

MEETING OF JULY 9, 2018
OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE FREEHOLDERS AND COMMONALTY
OF THE TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON

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

Also Present: Arlene Tesar, Trustee Secretary
Christopher Walsh
Christopher Kohan
Billy Mack

The meeting was opened with the pledge of allegiance at approximately 6:35 p.m.

Christopher Kohan of the Victor D'Amico Institute of Art the "Art Barge" located at 110 Napeague Meadow Road addressed the Board about the bulkhead at the Art Barge. There were several Nor'easter Storms in March and they did damage to part of the bulkhead. The storm tore two holes in the existing bulkhead. Billy Mack, their agent from First Coastal, took over and explained that the DEC had given them a 5 year permit for both the total reconstruction of the bulkhead, including raising the bulkhead by 18 (eighteen inches) and for repair work to the bulkhead if they need to do the project in sections. A motion was made by Rick Drew to approve a 3 (three year) permit be issued to the Victor D'Amico Institute including both the reconstruction of the bulkhead and raising the height of the entire bulkhead by 18 (eighteen inches); and for repairs to be done to sections while the Institute is raising funds for the entire project. The applicant must present to the Board a complete update of work completed and work projected on an annual basis. The motion also includes Mr. Byrnes request that the fee be waived as the Art Institute is a non-profit. The motion was seconded by Mr. Grimes and unanimously approved.

Dell Cullum presented the Trustees with a historical slideshow of how putting trash cans on the beach causes more litter on the beach. The Trustees acknowledge how trash control in the summer is a challenge. Trash does overflow around trash cans at the beach head and in the community as we are inundated with summer people. Mr. Cullum notes that when the cans are full people begin piling garbage bags and loose trash on the beach next to the cans. Then when the wind blows it spreads into the ocean and the dunes. Several of the Trustees said they felt the Town and the Village has been doing a good job.

John Ryan Jr., Chief Lifeguard of the Town of East Hampton, contacted the Trustees regarding the aging jetty at Big Albert's Landing beach. There is concern that someone could get injured on the dilapidated structure. Mr. Grimes passed around photos and said he had followed up with Mr. Ryan. Ms. Vorpahl said she had done some research and found that a legal notice had been put on the newspaper in

1932 stating that Dr. Bell had put in application to construct a jetty in that location. Ms. Vorpahl has also been in contact with Kim Shaw, Director of the Town's Natural Resources Department.

Regarding the East Hampton Village ZBA Public Hearing of 81 Ocean Avenue, which fronts on Hook Pond, for variances to construct a swimming pool, retaining wall and fencing, Mr. Grimes will follow up on this matter.

An application was received from Clifford Ross owner of 41 and 47 Cove Hollow Road for phragmite control. Mr. Grimes said that he and Mr. Drew will meet with the agent and report back at the next meeting.

Brian Byrnes and Jim Grimes have completed the work on the new kayak racks at Gerard Drive and the additional racks at Louse Point. There has been a large demand from the community and the Trustees hope the additional racks will keep the beaches in orderly condition. The kayaking community keeps expanding as residents discover this great way to enjoy nature.

Brian Byrnes asked the Trustees if they would support his request to make a donation of \$300 to the Marine Museum on Bluff Road. Much of the history reflected in the Marine Museum's collection has a direct link to the Trustees history and mission. He knows that some funding would greatly assist the museum which is mostly staffed by volunteers. A motion was made by Mr. Aldred to authorize a donation of \$300.00 to the East Hampton Marine Museum. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cullum and unanimously approved.

John Aldred reported on the progress of the Accabonac Harbor Mosquito Larvae Survey. Mr. Aldred said there were very few mosquito larvae findings and because of the low level of mosquito larvae, no methoprene will be sprayed this week.

Susan McGraw Keber said that she would like to invite Kim Shaw, Director of Natural Resources for the Town of East Hampton and Nicole Mayer of the Nature Conservancy to speak at a Town Trustee meeting. She will try to coordinate with them to come on the same evening.

John Aldred reported that the East Hampton Shellfish Hatchery has been working on a new program to collect used oyster shells from restaurant owners. The Bay Kitchen Bar Restaurant has agreed to separate the empty oyster shells from their regular trash and a member of the Shellfish Hatchery has been picking them up. They are then transported to a spot for temporary storage, before they make their trip to the Shellfish Hatchery in Montauk. There they will go through further curing, ultimately to be used in "Spat On Shell Oyster Reef Projects". Mr. Aldred asked the Trustees to authorize purchasing 16 sturdy containers with lids for approximately \$10 per 5 gallon container to be used for this project. A motion was made by Mr. Byrnes to purchase up to 16 suitable containers for the collection and transport of restaurant refuse oyster shells from the Trustees Mariculture line in their 2018 Budget. The motion was seconded by Mr. Drew and unanimously approved.

The updated "Adopt a Beach Program" is ready, if any members of the public are interested in signing up. Mr. Cullum said that CfAR is interested in circulating the "Adopt a Beach Program" application to its members. Tim Taylor, President of CfAR, with a group of CfAR members, was the first organization to embrace this program and sign up when it was introduced last October.

Brian Byrnes said the Trustees have received a Thank you note from this year's Captain Rysam Scholarship winner, Hannah Mirando. The Trustees wish Ms. Mirando much success in her studies at Cornell University.

Susan McGraw Keber has been working on the design for the “Balloon Fish” t-shirt to raise awareness of the danger balloon litter on beaches and in the water causes to fish and sea mammals. Lori Miller-Carr has been working on the graphic design aspect. Ms. McGraw Keber brought along a rough draft of a potential design to show the Board.

Jim Grimes told the Board they received the Town’s application for the Macroalgae Bioextraction Program and thought it was appropriate to waive the fee inter-agency for a project to benefit the local community. A motion was made by Mr. Grimes to waive the fee on the Town of East Hampton’s application to implement their Accabonac Macroalgae Bioextraction Project on Trustee bottomland. The motion was seconded by Mr. Taylor and approved.

The Horseshoe Crab Survey has been completed for this year. The largest count night was 168 horseshoe crabs. The Trustees plan to participate again next year and hope to expand the area they will cover. Trustees John Aldred, Dell Cullum, Rick Drew, James Grimes and Susan McGraw Keber participated in this survey. Also participating in the survey was Tom DeVries, Frank Quevedo and several members of the South Fork Natural History Museum; and Aubrey Peterson and some of his students.

Dell Cullum reported he has recently completed a short film on horseshoe crabs for LTV which should be aired shortly.

Susan Vorpahl is following up with the issue on Trustee Road, Merchants Path. The Trustees discussed asking Chris Carillo, Trustee Attorney, to write a letter to the homeowners, as he had success in dealing with a problem on Midland Highway. It was also suggested to contact ordinance enforcement.

A motion was made by Mr. Grimes to pay the following bills: a) Carrot Top Industries - \$177.92 (Flag and Flag Stand for inside office); b) Optimum - \$167.61; c) Staples - \$81.40; d) Seacoast Enterprises Associates - \$97.64 (Pump-out boat gas); e) Jet’s Marine Service - \$275.00 (Pump-out boat replace two shift cables). The motion was seconded by Mr. Taylor and unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Mr. Aldred to approve the minutes of June 1, 2018. This motion was seconded by Ms. McGraw Keber and unanimously approved. The Trustees tabled the minutes of June 25, 2018 until the next meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Byrnes to approve the financial report for the month ended in May 31, 2018. The motion was seconded by Mr. Grimes and unanimously approved. The Trustees tabled the financial report for the month ending June 30, 2018.

Francis Bock told the Board that with the upcoming Annual Fireworks on Three Mile Harbor on July 14, 2018 he would like to make arrangements to have the Pump-out boat available until dusk or 8 pm. Mr. Byrnes said that the Captains of the boats have been doing a great job and suggested he would have no problem authorizing over-time to the Three Mile Harbor operator for his work. Mr. Bock asked if any of the Board members would object to him paying the Pump-out boat operator overtime for his extra work during the day and evening of the fireworks. None of the Trustees objected. Having the boat operate from 8 am to 8 pm on July 14, 2018 for the Annual Fireworks on Three Mile Harbor will shorten the amount of time the harbor will need to be closed for shell fishing after the fireworks.

A report was received from the DEC on Harmful Algal Blooms.

A letter was received from the Peconic Estuary Program notifying the Trustees of upcoming events.

A letter was received from Tim Taylor, President of CfAR which was read aloud to the public.

A motion was made by Ms. McGraw Keber to close the meeting at approximately 8:05 pm. This motion was seconded by Mr. Drew and unanimously approved.