



MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 13, 2023
OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE FREEHOLDERS AND COMMONALTY
OF THE TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON

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

Absent: Tim Garneau

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

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

The Clerk requested roll call. All Trustees were present at roll call except Tim Garneau. Susan McGraw-Keber attended via Zoom.

The Clerk transitioned to Public Comment:

Dr. Christopher Gobler, Stony Brook University, presented the 2022 Annual Water Quality Report. Gobler provided a synopsis of all the sampling sites across Trustee waters, summarized the studies conducted and provide the results of the data analysis conducted. (insert quick summary of results here). The Board had questions which Gobler answered. There were several community members present who had some questions for Dr. Gobler. The Board has a meeting with Dr. Gobler to plan for the 2023 water quality sampling.

Trustee Secretary Alyson Follenius addressed the Board with a proposal to move the 2023 Kayak application process to a digital platform. Follenius summarized the process which includes emailing the kayak lottery winners a digital link to the application. The applicants would complete and submit the application online. Applicants would only be able to submit their application once all required documents are included with the application. The Board questioned whether applicants would have the opportunity to submit a paper application if they were not familiar with using digital platforms. Applicants will be able to request a PDF document they can download or

may come into the office to complete. Jim Grimes made a motion to approve using the new program. The motion was seconded by Susan McGraw-Keber and unanimously approved.

The Clerk transitioned to Committee Reports:

Education:

Susan McGraw-Keber provided the Board with the 2023 Website maintenance proposal from Michael Hansen. The proposed sum will remain the same for 2023 at \$405 per month. Susan McGraw-Keber made a motion to approve the proposal for Michael Hansen to maintain the Trustee website for the year 2023-24. Jim Grimes seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Largest Clam Contest:

Susan McGraw-Keber updated the Board with some plans for the 2023 Largest Clam Contest. The event will be held at the Amagansett Life Saving Station in September. With the larger location the committee requested an increase in the budget. The budget for 2022 was \$7,000 and there were a few expenses which put the total expenditures over budget. The committee would like to gather Port-O-Sans to have on site, as there is only one restroom at the museum. Susan McGraw-Keber made a motion to increase the 2023 budget for the Largest Clam Contest to \$8,000. David Cataletto seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

The Clerk transitioned to Liaison Reports:

John Aldred provided the Board with an update of the Peconic Estuary Program meeting being planned where the Napeague East Inlet Dredging will be discussed. Aldred summarized the meeting. The PEP discussion pertained mostly to the stakeholders, who will need to be involved, by attending the meetings to discuss how to apply for all permits, find the funding and execute this project. George Eldi, Lazy Point waterfront leaseholder and longtime resident of the area (forty plus years) volunteered to represent the area homeowners.

The Clerk transitioned to the administrative portion of the meeting:

Payment of bills:

Minutes: The Minutes for the meeting of February 27, 2023, were available for review. John Aldred made a motion to approve the minutes. Jim Grimes seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

CD: The CD ending in 0232 is set to mature on April 2, 2023. There was a brief discussion around the current interest rate on the CD and the volatile banking situation in California. There was further discussion around whether the current bank will offer a 4% interest rate on the CD. Jim Grimes recommended the Board roll over the CD, if M&T bank is willing to be competitive with the interest rate. Jim Grimes made a motion to roll the CD over subject to 12-monthing a 4% interest rate on a 12 month roll over. John Aldred seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Financials: The Financials for the month January 2023 were available for review. They were tabled for a future meeting.

Jim Grimes made a motion to move into executive session. Susan McGraw-Keber seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. The Board took a five-minute break and resumed the executive session.

The meeting closed at approximately 9:15 p.m.