



MEETING OF APRIL 27, 2020
OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE FREEHOLDERS AND COMMONALTY
OF THE TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON – HELD REMOTELY VIA ZOOM

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
Mike Martinsen

Present: Christopher A. Carillo, Trustee Attorney
Arlene Tesar, Trustee Secretary
Alyson Follenius, Trustee Secretary
Dr. Michael McDonald

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

The clerk ordered a roll call. All trustees were present at start of meeting except Mike Martinsen. Mike Martinsen joined the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

Dr. Michael McDonald of the East End Resilience network discussed what steps East Hampton Town and other East End municipalities are taking to mitigate the spread of the COVID-19 virus on the east end. He specifically shared how the current outbreak may impact Trustee jurisdictions and the role the Trustees may have in the conversation around preparing for the summer 2020 season. Susan McGraw-Keber spoke of the efforts of the East Hampton Town Board and Supervisor Peter Van Scoyoc, to plan, strategize and implement; cautious and prudent measures. The Town is part of a new committee that involves elected officials throughout Suffolk County. Francis Bock and Jim Grimes will attend a telephone conference call this Wednesday, to discuss issues to be solved and how to proceed with regard to our neighboring communities – beaches, restaurants, local businesses, etc. The effort is

to structure safe and well-conceived protocols that will enable our community to resume normal life in measured steps. Dr. McDonald spoke until approximately 6:50pm.

The Clerk transitioned the meeting to new business:

The Trustees discussed potential dredging of the Accabonac Harbor Chokepoint. Bill Taylor informed the Board that the committee had been in contact with the Suffolk County Public Works. The County has reached out to the DEC and Fish and Wildlife to see if they can obtain permission for an emergency dredging in the upcoming weeks.

Barley Dunne of the EH Shellfish Hatchery requested Trustees permission to install FLUPSYs, to grow out 2million clams, in Three Mile Harbor in front of the stretch of undeveloped land between Gardiner's Marina and the North end of the Town Docks. Jim Grimes made a motion to approve the request to allow the Shellfish Hatchery to install FLUPSYs to grow the clams. The motion was seconded by Susan McGraw Keber and unanimously approved.

John Aldred raised the topic of the Powering of Soft Clams for the 2020 Season. John Aldred and Jim Grimes will hold a meeting with the baymen to determine how to structure the regulating of the powering of soft clams.

Francis J. Bock distributed a copy of proposed Seaplane Legislation. Chris Carillo suggested that the Trustees respond strongly and participate in any proposed legislation. Chris Carillo said he will follow up on this. This is regarding Chapter 73 of the Sag Harbor Village code. The motion was tabled to allow Chris Carillo to follow up on this.

A request was made to the Trustees to close the dirt portion of the Trustee road, Cross Hwy to Devon. Rick Drew requested it be tabled to be reviewed in committee and readdressed in the next meeting of the Board. He wanted to discuss several additional Trustee roads that have become rutted and are being used for dumping. He specifically addressed the issue of the roads in the Grace Estate.

Bill Taylor brought up the issue of how to handle David Whalen's abandoned barge, which has been left at Three Mile Marina. Trustee Attorney, Chris Carillo will follow up and speak with David Whalen to ascertain the situation.

The Clerk transitioned to committee reports:

John Aldred said the Conditional Shellfish Harvest Area in Northern Accabonac Harbor, is currently expired for this year. Due to the current COVID-19 restrictions, sampling has been suspended and will resume when restrictions are lifted and the lab reopens.

Susan McGraw Keber informed the Board, she has received four applications for the Captain William J. Rysam Scholarship Award. She requested the Board members review each application and cast their vote for the winner, by no later than May 8th as she must submit the names of the award winners by May 11, 2020.

A motion was made by Susan McGraw Keber to offer two awards this year. One in the amount of \$1000 and the second in the amount of \$500. The motion was seconded by Ben Dollinger and unanimously approved. The Trustees received two private donations, one for \$1,000.00 and one for \$500.00. The individuals making these donations had requested they be used directly to fund awards for this year.

A motion was made by Jim Grimes to make the annual donation of \$10,000, to the Captain William J. Rysam Scholarship fund. The funds will be taken out of this this year's Georgica Pond dredge spoil fee, as agreed by the unanimous vote of the Trustees in June 2019. The motion was seconded by Susan McGraw Keber and was unanimously approved.

The Clerk transitioned to administrative matters:

A motion was made by Jim Grimes to pay the following bills: Staples \$165.95 and Drew Bennett Engineering \$3,300. The motion was seconded by Bill Taylor and unanimously approved.

The approval of the financial report ending February 29, 2020 was tabled until the next meeting to allow additional time for the board members to review.

A motion was made by Jim Grimes to roll over the Certificate of Deposit ended in 0232. The motion was seconded by John Aldred and unanimously approved.

Susan McGraw Keber addressed the board and public to correct information provided during the last meeting on April 13th regarding a post made to the Trustee Facebook page on April 7, 2020. The content of the post was shared for the public. She wanted the public to know that the content of her post was accurate.

A motion was made by Jim Grimes to adjourn the meeting at 7:57pm. The motion was seconded by Susan McGraw Keber and unanimously approved.