



**MEETING OF NOVEMBER 26, 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  
Jim Grimes  
Susan McGraw Keber  
Susan Vorpahl

Absent: Dell Cullum

Also Present: Christopher Carillo, Trustee Attorney  
Arlene Tesar, Trustee Secretary  
Colleen Henn  
Sara Davison  
Chris Walsh

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

Colleen Henn of the Surfrider Foundation, addressed the Board regarding balloon pollution. The Surfrider Foundation organized fifteen beach clean-ups in East Hampton this year. They removed a large amount of trash from the beaches. The Surfrider Foundation would like the Trustees support for the Surfrider Foundation's goal to get legislation enacted locally to outlaw the intentional release of balloons. Susan McGraw Keber offered to reach out to Bridget Fleming, County Legislator and the East Hampton Town Board, encouraging them to pass legislation to outlaw the intentional release of balloons. John Aldred spoke about taking the problem of balloon pollution to the next level and outlawing the sale and use of helium balloons to protect coastal areas.

Francis Bock reminded the Board they had already voted at a previous meeting, to support the Town's request to reset the Beach Driving permit numbers back to # 1, starting January, 2019. Mr. Bock said the town would like to be able to reset the numbers every 5 years. There would be no charge to residents to obtain a beach driving permit. The Board agreed to allow a two week period for public comment.

The Roads Committee received a letter form Ronald Webb asking permission from the Trustees, to pave a small portion of Crooked Highway, a Trustee Road, at their expenses. The

area they live in is served by four, side by side, long individual dirt driveways. The current flag lot driveways are subject to wash out and were poorly planned. The Trustees requested a more formal drawing and project plan be submitted to them by the agent.

Susan McGraw Keber said the Trustees need to find interns and paid samplers to participate in the 2019 Accabonac Harbor Mosquito Larvae Survey. The Board agreed that Ms. McGraw Keber and Mr. Aldred will draw up a press release and send it to the local newspapers. If needed the Board also authorized small, help wanted, display advertisements.

Brian Byrnes said the Education Committee will be visiting the East Hampton High School and the Springs School in January. Susan McGraw Keber said they plan to visit the Montauk School and Pierson School in Sag Harbor later in the year.

Jim Grimes asked the Board to table the application for a walkway at 25 Cove Hollow Road. He said there are violations regarding a scenic easement violation. He is waiting for that to be addressed before weighing in on the walkway application before the Trustees.

John Aldred gave a slideshow of the staircases to the beach from multiple houses along Hedges Banks Drive. There has been a lot of erosion and many of the staircases are now protruding onto the beach, as the bluff they were built against has eroded. He asked the Trustees if they had any suggestions on how this situation should be addressed. Mr. Aldred also offered the idea of the Trustees charging a fee for the landing of these staircases.

John Aldred showed photographs of the existing staircase at 20 Hedges Banks Drive owned by Treehouse Advancement Co., LLC. They have applied to partially demolish an existing stairway to the beach and to reconstruct a more streamlined stairway. John Aldred said, between demolishing part of the old stairway and constructing a new staircase, significant damage could occur on the bluff. Mr. Aldred asked the agent to inquire if the owner might consider a bluff restoration plan as part of the staircase application.

A motion was made by Jim Grimes to pay the following bills: a) Matthews, Kirst & Cooley, PLLC - \$662.50 (Zweig legal fees); b) Herzog, Faller & Schaefer \$2,150.00 - (Accounting fees); c) TLS Printing LLC – Shellfish tags (\$20,000) - \$3,564.40. The motion was seconded by Susan McGraw Keber and unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Brian Byrnes to table the minutes of November 16, 2018. The motion was seconded by Bill Taylor and unanimously approved.

Francis Bock passed around photographs of Maidstone Beach where the Trustees had placed fencing to direct cars away from the area young children and their parents usually frequent. The fence railings were missing causing someone to inadvertently back into a fence post and damage their car. Francis asked the Trustees for suggestions on whether the Trustees should remove the fencing over the winter or repair the fences.

Mr. Aldred provided the Board a summary of the first meeting of the Suffolk County Shellfish Aquaculture Lease Program 10 year review advisory group. Any other groups, or individuals, that wish to be included as interested parties may be added to contact list. Their next meeting will be held sometime in March of 2019.

A motion was made by Bill Taylor to close the meeting at approximately 7:40pm. The motion was seconded by Susan McGraw Keber and unanimously approved.