Current

Subject to updated information and some catch up homework, I thought it would be most helpful to voters to provide you with my initial "leanings" on all the major issues facing Saltaire today:

COVID-19 : overall the current Board and MAC have done an excellent job protecting the residents of Saltaire since the outset of the Pandemic. As we learn to live with this public health crisis and weave back into some of our normal behaviors, I believe it will be prudent to follow guidelines provided by the Governor of the State of NY. Clearly, when in doubt on new issues that arise, we will need to side on the cautious end of the spectrum to protect our most vulnerable community members.

STORM PROTECTION: FIMI project is in the final phase. Important for the Ocean Beach Well relocation and jettie removal to be finalized. Keeping the Saltaire Clam Pond Cove restoration project included in the FIMP project is critical to getting "Dogfish Island" restored and hopefully improving our fight against constant central flooding through the central alleys of Saltaire.

SVFC : This volunteer organization continues to be of central importance to the fire and medical safety of Saltaire and our neighboring communities. We as a Board need to continue to fund life saving equipment , look for ways to be more efficient and effective using technology and encourage young/new volunteers to participate and commit to training.

WATER INFRASTRUCTURE : Our owned water supply is one of our most proud and valuable Village assets. We need to monitor buyer interest from SCWA. At the same time we need to invest in our existing aging water infrastructure - replacing water mains, back-up generation, etc. Fortunately we have been funded by government grants and need to continue that trend.

PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING : Unfortunately bids for this project have come in well over budget. I am in favor of dramatic value re-engineering or potentially a new design. In the meantime, a lot of money has already been wasted on this project. I think we should examine the original purpose here and try to figure out lower cost alternatives. In the meantime, light renovation has been successful but still avoids major ADA issues we will need to fix.

FIELD MAINTENANCE : Wright Field has been significantly raised and installed improved drainage has led to much higher field utilization for residents. As Commissioner of the SSL , I have led meaningful fund raising efforts to contribute to this overall community recreation improvement. Thanks to the SCA for committing to fund the bleacher awning project when we have a CV-19 break.

**BALANCE SHEET :** To fund the significant Village infrastructure upgrades over the past 8 years, the Village has taken on a lot of debt - now at \$7.65 mm. While we have achieved a very proud AAA bond rating which has led to a very low cost of capital at 1.8%, we still have a significant annual interest expense line item and meaningful principal payments due in the near future. Normally I wouldn't worry so much but we currently find ourselves in a global health pandemic that has led to a historic economic depression. We need to face the reality of a potentially tough economic environment for the foreseeable future.

**TAXES :** I do not see a need to have any future tax increases. Each year the Saltaire Budget has enough fat in it to be carefully "value engineered" to a balanced budget without a tax increase.

**ENVIRONMENT :** I support the four-poster deer baiting program to reduce the tick population. I am in favor of safe measures to spray for mosquito control.

**LEGAL :** Our legal budget has escalated in recent years (over \$100k last year). We need to work more closely with complainants to try and stem costly and long legal battles with our own community members. Such a waste of taxpayer money.

**SOFTBALL:** I am in favor of including as many people as possible safely in the SSL. I would also like to invite members of our neighboring communities to join us on the softball field. I want Saltaire to be seen as the most generous community on FI and the most welcoming - all good for our brand value and the right thing to do.

**FERRY TRAVEL :** Given recent experiments , we should explore with Fire Island Ferries the use of the ferries with direct runs to and from Saltaire, during peak days/times.

**CONSTRUCTION:** I am in favor of carefully relaxing deadlines in the off-season to continue construction projects mid-stream. This extension allows for smaller work crews and more distancing.

**ELECTRIC BICYCLES :** I am in favor of removing these "mini cars" from Saltaire. Strict enforcements and significant summons will be necessary to shut down this growing and alarming trend.