



MEETING OF FEBRUARY 25, 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
Dell Cullum
Rick Drew
Susan McGraw Keber
Susan Vorpahl

Absent: Brian Byrnes

Also Present: Christopher Carillo, Trustee Attorney
Arlene Tesar, Trustee Secretary
Chris Walsh
Joan Priore
Rick Whalen
Mark Mendelman
Rona Klopman
Michael Daly

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 except Brian Byrnes.

Joan Priore, Secretary of the Lazy Point Homeowners Association and a leaseholder at Lazy Point, read a letter to the Trustees, outlining the leaseholders of Lazy Point's support of the Trustee's proposed changes to the length of the leases to 35 years at Lazy Point.

Rick Whalen came to the podium. He said previous Trustee Boards had been working on the idea for the last several years and that it seemed like a good idea.

Susan Vorpahl said, she had just received these proposed changes. She asked for time to review them. She also had questions about them. Dell Cullum also had questions about the proposed changes. A motion was made by Susan McGraw Keber to hold a special

meeting of the Trustees on March 6, 2019 at the Trustee Office on Bluff Road. If the Trustees were in agreement at that point, they would put a notice of public hearing in the East Hampton Star announcing a date for a public hearing to be held. The motion was seconded by Bill Taylor and unanimously agreed.

Mark Mendelman asked the Board to close out Trustee Permit T #6-16 for bulkhead replacement and dredging. He submitted an "as built" survey to the Trustees. A motion was made by John Aldred to close out permit T #6 -16. The motion was seconded by Jim Grimes and approved by 7 (seven) Trustees. Rick Drew recused himself from the vote and Brian Byrnes was absent.

Mark Mendelman, in accordance with the terms of his three year permit, T #3-18, presented the Board with a site plan, a narrative of the work completed in the past year and the work planned for the upcoming year. John Aldred said he reviewed the material and everything was in order. A motion was made by John Aldred to grant permission for the second year of the three year permit to proceed, as all conditions had been met. The motion was seconded by Susan McGraw Keber and approved. Rick Drew recused himself from the vote.

Mark Mendelman told the Board he feels the Pilot Transient Mooring Program has been a success. He asked the Board if they were considering moving into an Ongoing Transient Mooring Program. He asked if the minimum stay could be lengthened to 7 (seven) days from 3 (three) days as there are people requesting longer stays and there are plenty of available spots. The Trustees said they would discuss the matter. Regarding the 2019 mooring season, Mr. Mendelman's five year agreement is still in effect. He asked for 6 (six) Transient Moorings this year.

Rick Whalen addressed the Board regarding the Zoning Board of Appeals turning down applications for rebuilding houses or adding additions to houses, where the homes are being moved further back from the water and nitrogen reducing septic systems are replacing low lying old septic systems. He felt the Trustees should weigh in with the Town encouraging them to approve applications which would improve the health of water in Three Mile Harbor.

Rona Klopman, secretary of the Recycling and Litter Committee, asked the Trustees, if they had decided whether or not to support the banning of smoking on Town Beaches. Following a discussion among the Trustees, the issue was tabled for future consideration.

Michael Daly a Southampton resident and his friend, an East Hampton Resident asked the Trustees to consider a mutually beneficial agreement between the two Towns so people with an East Hampton Town Permit can go the beach in Southampton and vice versus. Many people from both Towns have friends and relatives in the other town, whom they would like to enjoy a day at the beach with. The Trustees suggested they take this matter up with the Town Board, as they handle the issuing of Beach Parking Permits.

Susan McGraw Keber reminded everyone, the training for the 2019 Horseshow Crab Survey will be offered shortly. Matt Scalfani of the Cornell Cooperative Extension, would like to meet with the Trustees, prior to the scheduled trainings, to identify potential new areas in East Hampton to add to the study.

Susan McGraw Keber asked the Board to support the Trustees asking Town, Village and County officials to pass a law banning the sale of Mylar Balloons. Ms. McGraw Keber and Chris Carillo will collaborate on a draft letter to send out from the Trustees and present it at the next meeting for the Trustees to review and vote on.

Jim Grimes asked the Board to table the application of 17 Cove Hollow Farm Road, SCTM# 301-12-10-6, for phragmite management and buffer restoration. The property currently has violations in its scenic easement which need to be addressed.

The agent for 22 Three Mile Harbor Drive, SCTM# 300-74-2-27.1, has requested the renewal of Trustee Permit T #2-17 for stairway construction. A motion was made by John Aldred to renew Trustee Permit T #2-17, for stairway construction with the same terms and conditions. The motion was seconded by Jim Grimes and unanimously approved. No work has been performed to date.

The Village of Sag Harbor contacted the East Hampton Town Trustees in 2016, when they were applying to the State of New York, to expand their area of water jurisdiction. Rick Drew and Jim Grimes met with the Sag Harbor Village, Harbor Management Committee then. Some of the issues Mr. Drew and Mr. Grimes discussed with the representatives of the Village of Sag Harbor were, who would manage the additional moorings and who would be responsible for policing the area? The Village of Sag Harbor and the East Hampton Town Trustees agreed to work together to designate area's for recreation without moorings and an anchoring zone. The Trustees also asked the Village, to allow East Hampton Town Residents to moor at the discounted local rates, which are charged to Sag Harbor Residents, in the area outside of the Breakwater. The Mayor of Sag Harbor Village sent a letter to the East Hampton Town Trustees agreeing to work together with the Trustees on any proposed legislation regarding the use of this area of expanded jurisdiction. A motion was made by Jim Grimes to write a letter to the Village of Sag Harbor regarding their public hearing on proposed amendments to their Waterways code. The motion was seconded by Susan McGraw Keber and unanimously approved.

Sections of bulkheading and pilings have washed ashore on the beach in front of 33 Old Fireplace Road. Ed Michels, Chief Harbormaster of the Town of East Hampton, forwarded to the Trustees, a quote of \$3,500.00 he had received, to remove the debris from the beach. Jim Grimes has obtained a quote of \$2000.00 to remove the debris from the beach to the road. Steve Lynch from the Highway department has agreed to pick up the large debris from the road and dispose of it.

Last year the Town Trustees wrote a letter of support for state legislation that would reduce the amount of nitrogen allowed in fertilizers. The year ended before the State was able to vote on the bill. Susan McGraw Keber said she would collaborate with Mr. Carillo on a letter of support and show it to the Trustees before sending it out.

The Board of the Town Trustees has been invited to participate in the Friends of Erin's Montauk Parade. Susan was wondering if she could invite some of the Montauk school children to ride along in the Trustee truck.

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.

Regarding signage to identify the ownership each section of shoreline fence, in the event they break free and wash up on a different beach, Dell Cullum has been investigating the different materials that can be used. They include porcelain, hard board, metal and plastic. Mr. Cullum is also looking into designing small signs to identify Trustee roads and trails.

Susan Vorpahl hasn't had time to get any new quotes for surveys to Trustee Roads. Dell Cullum and Susan Vorpahl visited Karlsruhe Cross Highway to see if there were any encroachments on that Trustee Road. Rick Drew advised the Board, Mr. Hanks of 207 Six Pole Highway had agreed to place his gate on his property.

Francis Bock said there were no bills to be paid as of today, February 25, 2019.

A motion was made by Rick Drew to approve the minutes of Jan 28, 2019. The motion was seconded by Susan McGraw Keber and unanimously approved.

A motion was made by John Aldred to approve the minutes of Feb 11, 2019. The motion was seconded by Susan McGraw Keber and unanimously approved.

The financial report for the month ended January 31, 2019 was tabled to the next meeting.

Francis Bock thanked the Trustees of the Amagansett Library for their donation to the Town Trustees of 5 (five) historic books, containing the Records of the Town Trustees. He thanked Jackie, from the library for uncovering the extra volumes and Cynthia Young for her help in the donation process. A thank you letter was sent to the Trustees of the Amagansett Library for their generous gift. *(secretaries side note - Hugh King, the Town Historian, gave Cynthia Young the idea of donating the books to the Town Trustees and hand delivered them to the Trustees office.) Thank you to all who made this gift a reality.

Jim Grimes informed the Board that Cathy Byrnes, Brian Byrnes wife, was in the hospital for surgery. He suggested it might be a good idea for the Trustees to send flowers. A motion was made by John Aldred for the Trustees to send flowers to Cathy Byrnes who is in the hospital having surgery for approximately \$150 dollars. The motion was seconded by Susan McGraw Keber and unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Dell Cullum to close the meeting at approximately 9:03pm. The motion was seconded by Susan Vorpahl and unanimously approved.