



**MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 22, 2024**  
**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  
David Cataletto  
Patrice Dalton  
Tim Garneau  
Celia Josephson

Absent: John Aldred  
Ben Dollinger  
Chris Carillo, Trustee Counsel

Present: Alyson Follenius, Trustee Secretary  
Arlene Tesar, Trustee Secretary  
Annette Metzger, Land Planning Services  
Linda Badkin, Lazy Point Resident  
Steve Grabowski, Builder  
Angier Biddle Duke, TMH Fireworks

**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 John Aldred and Ben Dollinger.

**The Clerk transitioned to the Public Comment:**

Linda Badkin addressed the board regarding her application to request approval to demolish the existing residence at 224 Shore Rd., lot #19N and rebuild with a modular residence. The current structure was originally constructed by her grandparents as a modest beach cottage. The structure is her only residence, and she is only able to live in the home for a few months out of the year and must find other accommodations the remainder of the year. Badkin explained that she chose to use a modular home to minimize the impact on the land and to her neighbors. Badkin summarized the amenities that she is seeking. These included: a working bathroom with shower and toilet rather than go outside to use the facilities; working windows which may be opened from the inside; a bedroom which will fit a regular sized bed compared to the bunk beds which fit there currently; a kitchen which would accommodate a microwave and a refrigerator; a washer and dryer inside the house as opposed to outside in the sheds. Jim Grimes shared that he had visited the property two years ago and observed the issues Badkin described.

Grimes updated the board that Brian Frank of ZBA has shared he will not support this request as the plans currently show the home is proposed to be moved closer to the water. Grimes explained the reason for these plans are to accommodate the proposed IA – OWTS septic system. The Trustees received approximately thirty letters of support from the Lazy Point community. Grimes explained he is supportive of the project. There was a conversation discussing the existing square footage of the current structure compared to the proposed structure. The difference is approximately 100 ft sq. Tim Garneau was in support of the project. Jim Grimes made a motion to approve the request and issue a letter of support. David Cataletto seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved. Steve Grabowski, the builder for the project, asked the board to clarify when the letter of support becomes a permit. Grimes explained that it does not become a permit and explained the process other agencies will utilize. Grimes also shared what he expected the Town of East Hampton Planning Department to do regarding their application. Annette Metzger, of Land Planning Services, approached the board briefly to tell them that when the Board issues the letter of support, she will forward it to the other agencies.

Biddle Duke, East Hampton Resident, approached the board to discuss the Three Mile Harbor fireworks which are put on by the Clamshell Foundation. Duke explained that he loves the Three Mile Harbor fireworks and has looked forward to them since he was a kid. His uncle began the tradition in the 1970's. Duke is concerned because he received the DEC notification that the harbor would be closed to shell fishing for 5 days after the fireworks. Duke said there must be some concern that the fireworks are harmful to the water, or they wouldn't close the harbor to shell fishing. Biddle put in inquires to determine if there was testing done to precipitate the closure and said he was told that no specific water quality testing was done. Jim Grimes explained that the DEC on occasion will preemptively close the harbor to shell fishing as a precaution. Grimes described a similar precautionary closure in Napeague Harbor and explained the Trustees have pump out boat operators working overtime to ensure access to pump out services to minimize the potential for effluent to leak into the harbor. Several Trustees reiterated the same sentiment, and that the DEC performs water quality tests prior to the opening date. Duke suggested the Trustees have the water quality tests performed before and after the fireworks to have the data. The board continued to discuss the possibility of asking Dr. Christopher Gobler to have his lab test the water before and after the fireworks each year. Overall, the board felt it would be easy to add this test to the current water quality testing regimen.

**The Clerk transitioned to New Business:**

The board received a request from Duane Forrester, Chief Engineer of the East Hampton Fire Department, for permission to hold their Annual Main Beach Fireworks event. Patrice Dalton shared that there is a consideration regarding Piping Plovers. There was a pair of plovers which hatched on July 11, 2024. The fledging period is 25 – 30 days and the proposed fireworks date falls within that period. Dalton explained that Kim Shaw, director of the Town's Natural Resources Department, will be reaching out to US Fish and Wildlife to get their opinion on the situation. Jim Grimes made a motion to approve the request as they traditionally have subject to there being no piping plover hatchlings in the area. Tim Garneau seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

**The Clerk transitioned to Old Business:**

Patrice Dalton provided a brief update on the Dogs and Donuts event held with the Town's Natural Resources Department on July 20, 2024. The event was a success and occurred during the same time as the Junior Lifeguard program at Atlantic Ave. The staff were able to capture the attention of those at the beach for the program and others.

**The Clerk transitioned to Committee Reports:**

The board received a request from Jacqueline Clint of Keith Grimes Inc., to add a bulkhead cap to the bulkhead they just completed. The property is owned by John Herrlin and located at 183 Three Mile Harbor Hog Creek Rd. The board had a brief discussion regarding the matter. Bill Taylor said the cap is a necessary part of the structure. David Cataletto made a motion to approve the request. Patrice Dalton seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

**The Clerk transitioned to the administrative portion of the meeting:**

**Payment of bills:** The following bills need to be paid: East Hampton Marina - \$184.00 for fuel. A motion was made by Jim Grimes to pay the bill. The motion was seconded by Tim Garneau and unanimously approved. Francis Bock found a second invoice from Montauk Marine Basin for \$445.35. A motion was made by Jim Grimes to pay that bill also. The motion was seconded by Tim Garneau and unanimously approved.

David Cataletto shared that he inspected the kayak racks at Mile Hill today and found one seemed to have been vandalized. Cataletto fixed it and checked the permit stickers. Cataletto reminded the other board members to check the racks at the other locations.

Bill Taylor posted signs around Georgica Pond this afternoon to alert the public of the Harmful Algal Blooms detected in the pond.

Tim Grimes made a motion to close the meeting. Celia Josephson seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

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