

**MEETING OF FEBRUARY 26, 2018**  
**OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE FREEHOLDERS AND COMMONALTY**  
**OF THE TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON**

Present: Francis Bock, Trustee Clerk  
Rick Drew, Deputy Clerk  
Bill Taylor, Deputy Clerk  
John Aldred  
Brian Byrnes  
Dell Cullum  
Jim Grimes  
Susan McGraw Keber  
Susan Vorpahl

Also Present: Christopher Carillo, Trustee Attorney  
Lori Miller-Carr, Trustee Secretary  
Arlene Tesar, Trustee Secretary  
Michael Wright, Press Reporter  
Kevin McAllister  
Diane McNally  
Stephen Gauger  
Rachel Gruzen  
Gary Cobb  
Steve Boerner  
"Barley" John Dunne

The meeting was opened at approximately 6:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Kevin McAllister addressed the Board. He thanked the Board for always giving the floor to all interested parties to speak for as long as they needed to, regarding the proposed South Fork Wind Farm. He appreciates all the public forums the Trustees have held between the community and the representatives of Deep Water Wind. He is still very concerned about the South Fork Wind Farm and isn't convinced that it won't be harmful to our local environment. He said that rather than working on mitigation measures we might want to prevent the damage before it occurs.

Stephen Gauger asked the Board where they stood with their dredging program. The Board is still working on their overall dredging plan. There are individual dredging projects recently completed or planned for the future in Accabonac Harbor, Three Mile Harbor and Georgica Pond. Other projects such as Northwest Harbor and the launching ramp area in Accabonac are more complicated. Mr. Gauger noted that there have been sixteen beached whales on the south side last year, including one he saw on the south end of Gardiner's Island right off his fish trap. He expressed that he was concerned this might be caused by Deepwater Survey Boat which was doing soundings in the area when whales were around.

Rick Drew had new information about a resolution that the NYS Public Service Commission

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would like to pass. It is a resolution to accept the draft regarding the Generic Environmental Impact Study for the procurement of offshore wind. Both the resolution and the draft GEIS for the procurement of offshore wind are available on the Trustee website. The deadline for public comment is April 9, 2018 and Mr. Drew encourages all interested parties to contact the NYSPSC as soon as possible.

Diane McNally addressed the Board regarding the NYSPSC, stating that other levels of government are recognized, but they are not always right. The Trustees in the past have been able to successfully challenge the concepts brought forth by other government entities that are not good for this community. She feels that this board should say no until we have the answers the constituents are looking for.

Rachel Gruzen spoke to the Board and said she was against the industrialization of the ocean and intertidal zone. She said we should be very cautious of Deepwater Wind and that we should treat them as a professional developer who is planning to harm our wetlands. She suggested that we stand up to DWW and just say no. She pointed out that it is very difficult to bring back biodiversity to a wetland area that has been destroyed or damaged. She states that we are in an extremely important time and we need to set a precedent, strengthen our procedures and stand up for public trust.

Gary Cobb had a suggestion to try to get our offshore wind energy from the wind farms that are being planned further west towards New York City. He said that power could be brought to East Hampton from Riverhead going through the existing conduit in Shinnecock. This way we could have renewable energy without a threat to our environment in East Hampton.

Steven Boerner introduced himself to the Board. He is a librarian and archivist at the East Hampton Library. He manages the Long Island Collection there. He is also a surveyor and he specializes in doing forensic title searches. He said he would love to work with the Trustees establishing title to roads or other Trustee owned properties. He has a lot of experience. He brokered and supervised the mold remediation and transfer of the historic Town records to the libraries Long Island Collection.

“Barley” John Dunne came before the Board to update the Trustees on his Oyster Gardening Program. The program is very popular and has a lot of interest from the Community. He asked the Trustees about adding a new Oyster Gardening site at 286 Gerard Drive where there will also be off street parking available. That site is a new purchase by the Land Acquisition Department.

An application was received from the Clearwater Beach Property Owners Association to renew their dredging permit. Due to ice, they were unable to dredge before their January 15<sup>th</sup> deadline. They have put in an emergency application to the Army Corps of Engineers, also. The Accabonac/ Hog Creek Committee will follow up. James Walker, their agent from Inter-Science Research Associates will come to the next Trustee meeting.

Susan McGraw Keber is reviewing the file and inspecting the property of Rosenwald at 100 Runnymede Drive. The property is scheduled for a Town ZBA Public Hearing on February 27 and Ms. McGraw plans to attend. Photos of the property on file and printed copies available in the office for viewing.

John Aldred has been following up on the application of Gallagher at 17 Outlook Avenue. The property is scheduled for a Town ZBA hearing on February 27 and Mr. Aldred plans to attend. The property owner is seeking a variance to put a pool on the Three Mile Harbor side of their property.

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A notice was received from the Village ZBA notifying the Trustees of a public hearing on the properties fronting Lily Pond for permission to implement a phragmite control project. Mr Grimes said the Trustees had previously inspected these properties and issued a permit for the project on May 5, 2017.

Mr. Grimes said that the Georgica Pond Committee has received (2) two new applications for phragmite control, (1) one at 1 Eel Cove and (1) one from the Georgica Association. Mr. Brynes and Mr. Grimes will review the files, inspect the properties and report back to the board at the next meeting.

Bryan Byrnes said the Napeague/Lazy Point Committee has just received an application from Devon Yacht Club for Dock repair. Their dock was destroyed by the ice and wave action this winter. James Walker from Inter-Science Research Associates will be at the next Trustee meeting to answer any questions on this matter.

Regarding Saracco at 106 Shore Drive East, they are scheduled for a Town ZBA hearing tomorrow night. Mr. Grimes and Mr. Byrnes have inspected and photographed the property. The homeowner has a rebuilt bulkhead that he is trying to legalize.

Mr. Bock reported that permits have been received from the DEC and the Army Corp of Engineers for the dredging of Georgica Pond and the dredging and excavating of the Georgica Cove bottleneck. The next step is to draw up a scope of work. The committee is also looking into the disbursement of the sand.

Concerning the application of One Association Road for phragmite management, the Trustees have requested that the applicant apply for a Natural Resource Special Permit from the town first.

Concerning Floken, Inc. at 17 Association Road, Mr. Grimes noted that it is a replacement, not a repair of the bulkhead and dock. Mr. Grimes hopes that during the application process for a NRSP, the owner may consider restoring some natural shoreline to the property and use tropical hardwoods during the dock reconstruction.

Mr. Grimes said that the Georgica Pond Committee has only just received the revised application for phragmite control for Rifkind at 3 Eel Cove, on Georgica Pond. Mr. Grimes and Mr. Byrnes will meet with the agent and report back at the next meeting.

Mr. Grimes is in the process of setting up a meeting with Matt Sclafani from Cornell Cooperative Extension and the Harbor Management committee. Mr. Sclafani is going to help the Trustees conduct a Horseshoe crab study in East Hampton. Mr. Cullum will also be participating actively in this study.

Mr. Drew asked the Board if they had reviewed his protocols for acceptable email use and web site content delivery. Mr. Cullum said that he had read through it carefully and was satisfied that it addressed his concerns. No one disagreed, so Mr. Drew will send the drafts to Chris Carillo to look over and make sure everything is in line with the open meeting law. Mr. Byrnes suggested that we look into putting the tides and the weather on our website. He also thought it would be a good idea to add photos of the Trustees out in the field and show some of the work that we do.

The Roads Committee has been very active. Mr. Cullum reported that they have investigated a situation where a homeowner adjacent to the Trustee owned Midland Highway, has installed deer fencing

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on a portion of that Trustee road. Mr. Carillo also went to the property and pulled the property card on the homeowner. He prepared a letter to send to the homeowner asking him to remove the fencing within 30 days from the Trustees property. The Committee also inspected a Trustee road off 90 Old Northwest Road which leads to a wonderful large rock where many years ago an Indian named Jason used to stop for water and rest while traveling by foot from Sag Harbor to East Hampton. Known as Jason's Rock, there is an old monument memorializing Jason's journeys there. The Trustees thought it would be a good idea to properly mark all Trustee roads with a tasteful sign.

Mr. Byrnes reported that the Education Committee will be visiting the Amagansett School to familiarize the students with the East Hampton Town Trustees work. It is a fun day for all and he invited the other Board members to join him.

A motion was made by Mr. Grimes to pay the following bills. a) Staples – \$22.98; \$139 = \$162.02; b) GEI consultants - \$1,762.14 (Georgica Pond). This motion was seconded by Mr. Taylor and unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Mr. Drew to approve the minutes of February 12, 2018 with amendments. The motion was seconded by Mr. Byrnes and approved.

A motion was made by Mr. Grimes to approve the financial report of December 31, 2017 with amendments. The motion was seconded by Ms. McGraw Keber. Approval of the January 31, 2018 financial reports was tabled for the next meeting.

Mr. Byrnes asked for additional suggestions to help keep the Rysam Fund solvent moving forward. Mr. Grimes and Mr. Taylor suggested possibly making a donation from the sale of the Georgica dredge spoil.

In the Report of the Clerk, Mr. Bock said there would be a meeting with County Legislator Bridget Fleming on methoprene spraying. It will be held on February 27th at noon in the office of the Nature Conservancy. The plan is for those in attendance to take a field trip to Accabonac Harbor from 1 to 2pm.

Mr. Bock said the Trustees have been asked to sign a form letter in support of a request for a grant from NYSERDA. The grant is for a solarization program for the Town of East Hampton. The Trustees agreed to send a letter of support, but wanted to write their own letter. Ms. McGraw Keber will draft a letter for the Board to send. Mr. Drew and Mr. Cullum will approve the letter.

The Clerk acknowledged the Correspondence portion of the agenda that didn't require any action on the part of the Trustees. The Trustees received a letter from Patricia Hope opposing the DWW project. Mr. Bock read Ms. Hope's letter in full to the Board and the public.

Dell Cullum will be the Grand Marshall of the Amagansett St Patrick's Day Parade this year on Saturday March 10, 2018. He invited all the Trustees to join him.

A motion was made by Mr. Taylor to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. Drew and approved.

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