



MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 25, 2023
OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE FREEHOLDERS AND COMMONALTY
OF THE TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON

Present: Jim Grimes, Deputy Clerk
Bill Taylor, Deputy Clerk
John Aldred
David Cataletto
Ben Dollinger
Tim Garneau

Absent: Francis J. Bock, Clerk
Susan McGraw-Keber
Mike Martinsen

Present: Alyson Follenius, Trustee Secretary
Arlene Tesar, Trustee Secretary
Chris Carillo, Trustee Counsel
Chris Walsh, East Hampton Star
Drew Bennet, P.E., D.B. Bennett Consulting Engineer
Steven Giles, D.B. Bennett Consulting Engineer

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 Francis J. Bock, Susan McGraw-Keber and Mike Martinsen.

The Clerk transitioned to Public Comment:

Drew Bennett appeared in front of the board on behalf of The Maidstone Club at 95 Dunemere La., SCTM#301-9-4-11 & 17 to request permission to stabilize two small areas of shoreline on Hook Pond. Steven Giles was in attendance along with Bennett. Giles provided a brief overview of the project proposal. The project is seeking to stabilize two areas of shoreline where area of the shore fell into the pond in the winter of 2022. The area is approximately 65 linear feet of shore. It will be stabilized with coir logs and mulch/compost. Jim Grimes visited the site and shared a bit more detail about the project areas themselves. There were some questions from the Board. Bennett provided clarification. Billy Hajeck from the village has not yet commented and the DEC has “no technical comments” as of yet. There is a Village ZBA hearing date set for Oct. 13, 2023. Jim Grimes made a

motion to approve the application contingent upon the approval of the other agencies. Ben Dollinger seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Jim Grimes acknowledged Brace Kreg in the audience. Kreg just noted he was present to learn and lives across the street. Arlene Tesar jokingly chimed in that he wanted the board to add a third duck blind in Scoy Pond. There was a bit of banter and Jim Grimes said to speak with Alyson to see if there was availability.

John Aldred brought up the matter of an email notification from the DEC proposing changing fishing license to a recreational. There was some discussion regarding the last time the DEC proposed this change. Aldred asked what the board's interest is in the matter and asked whether the board would like to research the matter further and come back before making comments. The DEC is requesting comment by September 29, 2023. Grimes requested Chris Carillo call prior Trustee Counsel, John Courtney in an effort to understand the history of the matter between fisherman, the Trustees and the DEC. Chris Carillo will reach out to John Courtney.

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

The Clerk transitioned to Old Business:

Largest Clam Contest – David Cataletto updated the board regarding the postponement of the largest clam contest. The contest had to be postponed due to inclement weather. The new date of the contest is Oct. 8, 2023. Everything will roll over and continue as it would have been.

Sag Harbor Water Quality Initiative – The resolution for the Trustees to collect the funds from the other municipalities for the SHWQI was on the table. The board revisited the conversation regarding whether the Trustees should continue to be the collection agency for the funds. There was some discussion among the board as to whether to continue collecting the funds. The conversation surrounded the financial and clerical burden on the Trustee office. David Cataletto read aloud and put forth the Sag Harbor Water Quality Initiative resolution. Jim Grimes made a motion to adopt the resolution. Tim Garneau seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

The Clerk transitioned to Committee Reports:

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The board received a request from Cindi Crain of 864 Springs Fireplace Rd to close out Trustee Permit A-1-23. Jim Grimes visited the site, inspected, measured and found it was to the specifications in the permit. Grimes made a motion to close out Trustee Permit A-1-23. Tim Garneau seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. John Aldred asked what the Town required for the relocation and whether an NRSP was required. Grimes noted that it was managed by Land Acquisition and Scott Wilson. Grimes noted there was general language in the creation of the subdivision which created a public access to the north of Crain's property. In a compromise with the Town of East Hampton attorneys, Land Acquisition, the Trustees and Crain, the dock was relocated from the preserve area to this public access area. Aldred asked whether there would be language in the Dock permit regarding removal of the floating portions of the docks. This led to a longer conversation around the dock inventory project and whether the board will develop an overall policy regarding removal of structures or not. There was also further commentary around giving the homeowner direction specific to her structure. The board will continue the larger discussion on a committee level. The board continued the conversation surrounding the specific situation and will revisit the specifics during the next meeting.

Announcements:

David Cataletto announced there will be a 375th Anniversary celebration at Mulford farm on Saturday from 11 am – 2 p.m. There will an event celebrating Bonac Traditions at Duck Creek from 3-5 p.m on Sunday.

Jim Grimes updated the board with regard to the letting of Georgica Cut. With the recent weather conditions the pond water level is high. The plan is to open the cut a week early around the first week of October. Jim Grimes will be away and asked Bill Taylor to take over managing the opening.

The clerk transition to Administrative:

Payment of bills: The following bill needs to be paid: East Hampton Marina - \$266.30; East Hampton Star - \$14.69; Montauk Anglers Club - \$953.03; Montauk Marine Basin - \$755.63; Nawrocki Smith - \$9,000 for audit services; Riverhead Building Supply - \$28.20. Jim Grimes made a motion to pay the bills. John Aldred seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Minutes: Minutes from Aug. 28, 2023 and Sept. 8, 2023. David Catletto made a motion to accept the minutes. John Aldred seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

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

The meeting closed at 7:26 p.m.