



MEETING OF JUNE 24, 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 McGraw Keber
Susan Vorpahl

Also Present: Christopher Carillo, Trustee Attorney
Arlene Tesar, Trustee Secretary
Christopher Walsh
Lisa Seff
Jim Walker
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.

Lisa Seff, a science teacher at the Springs Middle School, presented the latest science project, her Citizen Scientist students are working on. Last fall, they had noticed the presence of menhaden in Pussy's Pond. The students wondered what was driving the fish into that small corner of the harbor. One theory was, the fish might be chasing food, possibly plankton. It was also suggested, they might have been being chased by a predator, into Pussy Pond. A third theory was, strong currents or heavy winds on the water, may have forced the menhaden, into Pussy's Pond. The students purchased wildlife cameras and set up a time lapse of 90 seconds. The storage card was able to hold 9000 photos, which would last 2 weeks. Permission was sought to attach the camera to the underside of Pussy's Pond Bridge. The study ran for one month. Lisa Seff was nearly bit by a snapping turtle, which was followed by a muskrat, as she was endeavoring to attach the wildlife camera to the underside of the Pussy's Pond Bridge.

Jim Walker of Inter-Science Research Associates, presented his revised plans, for the revegetation of the buffer zone and the reconstruction of a walkway, with a small staircase, to Georgica Pond. Mr. Walker said the revisions were done at the request of the Village of East Hampton and that he expected approval from the village at their July 12, ZBA meeting. Jim Grimes asked to table the application to give the committee time to review the new plans.

A discussion took place about the Annual Largest Clam Contest the Trustees host every fall. A committee was formed to run the event this year, comprised of Rick Drew, Susan Vorpahl and Susan McGraw Keber. John Aldred suggested, looking into holding the event at the Amagansett Life Saving Station, instead of at the Trustee Office. Brian Byrnes added the Committee should reach out to Job Potter and Steve Tekulsky to see if they would be available to provide the entertainment at this year's event. The first order of business will be to select a day and a place to hold the event.

A request was received from the Village of East Hampton to amend two sections of the East Hampton Village Code Chapter 77 (Beaches). The first proposed amendment refers to beach driving and the other proposed amendment sets up a fine (penalty) structure for people who violate the animals on the beach laws. A motion was made by Jim Grimes to approve the amendments as written. The motion was seconded by Susan McGraw Keber and approved by eight Trustees. Dell Cullum was opposed.

A conversation took place about Trash Cans on the beach. It seems the Village put out the cans before they had scheduled the manpower to pick up the trash. People continued to throw trash on the beach long after the cans were obviously overflowing.

A resolution was proposed by Rick Drew to donate \$5000.00 dollars to the Sag Harbor Water Quality Initiative. The resolution further authorized the Trustees to collect donations from three other municipalities for not more than \$19,500.00 and to forward those monies to the Research Foundation of the State University of New York to pay for Dr. Christopher Gobler's 2019 Water Quality Monitoring Proposal in Sag Harbor Waters. A motion was made by John Aldred to approve the resolution read into the record by Rick Drew, to donate \$5000 to the SHWQI and to collect and forward the monies from there other municipalities, not to exceed \$19,500.00 to pay for Dr. Gobler's 2019 Water Quality Monitoring in Sag Harbor. The motion was seconded by Susan McGraw Keber and unanimously approved.

Rick Drew read a draft of his Request for Proposal for Historic Research on the Trustees Northwest Harbor Area Holdings into the record. A motion was made by John Aldred to place this RFP into the Trustees' newspaper of record to run in the East Hampton Star's July 4, 2019 edition. The motion was seconded by Susan McGraw Keber and unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Jim Grimes to approve the application of 305 Kings Point Road for bulkhead reconstruction subject to the applicant replacing their wooden staircase with a lightweight, removable, aluminum staircase. The motion was seconded by Bill Taylor and unanimously approved.

The Board decided to table the request to close out Trustee Permit HC# 1-18, issued to the Clearwater Beach Property Owner's Association, for maintenance dredging. The dredge spoil was grey and only a small amount was used as beach replenishment. The rest of the dredge spoil is sitting in the parking lot of the CBPOA. Their representative offered the spoil to

the Trustees at no cost. Normally when someone dredges Trustee bottomland, they would owe the Trustees a dredge spoil fee of \$7.50 for every cubic yard they dredge. Jim Grimes said he might be able to recoup the fee from property owners, who would like to have the dredge spoil for bluff replenishment.

The application of the Clearwater Beach Property Owner's Association to obtain a permit for their 2019 to 2020 maintenance dredging was tabled until the 2018-9 maintenance dredging permit is closed out.

A motion was made by Jim Grimes to close out Trustee Permit HC #6-17 issued to the Clearwater Beach Property Owner's Association for bulkhead reconstruction. The motion was seconded by Rick Drew and unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Brian Byrnes to make a donation to the East Hampton Historic Farm Museum for \$300.00. The motion was seconded by Jim Grimes and unanimously approved. The Museum is located on the corner of Cedar Street and Three Mile Harbor Road and has many examples of early life in East Hampton, including an old Dominy Mill from the 1700's. Dell Cullum added that he also felt the museum did great work and he was personally donating a piano to the museum.

Susan McGraw Keber asked the public to pay attention, when driving, for box turtles on the road. Jim Grimes said he just moved two box turtles off the highway last week.

John Aldred said the 2019 Mosquito Larvae survey started four weeks ago. The samplers have only gone out twice so far as the other two weeks no spraying needed to be done. By sampling, vector control is able to target the amount of methoprene and BTI sprayed. They are able to target the hot spots and not spray over a large area.

Susan McGraw Keber said there are three days left to the 2019 Horseshoe Crab survey. John Aldred put a graph on the screen showing the number of horseshoe crabs found on the different days. The 2019 survey was done in four different locations this year. The four teams surveyed Northwest Harbor, Cedar Point, Havens Beach and Napeague Harbor.

John Aldred said the Shellfish Hatchery is looking for land to dry out the reclaimed Oyster shells for the shell on spat program. Empty oyster shells are picked up from local restaurants and dried out. The following year they can be used to create an artificial reef for spat (baby oysters), to grow on.

Francis Bock said that he received an email from Mike Bottini with his 2019 Long Island River Otter report. Mr. Bock said he would like to invite Mr. Bottini to present his findings at an upcoming Trustee Meeting.

A motion was made by Jim Grimes to remove Marilyn Badkin from her lease for Lot #19N at Lazy Point, leaving only her daughter, Linda Badkin, named on the lease. The motion was seconded by Brian Byrnes and unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Jim Grimes to pay the following bills: a) East Hampton Star - \$193.00; b) Seacoast Enterprises - \$945.29; c) Montauk Marine Basin - \$46.30; d) Star Island Yacht Club - \$31.44; e) Staples - 288.91; f) Ready Refresh - \$62.31. The motion was seconded by Rick Drew and unanimously approved.

Susan Vorpahl has put together a Declaration, to thank Sid Bye, for this years of service to the Town Trustees as the Head Pump out Boat Operator in Montauk Harbor. The Board agreed this was a good idea. Ms. Vorpahl will set a date to invite Sid Bye to a Trustee meeting to present him his declaration.

Jim Grimes said the new pump out boat operator stopped by the office and said he had pumped out 46 boats over the weekend. He seemed very enthusiastic about the job.

A motion was made by John Aldred to approve the minutes of April 8, 2019. The motion was seconded by Susan Vorpahl and unanimously approved.

A motion was made by John Aldred to approve the minutes of May 13, 2019. The motion was seconded by Susan Vorpahl and unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Brian Byrnes to approve the financial report ended May 31, 2019. The motion was seconded by Susan McGraw Keber and unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Jim Grimes to renew the Certificate of Deposit ended in 7248. The motion was seconded by Bill Taylor and unanimously approved.

A motion was made by John Aldred to purchase fifty copies of the Salt Marsh Guide to Long Island Plants. The motion was seconded by Bill Taylor and unanimously approved. John Aldred said they would make excellent thank you gifts to this season's participants in the mosquito larvae study. Susan McGraw Keber said the Trustees could also make them available for sale at events that Trustees host or participate in. Brian Byrnes suggested they be included in Largest Clam Contest prize baskets.

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.