



MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 8, 2022
OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE FREEHOLDERS AND COMMONALTY
OF THE TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON

Held in person at The Town of East Hampton Town Hall

Present: Francis Bock, Clerk
Jim Grimes, Deputy Clerk (via Zoom)
Bill Taylor, Deputy Clerk
John Aldred
David Cataletto
Tim Garneau
Susan McGraw-Keber (via Zoom)
Mike Martinsen (via Zoom)

Absent: Ben Dollinger

Present: Alyson Follenius, Trustee Secretary
Arlene Tesar, Trustee Secretary

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

The Clerk requested roll call: Deputy Clerk, Jim Grimes, Susan McGraw-Keber and Mike Martinsen were present at the meeting via Zoom. Ben Dollinger was absent.

The Clerk transitioned to Public Comment:

Peter Jakab addressed the Board on behalf of the Hampton Waters Property owner's association (HWPOA). HWPOA has received all necessary permits from the DEC, Planning Department's NRSP and are in process of submitting an application to the building department. The HWPOA is requesting a permit from the Trustees to construct a walkway over a marsh canal. Jakab showed four photographs and the survey the Board requested the first time the HWPOA approached the board for approval. There was a brief discussion and a few questions. John Aldred made a motion to approve the application to construct the elevated walkway. Jim Grimes seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

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

The Clerk, Francis Bock read aloud a letter received a letter from the East Hampton Fire Department requesting permission to host their annual Fireworks event at Main Beach on Saturday August 20, 2022. The Board

generally issues a letter of approval. Jim Grimes made a motion to approve the event. Susan McGraw-Keber seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

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

Largest Clam Contest: Susan McGraw-Keber updated the Board regarding the status of the Largest Clam Contest. T-shirts and clam baskets have been ordered. McGraw-Keber reminded the Board to begin to solicit prizes for the contest. There will also be clam pie. The committee will continue to plan and coordinate the event.

Peconic Estuary Partnership: Peconic Estuary Partnership has extended the timeline for project suggestions. The board discussed ideas which included a Drone Shoreline Survey of Hard Structures, Dredging of Napeague Harbor and Accabonac Salt Marsh Restoration Project. There was brief discussion regarding the Accabonac Salt Marsh Restoration Project and potential funds the Accabonac Protection Committee may have to include. The Marsh project is a tier one priority project and has some funds committed to it. The Napeague Harbor project is a tier 2 priority. Both projects will need additional funds. Project suggestions are due by extension provided by PEP, on Friday, August 12, 2022. Susan McGraw-Keber will send the three project requests for funding via email to PEP.

Dock Survey: The dock survey has commenced and there were observations provided to the Board. John Aldred shared these observations with the Board. These were practicalities to consider when the members head out in the field. Aldred read through his observations/tips. David Cataletto has also begun dock inspections and agreed with Aldred that each inspection takes approximately

The Clerk transitioned to Committee Reports:

Accabonac/Hog Creek:

Susan McGraw-Keber updated the Board regarding the upcoming Smart Teams meeting for the Accabonac Marsh Restoration Project. The meeting will include conceptual designs and drafts. The meeting will be held on September 13, 2022, at 10 am via Zoom and it will be recorded. Susan McGraw-Keber forwarded the email with the Zoom link to the Board.

Aquaculture:

John Aldred provided the Board with an update on South Fork Sea Farmer's Oyster Reef project. The project has received its DEC permit and will be located near Landing Lane in Springs. The project will commence just after school begins in September and will utilize school students to assist.

In the News:

Susan McGraw-Keber shared an East Hampton Star article about the Trustee Pump Out Boat Captains and the pump out boat operations. Trustees Jim Grimes and Bill Taylor along with Captains Savannah Van Der Walt, Travis Wallace and Bob Fallon were quoted in the front page article. The article is also posted to the front page of the Trustee website.

Ponds/Beaches:

Jim Grimes received several complaints regarding poaching in Georgica Pond. The complaints were forwarded to Marine Patrol. Marine Patrol has been tipped off by the lifeguards at Georgica Beach when anything suspicious seems to be occurring. Additionally, a call was received from a local fisherman. Tim Garneau was present at the beach before July 4, 2022 and alerted Tim Treadwell of Marine Patrol. There has been some talk

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the poachers have apps that share where there is productive harvesting. The poachers have been shown to be from locations such as Staten Island and Queens.

The Clerk transitioned to the administrative portion of the meeting:

Payment of the Bills: The following bills need to be paid: Optimum - \$167.66; East Hampton Marina - \$216.10 for gas, \$239.59 for oil change; Montauk Anglers Club - \$1,851.31 for servicing of newest boat in Montauk. John Aldred made a motion to pay the bills. Tim Garneau seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Minutes: The minutes of July 25, 2022 were available for review. Susan McGraw-Keber and John Aldred both read through the minutes and made edits/suggestions. Susan McGraw-Keber made a motion to approve the minutes. John Aldred seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

John Aldred made a motion to close the meeting. Susan McGraw-Keber seconded the motion to close.

The meeting closed at 7:22 pm.