

**MEETING OF JUNE 25, 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  
Jim Grimes  
John Aldred  
Dell Cullum  
Susan McGraw-Keber  
Susan Vorpahl

Not Present: Brian Byrnes

Also Present: Christopher Carillo, Trustee Attorney  
Arlene Tesar, Trustee Secretary  
Christopher Walsh  
Christine Sampson  
Loring Bolger  
Zachary Cohen  
Kevin McAllister  
Kim Barbour  
Kim Shaw  
Rona Klopman  
Sara Davison

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

Ms. Loring Bolger from the Springs' Citizens Advisory Committee asked the Board if they would help delineate the area on the portion of Maidstone Park Beach known as Baby Beach, where young children tend to congregate and play. Mr. Grimes made a motion to create a drive in and drive out area with the use of split rail fences. This would allow free access to Beach driving, while protecting the area where the children traditionally play. The motion was seconded by Mr. Aldred and unanimously approved.

Kevin McAllister of Defend H2O addressed the Board regarding his frustration with Suffolk County Vector Control's refusal to consider banning the use of methoprene. He would like them to try BTI for mosquito control in the marshes. Mr. McAllister reminded the Board that Connecticut and New York City have both banned methoprene with no negative consequences that he has heard about. He believes the U.S Fish and Wildlife Service also supports the use of BTI instead of methoprene. He feels this matter is of critical importance and that the Trustees should support him in his quest. Mr. Grimes explained, the Accabonac Mosquito Larvae Survey has been designed as a cooperative effort between Vector Control, Legislator Bridget Fleming and the Nature Conservancy for just this purpose. The goal is to be able to reduce and isolate the areas to be targeted with methoprene. This has greatly reduced the

amount of methoprene being sprayed. Mr. Aldred said, he has been told, that BTI does not kill 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> stage larvae. That has been the reason they have not banned the use of methoprene in Suffolk County. Mosquito borne illnesses are a major concern of the Suffolk County Department of Health. Mr. Grimes suggested that Mr. McAllister also contact the State Parks as they own a large portion of the wetlands in the Town of East Hampton. Ms. Vorpahl suggested writing a letter to Suffolk County Vector control asking them to ban methoprene. The Trustees said she should gather more information and also speak to the Southampton and Southold Trustees. The Trustees are currently involved in the field doing sampling with the Nature Conservancy. Susan McGraw Keber and John Aldred have put an enormous amount of time and energy into this study. This study has been successful in eliminating a large amount of the spraying and focusing on only targeting mosquito larvae hot spots.

Kim Barbour, from the Cornell Cooperative Extension, sent paperwork to the Trustees asking for permission to place 4 (four) additional Floating Upweller Systems (FLUPSYS) in Trustee waters. A motion was made by Mr. Grimes to approve this application subject to Sunset Cove Marina and Lions Head Beach Association submitting their Trustee applications to the office. The motion was seconded by Mr. Taylor and unanimously approved.

Kim Barbour also asked for approval for their Accabonac Macroalgae Bioextraction Project. Kim Shaw, the director of the Town's Natural Resource Department came to the podium to explain the project to the Trustees. The Town would like to put out their floating cage system in Accabonac Harbor. These cages will be used to grow red and green microalgae which will help extract nitrogen from the water. The system will be removed at the end of the project. This project is being funded by CPF funds in collaboration with the Cornell Cooperative Extension and the Town's Water Quality Committee. Mr. Grimes made a motion to approve a one year pilot study permit for the Accabonac Macroalgae Bioextraction Project, subject to a standard application being submitted to the Trustee office. Ms. Shaw said that she would submit the application to the Trustees. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cullum and unanimously approved.

Kim Shaw also addressed the issue of methoprene spraying and other types of marsh remediation which can be done to reduce the number of suitable mosquito breeding sites. Marsh remediation can greatly reduce the amount of methoprene spraying that needs to be done. Ms. Shaw worked for Suffolk County in the past and has spent 20 years in the field. Ms. Shaw offered to lend her expertise about the use of methoprene and salt marsh remediation at a later meeting at the Trustees' invitation.

A motion was made by Mr. Aldred to approve the purchase of supplies costing a total of \$1390.35 requested by John "Barley" Dunne of the East Hampton Town Shellfish Hatchery. The funds would come from the Trustees 2018 Mariculture budget. The motion was seconded by Ms. McGraw Keber and unanimously approved.

Susan McGraw Keber asked the Board their thoughts about designing and selling T-shirts; and possibly sweatshirts, with her "Balloon Fish" design. The art was made to warn people of the harm balloons can cause to marine and avian life. The money raised could go to support the Rysam Scholarship Fund. It was suggested that she could also sell them at the Fisherman's Fair and the Montauk Seafood Festival. The Board supported Ms. McGraw Keber's idea and asked her to finish the design and get a quote on the production.

Regarding the ZBA hearing of Blatt at 14 Hook Pond Lane for water variances, Mr. Grimes will look into the matter. Mr. Bock said the house is one back from Hook Pond. Mr. Grimes thought there might be a small pond on the property.

A letter was received from Gordon Ryan asking to legalize a fence he put up on Lot 9S in Lazy Point on the edge of the property line with 8S. A motion was made by Mr. Grimes to approve the fence Mr. Ryan put between Lot 9S and Lot 8S. The motion was seconded by Ms. McGraw Keber and unanimously approved.

John Aldred reported on the progress of the Accabonac Harbor Mosquito Larvae Survey, the Trustees have done two surveys to date. The first week they found limited hot spots so Vector Control was able to target the spraying to the areas which needed it. The second week there were very few mosquito larvae findings. Because of the low level of mosquito larvae, no methoprene will be sprayed this week. Ms. McGraw Keber stated that one of the mosquito samplers is working for school credit and not pay and suggested it might be helpful to hire one additional person with the unused money.

Dell Cullum is frustrated with the reaction he is getting from the Village regarding his desire to keep the trash cans off the Beach. He is trying to promote the carry in/ carry out philosophy and bringing the cans down the beach to the people ultimately creates more garbage on the beach and in the Ocean. He will bring his photographs depicting the problem to the next meeting.

The Adopt a Beach Program is ready if any members of the public are interested in signing up. Rick Drew suggested that we might want to reach out to Community Groups and the Citizens Advisory Committees to spread the word.

The Georgica Committee received notification from the Estate of Carl Tiedemann, advising the Board their DEC violation has been resolved at their property located at 19 and 23 Chauncey Close.

The Horseshoe Crab survey has been very worthwhile and interesting. Mr. Cullum and Mr. Grimes have tagged 25 horseshoe crabs in the Napeague area. It has been quite an adventure. Ms. McGraw Keber and Mr. Aldred have been doing Northwest Creek and Northwest Harbor.

A motion was made by Mr. Grimes to approve Peter Mendelman's request to the Trustees asking them to write a letter to the Town Supervisor supporting a project to repair the jetties at Three Mile Harbor. The motion was seconded by Ms. McGraw Keber and unanimously approved.

Mr. Grimes said that he has spoken to the agent regarding the application of the Victor D'Amico Institute of Art at 110 Napeague Harbor Road. They have put in an application for bulkhead repair. Mr. Grimes said that the Napeague/Lazy Point Committee may have a recommendation by the next meeting.

Susan Vorpahl, Mr. Cullum and Mr. Carillo met with Christopher Kohan at the Victor D'Amico Institute of Art at 110 Napeague Harbor Road. Mr. Carillo had set up the meeting to discuss the signage saying private road and the chain closing off public access on state property. While they were at the property they looked over Mr. Kohan's planned bulkhead repair project and discovered the applicant's agent had put in a proposal to repair the entire bulkhead. The Institute was only planning to repair 80 feet. Mr. Kohan will have his agent put in an amended application.

Susan Vorpahl has been investigating an issue regarding the Trustee road, Merchants Path. The Sag Harbor Fire Department called Stephen Lynch, Commissioner of Highways. Mr. Lynch then called the Trustees to alert them they had trouble responding to a fire call on Merchant's Path. It appears a homeowner may have put a fence on a portion of the Trustee road and may also have planted vegetation on the road; and in their scenic easement, which violates conditions set forth in such easement.

A letter was received requesting that the Trustees consider having Paddleboard racks in addition to Kayak racks. It was discussed that the kayak racks are different in structure than as would be needed for paddle boards, but that building storage spaces for them will be looked into as a possibility.

A motion was made by Mr. Drew to pay the following bills: a) East Hampton Star - \$59.83 (Public Notices DWW & Gerard Drive); b) East Hampton Marina - \$769.65 (pump-out boats gas and repairs); c) Staples - \$519.68 (printer ink and supplies). The motion was seconded by Ms. McGraw Keber and unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Mr. Drew to approve the minutes of June 11, 2018. This motion was seconded by Mr. Aldred and unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Mr. Drew to table the financial report for the month ending May 31, 2018. The motion was seconded by Mr. Aldred and unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Mr. Grimes to renew the certificate of deposit for the account ending in #7248. The motion was seconded by Mr. Drew and unanimously approved.

Francis Bock told the Board that the Montauk pump-out boat was out of commission last week. Someone had poured oil into the pump-out holding tank. The tank needed to be removed and flushed.

Mr. Bock spoke to Stephen Lynch, Commissioner of Highways last week. Mr. Lynch told Mr. Bock that he has a line budget of \$93,000 dedicated to the repair of launching ramps. Mr. Drew said that he would like the Harbor Management Committee to take the lead on the evaluation of the launching ramps. Ms. McGraw Keber asked if there were any launching ramps going to the bay that we might want to consider repairing. Mr. Aldred mentioned taking a look at the launching ramp in Northwest Harbor.

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 the Association of Marine Industries to the Suffolk County Department of Economic Development and Planning, Attention Susan Filipowich regarding the proposed 10- acre shellfish aquaculture lease sites in Peconic and Gardiner's Bay. Mr. Aldred gave the Trustees the history of the shellfish aquaculture leases in Peconic and Gardiner's Bay from the 1800's to the present.

A motion was made by Mr. Grimes to close the meeting at approximately 9:30 pm. This motion was seconded by Mr. Drew and unanimously approved.