



MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 22, 2023
OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE FREEHOLDERS AND COMMONALTY
OF THE TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON

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

Absent: 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 at roll call except Mike Martinsen.

The Clerk transitioned to Public Comment: There was no one present for public comment.

The Clerk transitioned to New Business:

The board scheduled a special meeting to discuss the status of the Dock Inventory. The special meeting will be held on June 12, 2023 at 5:00 pm at the Trustee Office on Bluff Road.

David Cataletto brought up the issue of the sign outside of the Trustee office. Cataletto showed a photograph of the dilapidated sign. Cataletto made a motion to get a new sign. Jim Grimes seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

The Clerk transitioned to Old Business:

The board revisited the matter of dead trees on Bull Path. There was some conversation about insurance and responsibility. The board continued to discuss the questions which have arisen with regard to access easements, ownership and responsibility. Attorney Chris Carillo was asked for further advisement. Carillo specified that he

is not comfortable further advising the board on the matter. Carillo felt he had shared his opinions on the matter and felt that further discussion should be held in an executive session.

Bill Taylor made a motion to hire the lowest bidder to remove the trees. Jim Grimes seconded the motion and requested a roll call vote resulting in the following:

John Aldred – expressed reluctance but voted yes.
Francis Bock – yes
David Cataletto – yes
Ben Dollinger – yes
Tim Garneau – yes
Jim Grimes – yes
Susan McGraw-Keber- expressed reluctance but voted yes.
Bill Taylor – yes
The motion was passed and approved.

Francis Bock provided the Board with the updated Town Codes for Special Events. The changes include:

- Gatherings up to 20 people with no catering do not require a permit.
- Gatherings which are catered, use other professional services, or have a guest count of 20-50 people.
- Gatherings of 50 or more people on beaches are not permitted.

The conversation continued around how the Town Board came to a vote without Trustee vote or input from the Board. There were several questions which arose from the discussion which the Board debated back and forth. The Board discussed that they would like the matter of procedure addressed with the Town Board. The Board recognized that if the Trustees choose not to amend their policies to align with the Town Board, then it will be possible for the Trustees to issue a permit for an event over 50 people. This could lead to the Town denying a permit to an applicant which has a Trustee permit. Carillo further explained how some sections of Town Code will contain language specifically detailing that Trustees' have authority along with the Town and promulgated these portions of code. Chapter 151 of the Town Code which outlines the code as it relates to Events on Beaches does not specify Trustee authority in this regard. Carillo advised the Board to hold off on making changes to Trustee policy regarding special events to allow for further discussion and conversation with the Town Board.

Attorney Chris Carillo further updated the Board a meeting held between himself, Francis Bock, Town Assistant Attorney David McMaster and Senior Harbor Master Tim Treadwell to discuss possible amendments to the Town code regarding the unlicensed taking of fish/shellfish. The group discussed elevating the charge of unlicensed taking of shellfish from a violation to an aggravated misdemeanor. A violation charge results in a fine whereas an aggravated misdemeanor could result in arrest or further consequences. Carillo answered questions from the Board and took notes to bring to the Town Board work session where this matter will be discussed on June 6, 2023. Carillo will provide the Board with an update at the next meeting.

The Clerk transitioned to Committee Reports:

John Aldred updated the Board with regard to the Peconic Estuary Partnership's Technical Advisory Committee. Within the committee, the voting members include a representative from each township. Aldred had requested that the East Hampton Town Trustees, Southampton Town Trustees and Southold Town Trustees have a vote at the meetings. The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) is announcing the plan to propose offering the Trustees from East Hampton, Southampton and Southold a vote. The TAC will be voting on this proposal during the August 2023 meeting.

Tim Garneau provided an update on the Horseshoe Monitoring program. Garneau and John Aldred observed at least two crabs which were recaptured in Northwest Harbor. Garneau provided pictures and alerted the public that

if they see a tagged crab, they can take a picture and note the condition of the crab. The public can notify the Trustees who will pass the information along to the DEC. Jim Grimes added to the discussion with a summary of the number of crabs observed in Napeague Harbor over the last moon cycle.

Jim Grimes updated the Board and public that the Pump Out boats are in the water. The Three Mile Harbor boat will be operational for Memorial Day Weekend. The Montauk pump out station is still under construction but is scheduled to be operational for Memorial Day weekend as well. Additionally, Jim Grimes shared that the Board voted two weeks ago to purchase backup supplies which have been ordered and should arrive shortly.

Payment of bills

The following bills need to be paid: The East Hampton Star - \$47.17; Montauk Marine Basin – \$65.93; Van Dyke and Hand, CPA - \$495.00 and Seacoast Enterprises - \$380.18 for pump out boat supplies. Jim Grimes made a motion to pay the bills. Tim Garneau seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

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

The meeting closed at 7:49 p.m.