



**MEETING OF FEBRUARY 10, 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  
Christopher Walsh  
Vincent Priore  
Joan Priore  
Adam Younes  
Drew Bennett, PE, PC  
Deb Klughers  
Zach Cohen  
Scott Bluedorn  
Mark Mendelman

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 Mike Martinsen.

Vincent Priore addressed the Board regarding the Suffolk County Aquaculture Lease Program Review. He asked if the newly elected Trustees were given a complete

overview of the situation. The new Trustees were given all the information about the program, including the public comments from both sides.

Rick Drew suggested the Trustees have the Aquaculture Committee step in and try to work out a compromise between the oyster farmers and the area homeowner's and Yacht Club members, regarding SCALP. John Aldred noted that he had held several meetings with the members of the Community and it didn't seem to him that either side was ready to change their mind.

Adam Younes, an oyster farmer and a lessee in the SCALP program said he would make himself available to meet with all the interested parties, although he expressed skepticism that positions would change.

Joan Priore, a Lazy Point resident and frequent commenter on oyster leases, was also skeptical of positions changing, nevertheless she thanked the Trustees for trying to work out a solution to the SCALP issue.

Drew Bennett P.E., P.C. presented his proposal, submitted on January 26, 2020 to the East Hampton Town Trustees. Jim Grimes said the proposal received from Drew Bennett, to assist the Trustees in getting the permits in place for the opening of the gut at Fresh Pond was very reasonable. Jim Grimes passed around aerial photographs of the Fresh Pond gut from 1994 to 2018. Rick Drew mentioned there was some similarity between the problems faced in Fresh Pond, to the problems faced at Little Northwest Creek. Jim also mentioned, it would be important to the Trustees to be able to work with a civil engineer who could bring his expertise in remediating and correcting a problem as opposed to just opening a narrow passage way for the exchange of water.

A motion was made by Jim Grimes to accept the proposal from Drew Bennett. The motion was seconded by Rick Drew and unanimously approved.

The Three Mile Harbor breakwater repair has been completed. Drew Bennett said there is a pile of excess stone at the site, which will be removed over the next three weeks. John Aldred asked if some of that stone could be used to create a dune at Baby Beach. Jim Grimes responded that he believed there would be enough sand available with the excess sand from the Clearwater Beach Property Owners Association's recent dredging. If finer sand was required it could be acquired from Bistran or Rousell, who both have stockpiles of fine local beach sand.

Deborah Klughers, a beekeeper from Springs, addressed the Trustees about the threats posed to the survival of Honey Bee colonies. Specifically, for hanging swarms of honey bees and honey bee swarms that are in places where they are not wanted. She asked the Trustees to support the current legislation before the State Assembly and the State Senate.

Susan McGraw Keber agreed to follow up with East Hampton Town Board as the members had signed a letter to memorialize a resolution in favor of Honey Bee protections. In addition, she said she would contact Assemblyman Fred Thiele, sponsor of the bill, and Senator Alessandra Biaggi, who will deliver the bill for a vote, to obtain more information. Ms. McGraw Keber offered to draft a letter similar to the East Hampton Town Board from the Trustees for Chris Carillo to review before the next meeting."

Scott Bluedorn addressed the Board regarding sugar kelp farming. He wanted to gauge the Board's position on supporting this endeavor. He noted that kelp farming has been being done in Maine and Connecticut for a number of years. Sugar kelp is useful as animal feed and can be made into a biofuel. It is also a culinary ingredient which Scott says he enjoys eating. Sugar kelp grows in the wild out in Montauk, so it is native to the Long Island area. Some benefits of farming sugar kelp are, that it is grown in the off season, so it would provide an additional income source in the time of year when it is needed. In addition, the farming is done below the water's surface, so it doesn't pose a navigational hazard, or have floating gear that homeowners may object to looking out over.

Mark Mendelman addressed the Board regarding his proposal to continue to manage the Transient Moorings for the Town Trustees for another five years. He said he has enjoyed being involved in keeping the harbor safe from breakaway anchors and in making sure the Transient Boaters are aware that Three Mile Harbor is a no discharge zone. He recognized the fine job the Trustees and their Three Mile Harbor pump out boat operator Briggs Enck do, keeping the waterways in Three Mile Harbor clean.

A Resolution to accept the proposal from Seacoast Enterprises Associates, Inc. to manage the Transient Moorings in Three Mile Harbor from 2020 to 2024, was offered and read into the record by John Aldred. The Resolution was seconded by Jim Grimes and unanimously approved.

John Aldred distributed the Conference Agenda and the Conference Abstracts and Bios; from the 2020 Long Island Natural History Conference, being held on March 20 and March 21 at the Brookhaven Lab. John asked if any of the Trustees were interested in attending, to email him as soon as possible, so he can have their name added to the guest list at the event. Mike Bottini has invited all of the Trustees who are interested to attend the event as his guest.

Regarding the application submitted by Bruce Horwith, the agent for Noam Gottesman, owner of 61 North Briar Patch Road, SCTM # 301-12-4-10. The Trustees said they will make an appointment with the agent to go to the property and review what is being requested.

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. It was decided to wait until the Town ZBA reviewed the application and made recommendations, prior to making any decisions.

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. Rick Drew will go out in the field to verify the property owner hasn't made any illegal changes or additions to the Trustee Road bed.

A motion was made by Susan McGraw Keber at 8:02pm, to go into Executive Session to discuss the upcoming Truck Beach litigation. The motion was seconded by Tim Garneau and unanimously approved.

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

A motion was made to pay the following bills by Jim Grimes: a) Staples - \$2.66, \$40.57 and \$80.36 = \$123.59; b) Optimum - \$132.52. The motion was seconded by Susan McGraw Keber and unanimously approved.

A motion was made by John Aldred to approve the minutes of January 13, 2020. The motion was seconded by Jim Grimes and unanimously approved.

Rick Drew had a question about the financials. He noticed that the income from the Lazy Point Leases were lower in the January 31, 2020 financial report year to date, then in January 31, 2019 year to date financial report, even though the rent had increased by 2% from 2018 to 2019. This discrepancy was due to late payments. Year to year the lease amounts charged were increased by 2%.

A motion was made by Rick Drew to approve the financials for the month ended January 31, 2020. The motion was seconded by John Aldred and unanimously approved.

Eric Schultz, Clerk of the Southampton Town Trustees, has contacted Francis J Bock to see about arranging to get together with the Southold Trustees and the East Hampton Town Trustees. A dinner meeting was suggested as an option. There was interest from the Board. Francis said he would follow up with the Southampton Town Trustees and the Southold Trustees.

A motion to close was made at approximately 9:05 pm by Jim Grimes. The motion was seconded by Susan McGraw Keber and unanimously approved.