



MEETING OF FEBRUARY 24, 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
Susan McGraw Keber

Absent: Mike Martinsen

Present: Christopher A. Carillo, Trustee Attorney
Arlene Tesar, Trustee Secretary
Sara Davidson
Billy Hajek

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance at approximately 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call: The clerk ordered a roll call. All trustees were present at start of meeting except Mike Martinsen.

The Clerk transitioned to public comments.

Public Comment:

Sara Davison of The Friends of Georgica Pond Association: Sara presented the details of a new study the FOGP would like to do with the Gobler Lab of SUNY Stony Brook University and Dr. Matthew Waters of Auburn University in Georgia. Dr. Waters is an expert in Lake Bed Coring and he would like to take a one meter deep by four inch wide core sample from middle of Georgica Pond, in an effort to study the strata of the pond's sediment. This would provide geological and compositional data on the pond's history.

New Business:

Three Mile Harbor:

Regarding the Application received from Tillinghast, owner of 19 Will Curl Highway, SCTM # 300-94-1-12, for bluff stabilization, coir logs and a sand berm building, John Aldred requested to table this item for further conversation with Billy Hajek and the landscape designer.

John Aldred presented new plans for Stairway construction at 20 Hedges Banks. The initial proposal was presented in October 2018. At that time, the Trustees and the Planning Board, requested consideration of bluff restoration, in addition to staircase. The new plan presented includes restoration to bare areas of bluff and a staircase that ends closer to toe of bluff. John Aldred made a motion to approve the newly revised plans for the plantings and a staircase. Jim Grimes seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Beaches:

Regarding the application received from Resnick, owner of 7 West end Road, SCTM # 301- 15-4-7, for a Boardwalk/Stairway to the Beach with revegetation. The item was tabled to allow Susan McGraw Keber and Tim Garneau to make a site visit as well as to determine if project is within the Board's jurisdiction.

Georgica:

Regarding the application received from Ross, 33 Cove Hollow Farm Road, SCTM # 301-12- 10-5, to construct a walkway to Georgica Pond on his property. The item was tabled to allow further investigation into past precedent, past board's policy and time for the Board's consideration. Attorney Christopher Carillo recommended a deeper look into the historical influences towards current policy, before the Board makes a determination.

Regarding the application received from Macklowe, owner of 64 West End Avenue, SCTM # 301-15-5-3, for a permit for phragmite control and for a permit to install coir logs for shoreline stabilization. Jim Grimes told the Board he had met made a site visit. He inspected the shoreline and agreed with applicant that the coir log project may provide benefit to mitigate the shoreline erosion. He firmly expressed to applicant, their attorney, the property manager and the landscape designer that the Board would NOT consider the application until which time as the East Hampton Village and the DEC had approved the plan. This matter was tabled indefinitely or until the property was in compliance.

Moorings:

John Aldred summarized a meeting held between the Town Harbormasters, the Town Clerk and the Trustees, regarding procedures for identifying boats, kayak and paddleboard owners. They also identified the need for a new system to access mooring permit holder information when Trustee office is closed. John Aldred will draft a letter to the Town Board making a recommendation that the Town Board changes town code to require all personal watercraft to have identifying information in/on vessel.

Clerk transitioned to committee reports:

Committee Reports:

Education:

Susan McGraw Keber shared with the Board that she and Southampton Town Trustee, Ann Welker, Attended the Montauk School's Science Fair as judges. She provided a synopsis of the some of the student's projects.

Susan McGraw Keber provided an update on the Trustees School Outreach Program. The education committee with visit Pierson High School on March 3, 2020 with Ashley Oliver of the Shellfish Hatchery.

A Motion was made by Jim Grimes, for the Trustees to participate in the Montauk Friends of Erin, St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 22, 2020. The motion was seconded by Rick Drew and unanimously approved.

Susan McGraw Keber updated the Trustees with the results of her research, regarding swarming bees and unnecessary extermination. She presented a draft of a letter supporting a bill introduced by Assemblyman Fred Thiele that protected swarming bees and the extermination procedures. Attorney Chris Carillo, recommended two revisions. Jim Grimes made a motion to approve the draft, subject to these edits. Rick Drew seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Georgica/Ponds:

Jim Grimes updated the Board regarding an amendment made to the application from Gray, 17 Terbell Lane, SCTM# 301-13-10-3. The amendment removed the dock installation request from initial application. The applicant is currently only applying for phragmite management now. The item was tabled to allow the committee members time to meet and discuss this application further.

Jim Grimes updated the Board regarding the application of Noam Gottesman, owner of 61 North Briar Patch Road, SCTM# 301-12-4-10, for a phragmite control management permit. The committee will be meeting with Bruce Horwith, the project agent, for further discussion and site visit.

Roads:

Rick Drew updated the board regarding the request from 15 Crooked Highway LLC, SCTM # 300-112-1-2.5, for a letter of completed inspection, to be sent to the Town Building Department, granting permission for an updated Certificate of Occupancy to be issued. This property has an access easement filed over Crooked Highway. Upon inspection, Rick Drew shared that the easement holder's improvements are not located on Trustee property and that community access is maintained. Attorney Chris Carillo will draft a letter to Town's Building department, saying the Trustees have no objection to allowing a Certificate of Occupancy to be issued to the applicant. Rick Drew made a motion to approve the drafting of letter approving the C of O being issued. The motion was seconded by Jim Grimes and unanimously approved.

Administrative:

Payment of Bills: The Clerk shared there were no bills to be paid.

Minutes to be approved: Susan McGraw Keber made a motion to accept the minutes from the January 27, 2020 Meeting of the Board. Jim Grimes seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Financial:

The Clerk addressed the Board regarding Renewal of Certificate of Deposit ending in 1633. Susan McGraw Keber made a motion to accept the renewal of the CD. John Aldred seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

John Aldred addressed the board asking if the Clerks wished to revisit discussion of investment vehicle brought up last year. Clerks agreed to revisit.

The Clerk addressed the Board regarding an issue with the Trustee debit card. It has been frozen twice in the last year. The Clerk suggested switching to a credit card. The Board discussed spending limits.

Susan McGraw Keber presented the Springs Improvement Society's annual application for participation in the Fisherman's Fair to be held in August. Jim Grimes made a motion to approve participation and paying the \$75.00 application fee. The motion was seconded by Tim Garneau and unanimously approved.

Additional Items:

John Aldred addressed the Board, requesting a list of which members would like to attend the Long Island History Conference as requested by Mike Bottini. The Clerk, Jim Grimes and Susan McGraw Keber will attend if they are able.

John Aldred reminded the Board, that responses are due back to Mike Scalfani, from anyone who plans to participate in the 2020 Horseshoe Crab Survey.

John Aldred updated the Board on the meeting about Water Quality testing. He suggested a request be made to Surf rider, the East Hampton Town Natural Resources department and the Concerned Citizens of Montauk to attend a Board meeting and present the what research they have done in 2019 and what they are planning to do in 2020. He suggested they attend the March 23, 2020 meeting.

Arlene Tesar requested confirmation that the Board set a \$1500 limit for a new credit card. It was confirmed.

Jim Grimes discussed the application being done by Drew Bennett for Little Northwest Creek. When the plans are completed, they will be available in the Trustee office, for any of the Board members who wants to review them.

Susan McGraw Keber requested the Board revisit the discussion on initiating staggering terms the election of Trustees, similar to the way the Town Board's elections are done. The Board agreed to create a sub-committee comprised of the Clerk, Jim Grimes, Tim Garneau and Bill Taylor to discuss how to present a request for this change to be considered.

Jim Grimes asked about an upcoming joint meeting with the Southampton Trustees and the Southold Town Trustees. The Clerk said he has a phone call scheduled next week to arrange a joint meeting.

A motion was made by John Aldred to adjourn the meeting at 7:34pm. The motion was seconded by Tim Garneau and unanimously approved.