



MEETING OF NOVEMBER 16, 2018
OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE FREEHOLDERS AND COMMONALTY
OF THE TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON

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

Also Present: Christopher Carillo, Trustee Attorney
Arlene Tesar, Trustee Secretary
Steve Boerner
Rod Richardson
Billy Mack
Billy Hajek
Bruce Anderson
Rona Klopman

The meeting was opened with the pledge of allegiance at approximately 6:30 p.m.

Steve Boerner presented to the Board his research findings to date regarding the ownership of Cartwright Island. Mr. Boerner traced back the legal documentation of Land Title to 1639, the year the Island was purchased from the Indians by Lionel Gardiner.

Rod Richardson addressed the Board about several matters. Regarding the “No Trespassing” “Bird Sanctuary” Sign on the land leading up to Hicks Island, Jim Grimes said the signs predated Tom Dess’ appointment to Parks Manager and that Mr. Dess was simply continuing the signage deemed appropriate by his predecessor. Francis Bock added that someone had illegally removed the previous sign and when the work crew went to the property to replace the sign they inadvertently placed it 700 feet to the east. Mr. Dess will have the sign moved to its previous location. Mr. Richardson also said, regarding his court case, the prosecutor has not provided the requested proof of ownership of the beach with his discovery only the accusatory instrument. Mr. Richardson also told the Board the story of how Cartwright Island got its name. It was named after a father and son, both who performed heroic acts

saving lives on the open sea. The father was Captain Fredrick Cartwright and the son was Captain Clifford Cartwright.

A motion was made by Jim Grimes to approve the application of Mollie Zweig for a rock revetment and for dune restoration at 11 West End Road. The motion was seconded by Bill Taylor and unanimously approved

A motion was made by John Aldred to approve the application of Jerome Griffiths for a stairway and bluff restoration at 60 Hedges Bank Drive. The motion was seconded by Brian Byrnes and unanimously approved.

The application of 153 Mulford Lane, LLC for a rock revetment was tabled by Jim Grimes with the request that Susan Vorpahl, Brian Frank of the planning department, Billy Mack and himself sit down together to try to get a better understanding of this project and its history.

Billy Hajek approached the Trustees regarding the application of Treehouse Advancement Co., LLC, to partially demolish an existing stairway to the beach and to reconstruct a more streamlined stairway at 20 Hedges Bank Road. John Aldred said, between demolishing part of the old stairway and constructing a new staircase, significant damage would occur on the bluff. Mr. Aldred said that he would like Mr. Hajek to go back to the homeowner and recommend a more expansive bluff restoration program.

Bruce Anderson of Suffolk Environmental Consulting, Inc addressed the Board regarding the application of 2112 Hunting Lane, LLC to construct a new stairway to the beach at 42 Hedges Bank Road. John Aldred asked for certain amendments to the original application which were received by the Trustees November 13, 2018. A motion was made by Brian Byrnes to approve the application subject to the homeowner removing the derelict sand fencing from the beach, constructing new sand fencing at the toe of the bluff and ending the last step of the stairway parallel to the toe of the bluff.

Rona Klopman, Amagansett resident, passed out a flyer to the Board identifying the most common type of trash collected on beaches. Cigarette butts were the first item on the list with over \$2,412,151 butts collected in 2017. She asked the Board to consider banning smoking on Trustee beaches. Dell Cullum felt that instead of outlawing one item at a time the public should learn how to pick up after themselves and not litter.

Jim Grimes spoke with East Hampton Village regarding the Trash cans on the Village beaches. The Village sent a letter to the Trustees offering to implement a pilot program, saying they would remove the Trash cans from Georgica Beach in 2019 and monitor how it works out. Mr. Cullum felt they should remove all the cans. Some discussion took place regarding Trustee ownership of the beach.

Dell Cullum handed out copies of a prototype of a sign he was working on that the Trustees could post on Trustee Roads.

The application by planner James Walker of Inter-Science Research Associates, Inc to re-construct an access walkway at 25 Cove Hollow Farm Road was tabled.

A motion was made by Brian Byrnes to approve the request of Thomas Lydon lessee at 281 Shore Road to add his son Brian Lydon to his lease. The motion was seconded by Jim Grimes and unanimously approved.

Susan McGraw Keber reported on the ZBA hearing of Sameh Iskander's property at 98 Runnymede Drive.

Susan McGraw Keber discussed the ZBA hearing of Adam Young at 19 Bay Inlet Road. It appears the owner changed the size of a deck connected to a dock without applying for permission. Susan will bring more information to the following meeting.

A motion was made by Jim Grimes to approve an expenditure of up to \$600 to repair a trailer that is used to transport empty oyster shells for the spat on shell project. The motion was seconded by Susan McGraw Keber and unanimously approved.

John Aldred said, regarding the Oyster Gardening Program, if people wanted to take some of their Oysters home to hang off their dock they needed to obtain a DEC license to collect and possess. Mr. Aldred suggested that perhaps the Trustees should also make the Oyster Gardener's obtain a Trustee permit to hang Oysters off their docks (to collect and possess).

John Aldred reported that he hasn't had a lot of feedback from the baymen on area's they would like to see opened to shell fishing. Mr. Aldred is suggesting either the northern end of Accabonac Harbor or the southern end of Accabonac Harbor might be good area's to make part of the DEC's conditional opening of areas closed to shell fishing program.

Regarding the Suffolk County Aquaculture Lease Committee's ten year review, John Aldred said that one of the first goals of the review is to get feedback from the community. It seems that at one time the shell fish leases were in shallower waters, but now, the one by Promised Land, is in navigational waters. Although the baymen had said that area was fine when they were asked, no one checked with the recreational community. John Aldred and Rick Drew would like to work together and maybe hold a public meeting to get feedback from the Community.

Susan McGraw Keber set up a Trustee information table at the Accabonac Protection Committees: "From the Ice Age to our Taps" "A Forum on Our Drinking Water". She said the educational forums the APC has been hosting have been very informative and that it was filmed by LTVEH.org if anyone would like to see it.

Brian Byrnes and Susan McGraw Keber visited the East Hampton Middle School this week. "Barley" John Dunne also had the Shellfish Hatchery participate with Ashley explaining the interactive Hatchery display to the students. Brian gave a brief history of the Town Trustees and Susan McGraw Keber gave a power point presentation showing the harm to sea life from plastic and balloons.

Mr. Grimes was called away from the meeting.

Rick Drew suggested that the Trustees send a letter to Steven Lynch in the highway department letting him know that the Town Trustees deeded Merchants Path and Six Pole Highway over to the highway department in 1999.

Susan Vorpahl has done research into Mr. Zucker's minor subdivision, of four lots, off Trustee owned Edwards Hole Road. It appears the Planning Board issued a subdivision waiver in 1975 without recognizing Trustee jurisdiction. It appears only one of the four properties applied for, and received a grant of easement from the Trustees. Mr. Zucker has requested, prior to this, for the Trustees to maintain the road and prior Boards have advised him of the homeowner's responsibility regarding same. Rick Drew to follow up with Mr. Zucker.

A motion was made by Brian Byrnes to approve the application of Michael Leeds for seawall repair at 98 Squaw Road. The motion is subject to all the conditions mentioned by John Aldred being properly spelled out in the Trustee Permit. The motion was seconded by Jim Aldred and unanimously approved.

Rick Drew was contacted by the Sag Harbor, Harbor Management Committee, asking if the Trustees could be a channel for funds that have been pledged to the Sag Harbor, Harbor Management Committee from four local government agencies. The funds were pledged for a joint, water quality study, in the waters of the three areas of Sag Harbor; the Village, Southampton and East Hampton sections. This matter was tabled to give the Trustees time to check with their CPA and to re-read the Proposal made by Dr. Gobler last March. The funds need to be paid to the Research Foundation of the State University of New York.

John Aldred asked if the Trustees could send the same letter to the TOEH Architectural Review Board, which was sent to the other departments in the Town, asking them to alert us if they receive applications that encroach on or are adjacent to Trustee owned properties.

A motion was made by Brian Byrnes to pay the following bills: a) Matthews, Kirst & Cooley, PLLC - \$15,156.25 (Zweig legal fees); b) Gone Fishing Marine Supply Corp - \$37.96; c) Optimum - \$167.81; d) Staples - \$355.93; d) Ready Refresh - \$20.18; e) East Hampton Star - \$65.09; f) Seacoast Enterprises - \$738.22; g) Riverhead Building Supply – 117.07; h) Star Island Yacht – 157.38. The motion was seconded by John Aldred and unanimously approved.

A motion was made by John Aldred to approve the minutes of October 12, 2018, with corrections. The motion was seconded by Susan McGraw Keber and unanimously approved.

A motion was made by John Aldred approve the minutes of October 22, 2018. The motion was seconded by Susan McGraw Keber and unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Brian Byrnes to approve the financials for the month ended October 30, 2018. The motion was seconded by Susan McGraw Keber and unanimously approved.

John Aldred said that the 2019 Mosquito Larvae Survey may be a much larger endeavor. The County is hoping to collect data on 22 days rather than ten days. Mr. Aldred would like to know the Boards thoughts on the increased moneys to be spent and the increased Trustee hours that will be required with a longer season. Susan McGraw Keber will report back next meeting with information on the costs of running ads to hire people. Francis Bock said a display ad might gather more attention than a classified ad.

Francis Bock said that the town is closing out there purchase orders for the year and the Trustees still had \$3,700.00 left in their town line budget for Mariculture. The Trustees had “Barley” John Dunne, from the Shellfish Hatchery, use that money to purchase necessary items for the Hatchery.

The Trustees organizational meeting will be held on Monday, January 7, 2019 at the Trustees offices at 267 Bluff Road. If there isn't a lot of new business the Trustees will just meet on January 7 and January 24th 2019. They can always add a meeting if needed.

A motion was made by Rick Drew to close the meeting at approximately 9:50 pm. The motion was seconded by Susan McGraw Keber and unanimously approved.