



**MEETING OF MAY 13, 2019**  
**OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE FREEHOLDERS AND COMMONALTY**  
**OF THE TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON**

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

Absent: Susan McGraw Keber

Also Present: Christopher Carillo, Trustee Attorney  
Arlene Tesar, Trustee Secretary  
Christopher Walsh  
Gina Mulhearn  
Kevin McAllister  
Diane McNally  
Vincent Priore  
Joan Priore  
George Eldi

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 Susan McGraw Keber.

Gina Mulhearn, coordinator of the Horseshoe Crab Alternative Bait Research Project, gave an in depth presentation on the history and value of horseshoe crabs. New York fishermen use approximately 125,000 horseshoe crabs per year as bait. A two year study to test the effectiveness as bait, of a formula which only contains 20% horseshoe crab meat and 80% filler from more abundantly available food sources is being proposed and needs matching contributions to grant funding. The purpose of the study is to develop an alternative horseshoe crab based bait product in order to reduce pressure on the horseshoe crab population, while at the same time insuring the fishermen, who earn their living on the water, will not suffer economically. The Trustees made a \$500.00 donation, to this effort. All donations are handled through the local chapter of the Cornell Cooperative Extension.

Kevin McAllister introduced himself and gave his credentials. Mr. McAllister was out of town for the two months the discussions regarding extending the length of the Lazy Point leases occurred. Mr. McAllister is against the lengthening of the Lazy Point leases. His fear is that the leaseholders will want to enlarge their homes thus creating even more demand on the fragile land through additional septic waste and potential interest in using shoreline hardening to protect larger homes. Mr. McAllister is against the hardening of the shoreline which may take away access from the public to the shoreline in Lazy Point and other areas. He cited a Town Study which identified Lazy Point as a vulnerable shoreline area.

Diane McNally addressed the Board regarding her objections to the lengthening of the leases at Lazy Point. She felt that the Trustees were giving away their control over their leaseholders at Lazy Point. She agreed with Mr. McAllister, that lengthening the leases may cause shoreline hardening, block the public from access to the beach in front of the homes and cause the leaseholders to build oversized houses.

Regarding the application of 305 Kings Point Road for bulkhead reconstruction. Susan Vorpahl tabled the application to the next meeting as it was just received by the office.

Regarding the 2019 Conditional Shellfish Harvest program in northern Accabonac Harbor, John Aldred reported he has completed the collection and submission of the 15 required water samples to the lab for analysis. The Trustees are now waiting to receive the results of the analysis of the water samples. The purpose of this work is to see if the northern end of Accabonac, currently closed to shell fishing can be opened for the harvesting of shellfish. The Trustees thanked John Aldred for all his hard work over the winter, collecting and delivering the water samples to the NYSDEC Water Quality Lab in Setauket.

Rick Drew said that tomorrow evening is the second public hearing in Sag Harbor regarding the proposed amendments to sections of Chapter 278 of the Sag Harbor Waterways Code. Rick Drew and Jim Grimes plan to attend. The Trustees would like the same language that is used in the State Law to be included in the local law.

Regarding the request to close out the Clearwater Beach Property Owner's Association Trustee Permit HC #1-18 for maintenance dredging, Susan Vorpahl tabled this application until she has a chance to inspect the work.

The application of the Clearwater Beach Property Owner's Association to obtain a permit for their 2019 to 2020 maintenance dredging was also tabled until the next meeting.

The Clearwater Beach Property Owner's Association has submitted their "as built" survey and asked the Board to close out Trustee Permit HC #6-17 for bulkhead reconstruction. This request was also tabled until the next Trustee meeting.

The applications of 17 Cove Hollow Farm Road and 25 Cove Hollow Farm Road were tabled by Jim Grimes. These two applications are not simple phragmite management projects. They both require restoration of their buffer areas with native plants. Jim Grimes and Rick Drew, noted the Village of East Hampton has been working hard in collaboration with the Trustees to create new buffer zones and enforce existing buffer zones on the upland property, where many home owners have put lawns down to the water. The joint efforts of the Trustees and the Village of East Hampton has been a good partnership and together they have made strides, protecting the fragile ecosystem of Georgica Pond.

Jim Grimes said the Devon Yacht Club has met all the conditions of Trustee Permit Nap #3-18. A motion was made by Jim Grimes to close out Trustee Permit Nap #3-18. The motion was seconded by Rick Drew and unanimously approved.

Brian Byrnes, together with Susan McGraw Keber and Ashley from the Shellfish Hatchery visited the Amagansett School last week. Brian Byrnes gave the students an oral history of the founding and the responsibilities of the Town Trustees. Susan McGraw Keber gave a presentation on the dangers of litter, balloons and plastics to the environment and to marine life. Ashley presented educational material from the Shellfish Hatchery.

John Aldred and Francis Bock covered the Trustee information table at the East Hampton Street Fair last weekend. John said the Trustees raised \$300 in balloon fish item sales, which went directly into the Captain Rysam Scholarship fund.

Francis Bock said, due to the increase of the funds in the Captain Rysam Scholarship Fund, the Trustees are awarding two scholarships this year. One for \$500.00 and one for \$250.00. Brian Byrnes said all the scholarship applicants worked really hard on their submissions to the Trustees this year.

Dell Cullum asked the Trustees how they felt about the article in the Independent. The article he was referring to is the position of candidate for mayor of the Village of East Hampton. The article was not discussed. Regarding part of the subject in question, smoking and vaping on village and town beaches, John Aldred said he was willing to make a motion to ban smoking and vaping and the beach ends. The Trustees tabled that discussion until another meeting.

Jim Grimes said he inspected the beachfront sand fence where a deer had gotten entangled in a fence sticking out too far into the beach. Mr. Grimes has contacted the Village and will follow up to be sure any incorrectly installed fencing is moved to a correct location and configuration.

Dell Cullum gave an update on the signs he has ordered from Ocean Graphics. Dell Cullum said that he will begin putting the signs out at the kayak racks and on Trustee roads, when he receives them.

A motion was made by Jim Grimes to pay the following bills: a) Staples - \$317.00; b) Optimum - \$133.32; c) Star Island Yacht Club - \$13.96; d) Van Dyke and Associates, CPA, PC - \$840.00 (Trustees accountant); e) Seacoast Enterprises Associates - \$106.85; f) Ready Refresh - \$28.37. The motion was seconded by Rick Drew and unanimously approved.

The minutes of February 25, were tabled until the next meeting.

The minutes of March 11, 2019 were approved at the meeting of February 25 according to Susan Vorpahl.

Jim Grimes had a correction for the March 11, 2019 minutes. It was Jim Grimes, not the Town's Information Technology department, who made the video presentation showing several phragmite management projects and the dredging work being done in Georgica Pond. Great job Jim!

The minutes of March 25, 2019 and April 22, 2019 were also tabled.

Brian Byrnes asked to table the financial report ended April 30, 2019 to give the Board more time to review them.

Francis Bock read a letter from the NYSDEC's Clean Vessel Assistance Program. The letter included a check for \$10,000 payable to the East Hampton Town Trustees. The \$10,000 represents the amount of a grant the Trustees apply for every year.

Francis Bock reported, he was contacted by the East Hampton Star, who disclosed someone has been secretly recording Francis Bock, Bill Taylor and Jim Grimes in the Trustees office conference room. Transcripts of the recordings were mailed out, along with a flash drive to several newspapers and individuals. The matter has been turned over to the Suffolk County District Attorney's office.

A motion was made by John Aldred to close the meeting at approximately 8:35 pm. The motion was seconded by Rick Drew and unanimously approved.