



**MEETING OF JULY 22, 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  
Mike Bottini  
John Parker

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.

Mike Bottini, Wildlife Biologist, Long Island Nature Organization, presented his study entitled "The Natural Recolonization of Long Island, New York by the North American River Otter". He explained the various techniques for identifying areas where the River Otter can be found. Based on his study, it would appear that the North American River Otter is slowly making its way back into Long Island, through Fischer's Island and the Bronx mainly.

John Parker gave a presentation of aerial photographs, showing the outlet of Little Northwest Creek has migrated 1000 feet towards Sag Harbor Village. It has cut through a traditional bathing beach. Because of improper water exchange and the lack of the creek flushing with Northwest Harbor, the area was recently closed to shell fishing. The residents of this area of the East Hampton portion of Sag Harbor requested the Trustees looked into possibly dredging Little Northwest Creek. The Trustees said they would investigate this situation.

John Aldred confirmed, he had received notification from the DEC, that Little Northwest Creek and the area around the inlet of Little Northwest Creek, have been seasonally closed to shell fishing.

Rick Drew, pointed out, there has been a lot of interest in the western part of the East Hampton Town Trustees' Holdings. The Trustees have received two proposals laying out how each researcher, would approach identifying and cataloging Historic Trustee Holdings. John Aldred pointed out how each proposal brings a different perspective and a different set of expertise to the table. It was discussed that there could be value, in doing both projects, if that were possible. A Committee was formed, comprised of Rick Drew, Jim Grimes and Susan Vorpahl, to meet with the researchers and to bring back a recommendation to the Board at the next Trustee meeting.

A resolution was offered by Rick Drew regarding Trustee Holdings near Merchant's Path. This resolution reaffirmed and reasserted the Trustee ownership of Trustee Roads in the area of Northwest Woods and Wainscott North. Mr. Drew read the resolution into the record. The resolution was seconded by Susan Vorpahl and unanimously approved.

John Aldred has been managing the building of three additional kayaks racks at Mile Hill Road. Mr. Aldred spoke to Scott Wilson, head of the Land Acquisition Department, as the Town owns property at the end of Mile Hill Road, adjacent to the beach where the racks would be built. Mr. Wilson was supportive of the project. Mr. Aldred also spoke to Chief Harbormaster Ed Michels. Chief Michels was supportive of the Kayak racks and again expressed his interest in having all non-motorized boats left on Trustee and Town beaches permitted. Currently, under Town law, you do not need a permit to leave a non-motorized boat on a town beach. The only exception is that Kayaks may not be left unpermitted on the beach in areas with Kayak racks. The Trustees agreed this needs to be discussed further.

A motion was made by Bill Taylor to build two additional kayak racks in Settlers Landing. The motion was seconded by John Aldred and unanimously approved.

Bill Taylor said the Three Mile Harbor pump out boat engine needs to be replaced. Susan Vorpahl agreed. A motion was made by Bill Taylor to budget \$10,000 for the purchase of a new engine for the Three Mile Harbor pump out boat. The motion was seconded by Rick Drew and unanimously approved.

Jim Grimes had to leave the meeting at 7:29 pm, he was on call for the Montauk Fire Department.

The Mosquito Larvae Survey was cancelled today. No spraying would be done this week. John Aldred noted, that we are halfway through the spraying season. He expects they will be out surveying most weeks of the next eight weeks. Last year, mosquito larvae hot spots were found in August and September.

Dell Cullum, reported, that in addition to the trash from the party at Wyborg Beach, there was also trash from a rental house left on the beach. Tenants from an Airbnb rental went to the beach, upon finding the cans in the parking lot full, they walked on to the beach and left their trash by the cans on the beach.

A Commercial Fishing boat, from another state or town, dropped gill nets off a beach in Sagaponac and a whale was caught in the nets. Rick Drew was hoping the Town of East Hampton could look into regulating gill netting and fishing in the local waters, which extend 1,500 feet from the shore. Rick Drew and Dell Cullum emphasized that our local fisherman are much more responsible.

A motion was made by John Aldred to pay the following bills excluding Nawrocki Smith and the Star Island Yacht Club a) Matthews, Kirst and Cooley, PLLC - \$150.00 (Zweig); b) Montauk Marine Basin - \$167.13; c) Optimum - \$133.53; d) Ready Refresh - \$39.63; e) Seacoast Enterprises - \$676.01. The motion was seconded by Rick Drew and unanimously approved.

A motion was made to by John Aldred to approve the minutes of May 31, 2019. The motion was seconded by Rick Drew and unanimously approved.

A motion was made to by John Aldred to approve the minutes of June 10, 2019. The motion was seconded by Rick Drew and unanimously approved.

A motion was made to by John Aldred to approve the minutes of June 24, 2019. The motion was seconded by Rick Drew and unanimously approved.

A motion was made to by John Aldred to approve the minutes of July 8, 2019. The motion was seconded by Rick Drew and unanimously approved.

A motion was made to by Brian Byrnes to approve the financials for the month ended June 31, 2019. The motion was seconded by John Aldred and unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Brian Byrnes to renew the certificate of deposit ended in 5679. The motion was seconded by John Aldred and unanimously approved.

A note of appreciation was received from the East Hampton Historical Museum.

A motion to close was made by Rick Drew at 8:30 pm. The motion was seconded by John Aldred and unanimously approved