



MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 8, 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
David Cataletto
Ben Dollinger
Tim Garneau
Susan McGraw-Keber (via Zoom)

Absent: Jim Grimes, Deputy Clerk
Mike Martinsen

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 Jim Grimes and Mike Martinsen.

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

The Clerk transitioned to New Business:

Francis Bock initiated a conversation around the changes to the Town Code regarding special events on public lands. Bock asked Secretary Alyson Follenius to summarize the situation around the code change and proposed updated language to the Trustee Special Event Permit application. The Town code has been updated to state an event on public lands, including the beaches may not exceed 50 people not including staff. Additionally, the question was raised as to whether vendors, such as those who provide luxury picnic set-ups should also be required to get a permit regardless of whether the event will utilize a caterer. There was discussion among the board, Attorney Chris Carillo and the Trustee secretaries. Follenius will reach out to the Town to get an update around whether the committee has worked to codify the matter of using vendors other than caterers.

The Clerk transitioned to Old Business:

The board received two quotes for removal of dead trees along Bull Run Road. There was a discussion around the two proposals and whether the Board wanted to pay for the work. Other questions arose around whether the board would set itself up to begin managing the vast stretches of trees along other Trustee roads. Further

discussion questioned whether the homeowners in the proposed area have an easement recorded with the county. Attorney Chris Carillo shared that any easement language he has read refers specifically to the access only and not the land which runs adjacent to that access. The board had questions for Carillo which aided the conversation. The board tabled the matter for further review of any recorded easements.

John Aldred provided an update of the Cornell Cooperative Extension's Spring Trawl Survey. Aldred provided a summary of how the survey will be conducted and number for fisherman to reach CCE to inform them of any fixed fishing gear along the survey route.

The Clerk transitioned to Committee Reports:

Beaches:

The board received a request from Scott Dobriner of Inter-Science to close out Trustee permits B#1-22 and B-2-22 for Dune Restoration at 85 and 93 West End Rd. Tim Garneau visited the site and shared photos with board ahead of the meeting and was satisfied with the work. Tim Garneau made a motion to close out the permit. Bill Taylor seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Georgica:

The board received a request from Leonard Ackerman on behalf of CG85 LLC, owner of 104 Georgica Close Rd. for a permit to manage phragmites. Ben Dollinger suggested the Board wait until the applicant has obtained approval for their modifications to their DEC permit and advised the Board table the matter. The application was tabled.

Education:

Susan McGraw-Keber shared an update of the joint No Fling Spring Cleanup. There was a large showing of helpers, David Cataletto's middle school students and Lazy point residents. There are photos available on the Trustee website (www.ehtrustees.com).

Susan McGraw-Keber updated the board with the most recent website statistics.

McGraw-Keber took a moment to address the public regarding kayak permits. The request is to place the kayak on the rack so that the permit sticker is not facing toward the vegetation to allow for the Trustees to inspect the kayaks.

Francis Bock provided an update about the Historical Society's celebration of the Town's 350-year anniversary. Francis Bock proposed holding a short meeting on the June 26th date and begin the meeting at 5:30 p.m. to capture the natural light. The historic building does not have electricity and the meeting will have to be recorded.

Payment of bills

The following bills need to be paid: Staple - \$434.48; Staples old invoices - \$422.87; Optimum - \$146.97. David Cataletto made a motion to pay the bills. Susan McGraw-Keber seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Minutes: The following minutes are available for review: February 27, 2023; March 13, 2023; March 22, 2023; April 10, 2023, and April 24, 2023. Susan McGraw-Keber read all of the minutes and checked them with the meeting recordings and is satisfied with their accuracy. John Aldred made a motion to accept the minutes. Susan McGraw-Keber seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Report of the Clerk

Francis Bock provided the Board with the most recent status of the newly opened NYCLASS account. It was noted the account has already out earned previously held CD and Money Market accounts.

Tim Garneau made a motion to adjourn the meeting. John Aldred seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

The meeting closed at 7:44 p.m.