



**MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 27, 2023**  
**OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE FREEHOLDERS AND COMMONALTY**  
**OF THE TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON**

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

Absent: Jim Grimes, Deputy Clerk  
Tim Garneau  
Mike Martinsen

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

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

**The Clerk requested roll call.**

All Trustees were present except for Jim Grimes, Tim Garneau and Mike Martinsen.

**The Clerk transitioned to Public Comment:**

Christine Ganitsch approached the board as a member of the EH Town Action Committee (formally the town Litter Advisory Committee). Ganitsch reached out to Susan McGraw-Keber and David Cataletto. The committee is trying to bring awareness to the problem litter being thrown out of people's cars. The committee is working on an initiative called "No Fling Spring." The first event will be a clean up of Springs Fireplace Road. The Trustees will have two beach clean ups. One in Lazy Point and the second at Atlantic Ave. There will be Spring Fling dance at the Springs Presbyterian Church. The EHHS students will work on creating PSAs at LTV and there will be monetary awards for the top three videos. The HS Environmental Awareness club, The Middle School Surfrider club will all be in attendance to support the cleanup. Susan McGraw-Keber has worked with Tony Littman to replace the trash cans at Lazy Point.

**The Clerk transitioned to Old Business:**

The Board received the Water Quality and Bottom Land Assessment of East Hampton Town Trustee Water Bodies Proposal for 2023. John Aldred, Susan McGraw-Keber and Bill Taylor met with Dr. Chirstopher Gobler to discuss plans for water quality work with Dr. Gobler's team. Aldred provided a summary of the proposed water quality for the upcoming year. There will be a new assessment of Napeague Harbor in 2023 which will include a bathometric survey and deployment of Oxygen sensors. There will also be sediment surveys from the launch ramp in Accabonac Harbor. Gobler will use the DEC fecal coliform data to match with what he has collected. The total is \$83,160. \$8,316 more than last year. Aldred made a motion to approve the proposal. Susan McGraw-Keber seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Susan McGraw-Keber shared an announcement regarding lecture series at Southampton College called, "State of the Bays" with Dr. Gobler. There will be student posters available an hour before and after the seminar takes place.

Bill Taylor updated the Board regarding the dredging the Accabonac Harbor East Channel. The digging began on Saturday morning and it continued through Monday morning and sand has begun to be moved down the beach. The contractor believes the work should be completed by the end of the month. Francis Bock added that because this is happening close to piping plover season, Natural Resources department will be on site, throughout the process, monitoring the area for plovers. Bock also added he had a conversation with Kim Shaw of Natural Resources about the plover monitoring program. Shaw is short staffed and Bock offered there may be a way for the Trustees to pay interns to join the program. The Board was generally in favor of this idea. Bock will gather more information and bring the matter back to the Board.

#### **The Clerk transitioned to Committee Reports:**

##### **Kayaks:**

Susan McGraw-Keber addressed the need to add Trustee signs to the new kayak rack at Mile Hill and the newly constructed signs at Settler's landing and Louse Point. The Board discussed which areas may need replacement signs. David Cataletto will add the sign to the Mile Hill rack.

##### **The Largest Clam Contest:**

Susan McGraw-Keber updated the board that the clam contest committee has decided to purchase mugs for the contest. The mugs will be available for purchase to attendees and the funds from the sale of the mug will go towards the scholarship fund.

The conversation shifted to storing the mugs which in turn shifted to the need for a storage shed. There was a brief discussion about the process of getting approval to add a shed to the property at the Trustee office. Chris Carillo offered that a survey no older than two years old would be required to go in front of the ARB. The office is located on a historic property. Carillo will investigate the process and update the board at a later date.

##### **Lazy Point:**

The board received a request from Laurie Petroske, of 241 Shore Rd, for approval to sublease her home to Joseph Scalia. The request and documentation was sent to attorney Chirs Carillo. Carillo found that Joseph Scalia was deficient in his residency requirement. He did not have a New York State Driver's license, he is not registered to vote in East Hampton; he purchased a property recently under an LLC and has completed five (5) months of a six (6) month lease. Carillo advised the Trustees the applicant does not meet the residency requirements and therefore should be denied. Susan McGraw-Keber made a motion to deny the request of Laurie Petroske to sublease the home at 241 Shore Rd to Joseph Scalia. Ben Dollinger seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

#### **The Clerk transitioned to Liaison Reports:**

Susan McGraw-Keber gave a quick update on the Peconic Estuary Committee. McGraw-Keber and John Aldred have been attending PEP's Smart Team meetings held at the Nature Conservancy regarding the restoration of Accabonac Salt March. McGraw-Keber attended last week's meeting and Suffolk County has approved the funding of the project. The contract is being drafted.

**The Clerk transitioned to the administrative portion of the meeting:**

**Payment of bills:** The following bill needs to be paid: East End Excavating - \$1,000. John Aldred made a motion to pay the bill. Bill Taylor seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

**Minutes:** there were no minutes to review or approve.

**Financials:** Francis Bock provided the Board with the most recent update from NYCLASS.

There was a brief discussion surrounding the CD held with M & T bank and the interest on that account.

Susan McGraw-Keber thanked everyone for their efforts and attendance to the Montauk Friends of Erin St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Susan McGraw-Keber made a motion to close the meeting. John Aldred seconded and it was unanimously approved.

**The meeting closed at 7:20 p.m.**