



**MEETING MINUTES OF June 12, 2023**  
**OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE FREEHOLDERS AND COMMONALTY**  
**OF THE TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON**

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

Absent: Mike Martinsen

Present: Alyson Follenius, 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 Bill Taylor and Mike Martinsen.

**The Clerk transitioned to Public Comment**

Prudence Carabine, Director of the East Hampton Historical Farm Museum approached the board to share that she has acquired old fishing boats from Jens Lester. This boat was in the Lester family. He approached Carabine because he did not know what else to do with the boat except to sink it. Carabine agreed to take it until such time the Marine Museum has the ability to take it. Carabine also shared that this Saturday, Mary Vorhpal and Arnold Leo will be speaking at the East Hampton Library to share “*Men’s Lives*,” a discussion on the lives of fishermen and the history of the Town of East Hampton. Carabine spoke about haul seining and fishing as a way of life and culture on the East End. She handed out a book called, “The Springs” to the Trustees.

Bruce Horwith approached the Board on behalf of the owners at 186 Lily Pond Lane for a permit to control phragmites by hand cutting. Horwith explained there are seen properties around Lily Pond which require phragmite management permits and they were not able to do the permitting for all properties at the same time. The application for 186 Lily Pond was delayed. This property is part of the original subdivision in the area and East Hampton Village had a requirement in that original subdivision agreement that the scenic easement be

opened. This area is overgrown with phragmites and other invasives. The project would clear this out and put it into the Trustees' phragmite management program. The cutting would not begin until the Fall.

Jim Grimes asked Horwith if they have begun the cutting on the other properties. Grimes suggested the cutting for these properties should begin as the phragmites are likely 2-3 feet by now. Grimes reiterated that the maintenance of the phragmites keeps them from getting stronger footholds. Grimes also reiterated that the Trustees will not define how often the cuttings need to occur or when to cut except that cuttings may not occur during nesting season in an effort to protect the wildlife who would utilize the plants as nesting areas. Grimes also asked if Horwith had checked out the mowed lawn area they had previously discussed. Horwith visited the site but could not determine if the mowed lawn area was crossing over into the property's boundary of 186 Lily Pond. Grimes stated that the Trustees would ask, that if the mowed portion is part of the reserve area, that the adjacent property owner cease mowing the lawn. Grimes remarked that the phragmite management of the shoreline looked great but the mowed area appeared to have expanded into the bounds of the 186 Lily Pond property. John Aldred asked Horwith to confirm that the reason the cutting will be held off is to protect any nests which may be in the areas. Horwith confirmed this to be true. Grimes requested a vote on this request be held off until the next meeting to allow time for the application package to be reviewed further.

**The Clerk transitioned to New Business:** There was no new business to discuss.

**The Clerk transitioned to Old Business:**

Francis Bock updated the Board that the 375<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Town of East Hampton kicked off this weekend with an event at Town Hall. It was well attended.

Chris Carillo announced he will be meeting with David Lys and David McMaster for a work session to update Town Code regarding poaching. Carillo will return with a draft for the Board to vote on at a future meeting.

**The Clerk transitioned to Committee Reports:**

### **Education**

David Cataletto updated the Board regarding the East Hampton Town Trustees Scholarship. Cataletto and Susan McGraw-Keber presented Sky Tanzmen, a graduating senior, with the \$1500 award during the High School award night.

### **Mosquito Larvae Survey**

John Aldred provided a brief update on the mosquito larvae survey in the Accabonac Marsh. Aldred and the team noted mostly stage 1 larvae and made a recommendation for that area not to be sprayed this cycle. The area will not be sprayed this cycle.

### **Horseshoe Crab Monitoring**

Tim Garneau noted the crab sightings have slowed. John Aldred noted the weather may have impacted this moon cycle as it was stormy and there were very high tides. Jim Grimes reiterated there were cancellations of monitoring due to high water and high turbidity. Grimes also noticed the sightings are on a down slope. Grimes shared more about the recoveries or finding crabs which had been tagged in previous cycles.

### **Lionhead Ponds**

John Aldred received an update from Dr. Christopher Gobler with the results from Water Quality Testing of both of the Lionhead ponds. The results showed concentrations of blue-green algae in Swan Pond, the pond closest to

Hog Creek, of 100.7 µg /L, which is four (4) times the New York State standard. Swan Pond, Wainscott Pond and one other pond on Long Island all resulted in very high concentrations. Wainscott Pond has long been known to have very high algae concentrations. The results of the testing in Wainscott Pond showed blue-green algae at a concentration of 81.5 µg/L. Lionhead Pond was free of Blue-Green algae. There was some commentary among the Board regarding the similarity of the ponds as well as their proximity to one another. Aldred shared he visited the site and noted Macro algae was also visible in Swan Pond. Aldred posted signs around Swan Pond informing visitors of the presence of the harmful algae. Aldred also provided the home owners association with signs to post regarding the algae. The Association will be responsible for posting any other signs in the future. Aldred noted there were birds landing on the pond and did not appear to be affected by the algae. The homeowner's association will likely be working with Gobler to do a more in-depth study.

### **Payment of bills**

The following bills need to be paid: Seacoast Enterprises - \$153.12; East Hampton Marina - \$462.03- Gas for Pump Out boat; Chris Hamilton -\$2500.00 (kayak racks repair, and build); Staples - \$135.73, \$12.49; Riverhead Building Supplies - \$317.21 (kayak racks and pump out boat supplies); Optimum - \$146.97; Montauk Marine Basin - \$409.05. David Cataletto made motion to pay the bills. Tim Garneau seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

**Minutes:** The following minutes from the meeting of May 8, 2023 and the meeting of May 22, 2023 were available for review. The minutes will be tabled to allow more time to review.

### **Report of the Clerk**

Jim Grimes provided a report on the pump out boats. The board had approved a budget of \$15,000 at a previous meeting. Two replacement pumps, spare parts and flow meters were ordered. One of the pumps has already broken and the senior captain was able to replace the broken pump with the new one and fix the broken pump with the spare parts. The flow meter has been installed on the Montauk boat which is allowing for more accurate readings.

John Aldred reported that the Peconic Estuary Partnership meeting with the Trustees and other stakeholders regarding the Napeague Hydrodynamic Feasibility study will take place Tuesday, June 20<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 pm.

John Aldred also announced that Marine Patrol is hosting a safe boating course at the Library on June 20, 2023. The course filled up over the throughout the day, however, there is a waitlist.

Jim Grimes made a motion to close. David Cataletto seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

**The meeting closed at 7:16p.m.**