



**MEETING OF JANUARY 27, 2020**  
**OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE FREEHOLDERS AND COMMONALTY**  
**OF THE TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON**

Present: Francis J. Bock, Trustee Clerk  
James C. Grimes, Deputy Clerk  
William F. Taylor, Deputy Clerk  
John Aldred  
Ben Dollinger  
Rick Drew  
Tim Garneau  
Mike Martinsen

Absent: Susan McGraw Keber

Present: Christopher A. Carillo, Trustee Attorney  
Lori Miller-Carr, Trustee Secretary  
Christopher Walsh  
Sara Davison  
Patrick Mullarkey  
Jim Walker  
Britton Bistran  
Jon Tarbet  
Curt Shade

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

The Clerk ordered a roll call. All the Trustees were present, except Susan McGraw Keber.

Bruce Horwith, the agent for Noam Gottesman, owner of 61 North Briar Patch Road, SCTM # 301-12-4-10, presented his proposed plans for phragmite management. The process he was suggesting, a combination of hand cutting and excavation is similar to the method used in other approved projects. Jim Grimes asked Mr. Horwith to wait

until he received his DEC application and then return to the Trustees. The matter was tabled until Mr. Horwith hears back from the DEC.

Sara Davison, Executive Director of the Friends of Georgica Pond, addressed the Board regarding several current issues. Regarding the upper bottleneck in Georgica Cove, some work has been done, other work requires a full pond and is on hold until that time.

Sara Davison, brought up the oyster growing project and the aquatic weed harvester. The FOGP were hoping to continue their oyster grow out program. They were also interested in beginning a spat on shell grow out with the Trustees and the DEC's approval. Mike Martinsen suggested the use of several upweller systems (FLUPSYs) arranged to improve the circulation of the water in the pond, to hopefully deter the return of the blue green algae.

A motion was made by Jim Grimes to approve a resolution allowing the FOGP to use the Aquatic Weed Harvester in the 2020 season, with a modification allowing the use to begin June 1, 2020 instead of July 1, 2020. The motion was seconded by Tim Garneau and unanimously approved.

Patrick Mullarkey, a student at the Springs School and a member of the Robotics Club presented to the Board his idea of using oysters to help combat stormwater run off at Gerard Drive. He read his proposal into the record, and also an email response he had received from "Barley" Dunne, Director of the Town's Shellfish Hatchery. The Trustees were very supportive of his idea. A motion was made by Jim Grimes to approve the project of Patrick Mullarkey working to keep the water clean. The motion was seconded by Rick Drew and unanimously approved.

Jim Walker from Inter-Science Research Associates, addressed the Board regarding the application of the Devon Yacht Club, SCTM # 300-127-03-16 & 17, for jetty replacement (sheathed piles) in place, in kind. A motion was made by Bill Taylor to approve the application of the Devon Yacht Club for Jetty Replacement. The motion was seconded by Tim Garneau and unanimously approved.

Britton Bistran addressed the Board, regarding the application of Heidi Ho, located at 212 Shore Road in Lazy Point, Lot #'s 22N & 23N, SCTM # 300-85-1-6.1 to renovate the home, install a new upgraded septic system and raise the home to FEMA height standards. A motion was made by Jim Grimes and seconded by Rick Drew to table this application for ZBA review.

Jon Tarbet Esquire, from Tarbet & Lester, Attorneys at Law, addressed the Board on behalf of the owner of 163 Atlantic Avenue, SCTM # 300-172-11-17. The owner

would like to access his home over the Trustee road that runs along the side of his property and close off the old driveway that runs to Atlantic Avenue. As the Trustees appeared to support the idea, Jon Tarbet said he was going to be presenting a proposal for a larger home on this property to the Town ZBA and he would also submit the driveway modification at the same time to see if the Town agreed it was a feasible idea. If the Town was agreeable, Mr. Tarbet would return to the Trustees to apply for a access easement.

Curt Shade asked the Board where they stand on the issue of the Suffolk County Aquaculture Lease Program. Many members of the public have voiced objections to the Trustees and Suffolk County regarding the existing lease program. Rick Drew and Jim grimes both thought another meeting with all the stakeholders would be helpful.

Jim Grimes said a proposal has been received from Drew Bennett, to assist the Trustees in getting the permits in place for the opening of the gut at Fresh Pond. Jim said he would get the proposal out to all the Board members to review before the next meeting. Jim suggested tabling this to the next meeting to allow everyone time to review the project.

During a meeting between Drew Bennett and Jim Grimes at the DEC office. The subject of Napeague Harbor came up and Jim felt that the DEC was supportive about revisiting the opening of the East Channel.

Rick Drew spoke to the Board regarding, 15 Crooked Highway. The Trustees are being asked to re-affirm the approval of their easement issued in 2013 to the owner of the property. The homeowner is requesting a c/o for their property.

John Aldred said he would be meeting with Dr. Gobler at the Trustee office tomorrow with Jim Grimes, Susan McGraw Keber and Mike Martinsen. Rick Drew said he had several parties interested in the February 5, water quality meeting, which was being arranged to include other groups involved in water quality testing and remediation efforts in Town and Trustee waters.

The Montauk Science Fair report was tabled, as Susan McGraw Keber is absent. Tim Garneau said he heard that it went well and that Susan attended with Southampton Trustee Ann Welker. Tim Garneau noted, they have plans to meet with Aubrey Pedersen at the East Hampton High School's Environmental Awareness Group this Thursday.

John Aldred weighed in on the ZBA application of Jennifer Mirabella to allow an existing walkway to remain on her property. The walkway does not appear to be on the Trustee Beach, therefore John Aldred said, he didn't feel the Trustees needed to comment on it at the ZBA meeting tomorrow.

A motion was made by Rick Drew, at 8:12 pm, to go into Executive Session to discuss the upcoming Truck Beach litigation. The motion was seconded by Mike Martinsen and unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Rick Drew at 8:28pm to come out of Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Tim Garneau and unanimously approved.

A motion was made to pay the following bills by Jim Grimes: a) Staples - \$76.99 & \$172.93; b) Allstate Sign & Plaque Corp. - \$157.95. The motion was seconded by Rick Drew and unanimously approved.

The Trustees received a donation from Mr. and Mrs. John Furfaro for \$200. The note was read into the record. Jim Grimes made a motion for the Trustees to send a note of appreciation to the Furfaro's. The motion was seconded by Mike Martinsen and unanimously approved. Jim Grimes made a second motion to put the donation into the Captain Rysam Scholarship Fund. The motion was seconded by Tim Garneau and unanimously approved.

Rick Drew asked about the Trustee Road placards that were made by Dell Cullum. Francis Bock said the placards were in the office.

John Aldred brought up the 2020 Long Island Natural History Conference. A motion was made by Tim Garneau to donate \$250 towards the sponsorship of the Conference. The motion was seconded by Jim Grimes and unanimously approved.

John Aldred noted that the Trustees used to have a Town Board Liaison who attended all the Trustee meetings. As the meetings are Televised now and various councilpersons are involved in assorted Trustee activities, the Trustees decided to table that idea for now.

A motion to close was made at approximately 8:40 pm by Jim Grimes. The motion was seconded by Rick Drew and unanimously approved.