



MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 11, 2022
OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE FREEHOLDERS AND COMMONALTY
OF THE TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON

Present: Bill Taylor, Deputy Clerk
John Aldred
David Cataletto
Tim Garneau
Susan McGraw-Keber

Absent: Francis Bock, Clerk
Jim Grimes, Deputy Clerk
Ben Dollinger
Mike Martinsen

Present: Arlene Tesar, Trustee Secretary
Alyson Follenius, Trustee Secretary
Christopher A. Carillo, Esq - Trustee General Counsel

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

The Deputy Clerk requested roll call. Francis Bock, Jim Grimes, Ben Dollinger and Mike Martinsen were absent. Deputy Clerk Bill Taylor presided over the meeting.

The Clerk transitioned to Public Comment:

Dr. Christopher J. Gobler, Professor at Stony Brook University (SBU) and Principal Investigator at the Gobler Lab at SBU. Dr. Gobler presented his 2021 Water Quality results to the Board. Gobler and his lab have been monitoring the water quality of the Harbors and ponds in East Hampton for the last nine years. Most of the testing sites are within Trustee jurisdiction. Dr. Gobler and his team investigate how anthropogenic activities impact both ecological and biogeochemical functioning within coastal ecosystems. Dr. Gobler shared for an hour and fifteen minutes. Gobler reported on each of the water bodies and described questions which arose from these findings. These new questions may prompt further investigations. Gobler described the launch of the new Autonomous Surface Vehicle which was used to measure water temperature, dissolved oxygen and salinity. Gobler confirmed the bi-annual dredging of Georgica Pond is successful in flushing the harmful algae and reducing the algal population with each opening. The presentation concluded with conversation of further discussions and continuing the partnership between the Trustees and the Gobler Lab.

The Clerk transitioned to the New Business portion of the meeting:

John Aldred updated the Board on the 2022 season Piping Plover Monitoring program run by the Natural Resources department of the Town of East Hampton. The program is in need of individuals to help monitor. It is open to anyone who is interested in assisting. There are community service hours and stipends available. There will be training sessions held via Zoom on April 26, 2022 and May 2, 2022 with monitoring beginning late April/beginning of May. Information can be found on the Trustee website and through Natural Resources.

The Clerk transitioned to the Old Business portion of the meeting:

David Cataletto updated the Board regarding the kayak racks and attaching the new signs to each rack. Cataletto will complete the installation of the signs for the remaining racks later in the week.

John Aldred provided a brief update on the status of large boat mooring vacancies in Three Mile Harbor. Aldred shared there were only 9 vacant large boat moorings available. Aldred advised anyone watching to call the Trustee office if they were interested in a large boat mooring.

The Clerk transitioned to Committee Reports:

Education:

Susan McGraw-Keber updated the Board around the annual scholarship application process. McGraw-Keber will pick up the scholarship entries from the East Hampton High School this week. Applications will be blindly reviewed and Board members will discuss which they believe should be granted the scholarship. The Board plans to discuss the number of awards which will be given out at the next meeting.

Susan McGraw-Keber shared she was invited by the Ladies Village Improvement Society to present to their group on the Balloon Ban in East Hampton Town. The presentation occurred earlier in the day.

The Clerk transitioned to the administrative portion of the meeting:

The following bills need to be paid: Patrick Bistran- \$29,675 for maintenance of the Accabonac Culvert; Amagansett Post Office = \$332 for the annual box fee. John Aldred made a motion to pay the bills. Tim Garneau seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

The financials for the months ending February 28, 2022 and March 31, 2022 were tabled until the next meeting.

The Clerk transitioned to the Report of the Clerk:

Bill Taylor updated the Board regarding a complaint which was received over the weekend from a resident. The resident complained there was a dilapidated groin at the southern end of the Bell Estate near Little Albert's beach. The complainant also shared it seems as though rock and debris had been placed behind it. The Board discussed the photos received and that the area is not within Trustee jurisdiction but the board will bring it to the attention of code enforcement.

Tim Garneau made a motion to close the meeting. David Cataletto seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

The meeting closed at 8:24 pm.