



**MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 8, 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  
Ben Dollinger  
Susan McGraw-Keber  
Mike Martinsen

Absent: David Cataletto  
Tim Garneau

Present: Alyson Follenius, Trustee Secretary  
Arlene Tesar, Trustee Secretary  
Chris Carillo, Trustee Counsel  
Jaine Mehring, East Hampton Litter Committee  
Chris Walsh, East Hampton Star

**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 Tim Garneau and David Cataletto.

**The Clerk transitioned to Public Comment:**

Jane Mehring came before the board to share information regarding the East Hampton Litter Committee's upcoming National Cleanup Day on September 16, 2023. The litter committee will be doing clean ups throughout East Hampton. Mehring provided a summary of the current projects the committee is working on. Mike Martinsen suggested an "Adopt a tide line" program. Susan McGraw-Keber read through the various beach clean ups which will take place that day. John Aldred asked what people do if they "adopt a highway?" Mehring explained that highways such as Route 27 Adoptors are to ensure that the contractors are scheduled to perform the cleanups. The Town highway department is supposed to monitor that the highways/roads are being cleaned up. The conversation continued briefly.

**The Clerk transitioned to New Business:**

There was no new business.

### **The Clerk transitioned to Old Business:**

There was a request from Nicholas Cooper, Jocelyn Garcia and Bob Tyman of South Fork Sea Farmers to renew Trustee Permits A-2-2022 and A-3-2022. Jim Grimes made a motion to approve the request. Susan McGraw-Keber seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. John Aldred asked Alyson Follenius to explain how the request came about. Follenius explained that after the requested a relocation during the last meeting, it came to our attention the current permit expires in October. Given the delays they have experienced with the DEC, Tyman chose to have the team request renewals for both permits.

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

#### **Largest Clam Contest**

Susan McGraw-Keber and Ben Dollinger provided a brief update regarding the status of planning the Largest Clam Contest. The board asked whether there would be student volunteers assisting during the event. McGraw-Keber and Dollinger confirmed there would be high school seniors volunteering.

#### **Mosquito Larvae Survey**

John Aldred shared an update regarding end of season sampling and resulting treatments. Aldred shared a map overview of the sampling locations from the start of the program five years ago to present. The maps also shared the hotspots which were found from the start to present and just the 2023 hot spots where larvae were found during sampling. The final map shared the outline of the County's spraying/treatment areas 5 years ago compared to the targeted treatments areas which result from the sampling project. The map shows a reduction in the treatment areas where the spraying only targets the hot spots.

#### **Announcements:**

Susan McGraw-Keber announced that Change Hampton will be putting on a Garden Tour of the pollinator gardens on September 10, 2023. The tour will begin at Town Hall at 11:00 am.

Susan McGraw-Keber also mentioned key legislation which is before Governor Hochel awaiting signature. One of the bills currently awaiting signature is a ban on neonicotinoids in an effort to increase protections of birds and bees. The Trustees had previously sent a letter to the state legislature in support of the ban.

Susan McGraw-Keber shared John "Barley" Dunne will be partnering with Paddle Diva to host a seeding event in Three Mile Harbor in conjunction with Southold School district. McGraw-Keber will attend and John Aldred may attend.

### **The clerk transition to Administrative:**

**Payment of bills:** The following bill needs to be paid: The East Hampton Marina - \$139.55. Jim Grimes made a motion to pay the bills. Susan McGraw-Keber seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

**Minutes:** The minutes of August 14, 2023 were available for review. John Aldred reviewed the minutes and made a motion to approve them. Susan McGraw-Keber seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

**NYCLASS:** The NYCLASS statement was available to review for the month of August 2023. There was a brief commentary regarding how well the account is doing.

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

### **The meeting closed at 7:03 p.m.**