



MEETING OF FEBRUARY 11, 2019
OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE FREEHOLDERS AND COMMONALTY
OF THE TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON

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

Also Present: Christopher Carillo, Trustee Attorney
Arlene Tesar, Trustee Secretary
Chris Walsh
George Eldi
Sara Davison

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

A roll call was ordered by Francis Bock, all the Trustees were present.

An application was received from Billy Mack of First Coastal Corporation on behalf of Lewis Sanders, owner of 171 Lily Pond Lane for Dune Restoration. Jim Grimes said that this application is similar to the Rayner project. A rock revetment was constructed years ago and as part of the homeowner's responsibility, they are supposed to keep the revetment covered in sand. Mr. Grimes asked if the application had included sand fencing as part of the plan. Brian Byrnes said yes, the application is for sand placement, planting beach grass and shoreline fencing. A motion was made by Brian Byrnes to approve the application of Lewis Sanders for dune restoration. The motion was seconded by Bill Taylor and unanimously approved.

An application was received from Billy Mack on behalf of Mollie Zweig, owner of 11 West End Road, for permission to cross over Trustee property to restore her dune. A motion was made by Jim Grimes to approve the application of Mollie Zweig. The motion was seconded by Susan McGraw Keber and unanimously approved.

Susan McGraw Keber informed the Board the Trustees they have been invited to participate in the Friends of Erin Montauk Parade. A suggestion was made for the Trustees to drive in the parade and bring along the pump out boat. Susan suggested inviting Barley, Director of the Town of East Hampton Shellfish Hatchery to drive along too. Susan was wondering if she could invite some of the Montauk school children to ride along in the Trustee truck.

Chris Carillo took a moment to acknowledge Gordon Ryan, Esq. who will be the Grand Marshall of the St Patrick's Day parade in Montauk this year. Chris Carillo noted how Gordon is a worthwhile and valuable member of the local community.

Dell Cullum received a call alerting him kayaks were blown off the kayak racks into the frozen marsh and he is concerned of potential harm to the marshes and the danger it posed to those trying to retrieve their kayaks. Jim Grimes said the Kayaks were supposed to be removed by the end of the season. Susan Vorpahl offered to speak to Chief Harbormaster Ed Michels about getting the kayaks off the beaches.

Brian Byrnes took a moment to thank Susan McGraw Keber for all the hard work she has done supporting the adoption of legislation to ban the intentional release of balloons in our town.

Susan McGraw Keber said that she will be doing outreach at the Amagansett School soon. Brian Byrnes and Ashley from the East Hampton Town Shellfish Hatchery will be joining her.

Jim Grimes said he went down to 33 Old Fireplace Road to look over what needed to be done to clean the debris off the Trustee Beach. There is limited access to the beach in that spot and it is going to be a tough job removing the debris. The Trustees received one quote for \$3500 to clear the debris, but Mr. Grimes thought he had another plan that would be less expensive. A motion was made by Brian Byrnes to budget up to \$2000 to be paid by the Trustees towards removing the debris from the beach at 33 Old Fireplace Road. The motion was seconded by Dell Cullum and unanimously approved.

John Aldred read into the record the resolution he wrote, to grant permission to the Shellfish Hatchery, to place a new Oyster Garden near the end of Crassen Boulevard, in Napeague Harbor. A motion was made by Jim Grimes to approve an Oyster Garden Site in Napeague Harbor at the GPS coordinates provided. The motion was seconded by Rick Drew and unanimously approved.

Jim Grimes and Brian Byrnes have been working with Chris Carillo, on re-crafting the terms of the leases for the lots at Lazy Point. The residential sale prices have been rising and with the one year leases, only cash buyers, or buyers who have other properties they can leverage, are able to purchase in Lazy Point. This situation has placed a burden on current homeowners who would like to keep their properties in their families for future generations. At the moment, current residents can't take out an equity loan to renovate or update their homes. Also, there are residents of the Town of East Hampton who might be interested in purchasing in Lazy Point, but wouldn't be able to do so without obtaining a mortgage.

The Road's Committee has gotten together and they are ready to make some recommendations. Susan Vorpahl obtained a quote from a local surveyor to survey Six Pole

Highway from Merchants Path to the north end. The estimated cost was \$5500.00 with metal stakes put in. If the Trustees wanted concrete monuments they would cost an additional \$150 each. The Board asked Susan Vorpahl to get estimates from two other surveyors. Susan said she would also get estimates on surveying Midland Highway and will report back at the next meeting. Rick Drew suggested Jason's Path and Bull Path as another area which would benefit from being surveyed.

Rick Drew called the owner of 39 Sammy's Beach Road and asked him if he could moor on Gardiner's Bay instead of inside Three Mile Harbor for this year. Rick Drew feels this is a particularly sensitive shell fish area and would like to look further into the matter.

Susan McGraw Keber spoke to Kim Barbour of the Cornell Cooperative Extension regarding the feasibility of planting eel grass in Napeague Harbor and other areas. Kim Barbour will be free in the end of March to come and speak at a Trustee meeting.

A motion was made by Jim Grimes to pay the following bills: a) Seacoast Enterprises Associates - \$37.02; b) East Hampton Star - \$15.58; c) Ready Fresh - \$60.27; d) Optimum - \$167.80; e) Matthews, Kirst & Cooley - \$525.000 (Zweig). The motion was seconded by Susan McGraw Keber and unanimously approved.

The minutes of January 28, 2019 were tabled to the next meeting to give all the Trustees a chance to review them.

A motion was made by Brian Byrnes to approve the financials ended December 31, 2018. The motion was seconded by Susan McGraw Keber and unanimously approved.

A request was made by Brian Byrnes to table the financial report for the month ended January 31, 2019.

A letter was sent to the Trustees and the sender requested it be read aloud at the meeting. The Clerk, Francis Bock, felt that the matter referred to in the letter was a personal matter and should not be read into the Trustee Record. Discussion took place and the Clerk said he would forward the letter to the Trustee Attorney.

Discussion took place regarding the NY/Class opportunity to earn higher interest on the Trustee's Certificates of Deposit. Discussion took place regarding whether it was a safe place to keep Trustee funds. The matter was tabled until the next meeting.

Rick Drew and Jim Grimes have been meeting with the Harbor Management Committee of the Village of Sag Harbor since 2016 regarding the Bill submitted by Fred Thiele to grant the Village of Sag Harbor jurisdiction in regulating beaches, establishing vessel regulation zones, and regulating vessels in described waters which may be more than 1500 feet from shore. This bill has been passed into law.

In 2016 the Mayor of Sag Harbor sent a letter to the East Hampton Town Trustees stating they would include the Trustees in the process of creating a management plan for this area.

The state law recognizes the Trustees may have a claim of ownership to some of the bottomland in question. The Trustees would like to see the same language added to the amendments to the Sag Harbor Waterways Law. Maps were presented to the public.

John Parker joined the Trustees and invited them to attend the public hearing being held in Sag Harbor tomorrow February 12, 2019 in Sag Harbor at 6 PM. Francis Bock spoke to the Trustee Attorney and said they should put the Trustees position in writing to the Village of Sag Harbor before the end of the public hearing period.

A motion was made by Jim Grimes to close the meeting at approximately 8:50pm. The motion was seconded by Susan McGraw Keber and unanimously approved.