



MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 13, 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
Bill Taylor, Deputy Clerk
John Aldred
David Cataletto
Ben Dollinger
Susan McGraw-Keber
Mike Martinsen

Absent: Tim Garneau

Present: Arlene Tesar, Trustee Secretary
Alyson Follenius, Trustee Secretary via Zoom
Chris Carillo, Trustee General Counsel

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

The Deputy Clerk requested roll call. All Trustees were present except for Tim Garneau.

The Clerk transitioned to Public Hearing:

Scott Dobriner approached the Board regarding Trustee Permit GP#2-21 for 24 West End Rd, LLC SCTM# 301-15-1-5 & 6. Dobriner is asking for a renewal of the project so the contractor, Grimes Landscaping, can complete the project. Dobriner asked Jim Grimes to come to the podium not as a Trustee but as the contractor. Grimes took a moment to recuse himself from any decision making regarding the property. Grimes addressed the Board to provide an update on the planting schedule, what has been done and to reiterate no changes to the original plan. The Board had a few questions about the control of the non-native invasive species. Grimes addressed this stating the project will continue to be monitored on annual basis to keep the non-native invasives in control. The wetland buffer is 150 feet on this property. East Hampton Village generally asks for a 30-foot buffer. Dobriner is asking for a one-year renewal permit. John Aldred made a motion to renew Permit GP #2-21. Susan McGraw-Keber seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Jim Walker addressed the Board regarding 19 & 23 Chauncey Close, SCTM# 301-15-1- 5 & 6, for Zee I, LLC and Zon II, LLC. Walker is requesting a one-year renewal of permit GP #2-20. Jim Grimes also recused himself from the discussion and

decision making around this property as Grimes Land Design is the contractor for the project. Jim Grimes addressed the board to provide an update on the project. Grimes shared the project timeline in addition to providing information about what work is still needed. The invasive plants are currently under control. The contractor visits the property every three weeks to be sure to catch any new invasive plants before they flower and can seed additional plants. Ben Dollinger made a motion to provide a one-year renewal permit. Susan McGraw-Keber seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Suzie Lish addressed the Board regarding “Baby Beach” at Maidstone Park Beach. Lish is concerned Baby Beach is becoming a parking lot with all of the Trucks which park to attend the beach. Lish is concerned for the ecosystem and for the safety of children and people on the beach. Both Trustee Clerk, Francis Bock and Deputy Clerk, Jim Grimes explained the portion of the “beach” which is being described was originated from dredge spoil from dredging Three Mile Harbor. Grimes shared additional information for why the vehicle access was originally granted. Lish continued to express her concerns about the beach. The Board and Lish continued to have the discussion. Lish requested the Board review what is going on at the beach. Lish thanked the Board for their time. The Board thanked Lish for coming to share with them.

Eric Pettigrew addressed the Board first by thanking them for their work and then to discuss his property. Pettigrew is building a house at number 5 Private Rd. The land behind Pettigrew’s property is Trustee owned. Pettigrew is asking Trustee approval to place his propane tank within 10 feet of the Trustee property line. Trustee Attorney Chris Carillo advised Pettigrew he would need to apply for a variance from the ZBA. The ZBA would then notice the Trustees and allow for the Trustees to weigh in.

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

The Board has received inquires regarding fish traps in the harbors. John Aldred shared about the design of fish traps and why traps are placed where they are. There is a fish trap in Three Mile Harbor near Duke Drive. Aldred shared a picture diagram of the Trap in Three Mile Harbor. The diagram showed the bottom of the harbor where the depth changes and provides a bit of a funnel to aide in trapping the fish.

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

Susan McGraw-Keber updated the Board regarding the Captain Rysam Scholarship recipient. Andrea Rivera Sagbay was the 2022 Captain Rysam Scholarship Fund recipient. The East Hampton Star wrote an article about Andrea Rivera Sagbay and McGraw-Keber shared this with the Board.

Susan McGraw-Keber updated the Board regarding the WQTAQ Committee. There were ten applications which came to the committee. There were four projects chosen by the committee:

1. Pollack Krasner House and Study Center in Springs – the conventional septic system will be replaced with a constructed wetland alternative system which uses plants and microorganisms to treat effluent and reduce nitrogen to levels below alternative septic system. The property is owned by Stony Brook Foundation.
2. East Hampton Village will upgrade municipal septic system at Main Beach Pavillion to add innovative systems for each of the two comfort stations.
3. Montauk Anglers Club and Marina on Lake Montauk – will replace the commercial waste-water treatment system with an innovative alternative system.
4. Concerned Citizens of Montauk received funds to install floating wetlands in Fort Pond. The floating mats absorb excess nitrogen and phosphorous as food to reduce the nutrient load in the water to enhance dissolved oxygen.

There will be a second round of applications announced at the end of June. Applications will be due in July and the awards will be announced in the Fall.

The Clerk transitioned to Committee Reports:

Beaches:

Trustee permit B #1-21 and B # 2-21 issued to West End Road, LLC, SCTM#301-15-5-14.1 & 14.2. These properties share the same shoreline. Jim Grimes made a motion to close out the permits. Susan McGraw-Keber seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Pump-Out Boat:

Jim Grimes shared the Pump Out boat began service on Memorial Day weekend. The Pump Out Boat captains have met with Harbor Master Tim Treadwell. Treadwell asked for the captains' cooperation in locating potential vessels which may be discharging waste into the water. Over the last weekend one of the captains in concert with the Marina and Marine Patrol were able to identify a vessel which was discharging.

Bill Taylor made a motion to pre-approve \$1,500 for captain's out of pocket purchases. David Cataletto seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Mike Martinsen shared a photo of Pump Out Boat Captains Savannah Van Der Walt and Travis Wallace on the water in Montauk. Martinsen took the photo last week on a day when Van Der Walt waved him over (on his boat) towards them. Martinsen praised the hard work ethic and passion the Captains have for their jobs and the program as a whole. Martinsen shared how he sees it every day out on the water. The Board had a brief discussion

The captains have requested another Handheld VHF \$159.95 Jim Grimes made a motion to purchase another Handheld VHF for the vessel. Susan McGraw-Keber seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

The Clerk transitioned to the administrative portion of the meeting:

The following bills need to be paid: East End Excavating - \$10,600 - for work completed at Lazy Point Launch Ramp; East Hampton Business Service - \$22.35- printing for pump out boat; Seacoast Enterprises Associates, INC. - \$491.97 – supplies for pump out boat; Optimum - \$167.12; East Hampton Marina - \$206 (5/31/22) & \$143.45 (5/24/22) & \$219.60 for gas; Reimbursement to Savannah- \$648.95 - for Pump Out Supplies. Jim Grimes made a motion to pay the bills. Susan McGraw-Keber and Mike Martinsen seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Other:

John Aldred and Jim Grimes shared updates from the Horseshoe Crab Survey. Grimes also shared there has been an issue with poaching of Oysters and Horseshoe crabs.

Susan McGraw-Keber made motion to close the meeting. David Cataletto seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

The meeting closed at 7:57 pm.