



MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 15, 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
John Aldred
David Cataletto
Ben Dollinger
Tim Garneau
Celia Josephson

Absent: Patrice Dalton

Present: Alyson Follenius, Trustee Secretary
Arlene Tesar, Trustee Secretary
Chris Carillo, Trustee General Counsel
Peggy Schlitt, Lazy Point Homeowner
Mary Croghan, Lazy Point Homeowner
East Hampton Middle School Students

The Clerk opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:30 p.m.

The Clerk requested a roll call. All Trustees were present at the roll call except Patrice Dalton.

The Clerk transitioned to the Public Comment:

Peggy Schlitt, a Lazy Point resident, joined the meeting via Zoom. Schlitt is requesting permission to purchase the lease of 273 Shore Rd, Lot 8S, from Michael Walton and was therefore seeking approval for the transfer of the lease from Walton. Jim Grimes made a motion to approve the transfer. Celia Josephson seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

The East Hampton Middle School Surfrider Club made a presentation to the Board about the club's recent event assisting the East Hampton Hatchery seeding eelgrass. David Cataletto is the club's advisor. The students who presented included: Chase, Sebastian, Natalie, Abbey and David. The students provided a summary of how the club assisted the Hatchery by glueing eel grass seeds to clam. The students also provided information about the importance of the project and fielded questions from the board. Questions included how well the glue worked, how long it took and the size of the clams.

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

The Clerk transitioned to Old Business:

The clerk reminded the public that kayaks must be off the racks by Nov. 15, 2024.

The Clerk transitioned to Committee Reports:

Accabonac Harbor/Hog Creek:

The board received a request to close out Trustee Permit HC – 4- 21, issued to Joseph Scalia, 94 Runnymede Dr., SCTM # 300-23-4-12, for a staircase down the bluff to terraced grassland and a retractable ladder to the beach. David Cataletto had reviewed the request and made a motion to close out the permit. Jim Grimes seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Roads:

Francis Bock informed the board that the Trustees received a complaint about some garbage on the side of the road. Several homeowners felt the Trustees needed to clean it up. Bock provided the homeowners with a copy of the easement that was granted to the homeowners of Midland Hwy. The easement states that the responsibility for maintenance of the road lies with those homeowners. Bock reiterated that when individuals choose to live on Trustee roads, they come with the responsibilities outlined in their easements, and these homeowners cannot continuously expect the Trustees to remedy these problems.

Chris Carillo updated the board regarding a recent meeting which occurred regarding the Sag Harbor Golf Course. Several board members participated in a teleconference with the NYS Parks Department and the DEC. Carillo was unable to attend. Carillo was able to have a conversation with a representative of the State Park. In summary there is a warehouse type building on the Sag Harbor Golf Course which encroaches on to the Trustee Road by approximately eight to ten feet. The parks department was unaware that when the building was built, it was built on DEC property and not on the golf course property. The two agencies were working on a property swap to keep everything legal between the two parties. During this process it was noted that the building is also encroaching on the Trustees Road. There is no disruption to access along the road. The board and Carillo will be working on an agreement which allows the building to remain in its current location for the lifespan of the building. When the time comes to remove or rebuild, it will be repositioned off the Trustee Road. Carillo will negotiate the language of the agreement with the Parks department. The board will wait for a draft of the agreement before moving forward with any vote to approve it.

Napeague Harbor:

Jim Grimes brought up the matter of an upcoming Napeague Harbor dredging project. Mary Croghan, homeowner in Lazy Point, addressed the board with comments regarding the project. Croghan sent an email comment to the board and that summarized her concerns. When the west inlet was dredged the last time, the dredged sand was spread along the beach but stopped prior to the beach in front of her home. Croghan is asking the board to assist in getting some of the sand spread in front of her lot. Jim Grimes explained that the Trustees were blindsided and were not made aware this event was scheduled. Grimes shared with Croghan and the board that he, Francis Bock and Kim Shaw of Natural Resources Dept, had a meeting with the county this morning. During which, he and Bock asked Suffolk County DPW to put the sand in front of her lot as well as one other which was neglected during the last event. Unfortunately, DPW will be unable to alter their plans. Grimes explained that the project is a prevailing wage project, and any changes or halt of the project would require payment to the contractor despite work not being completed. Francis Bock explained that any changes to the project would require a permit modification. Jim Grimes explained that this event was precipitated by the anniversary of the 10-year permit renewal. Bock added that the board had provided a letter to the County granting permission to renew the 10-year

permit, but both the Trustees and the Town were not made aware anything was planned. It was also noted that Accabonac Harbor appears to be on the County's plan for dredging next season.

Jim Grimes shared an update regarding the let of Georgica Pond. Grimes shared this event was the fastest let he has seen. The pond was opened yesterday with good flow. By the morning of the meeting (today) the pond had already closed. Grimes shared that several people have asked whether the Trustees will re-open it. Grimes explained that the pond height is not overly high, and the water quality is good. Therefore, the board will wait until January, rather than reopening the cut again this month.

The Clerk transitioned to the administrative portion of the meeting:

Payment of bills: The following bills need to be paid: Lewis Johs & Aviles- \$871.94 for legal services; East Hampton Marina - \$537.89; Montauk Marine Basin - \$178.84; Riverhead Building Supplies - \$36.43. Jim Grimes made a motion to pay the bills. David Cataletto seconded the motion, and it was unanimously

Minutes: The minutes for the meeting of Oct. 28, 2024, were available for review. Celia Josephson had read them and made a motion to approve the Minutes of Oct. 28, 2024. Ben Dollinger seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

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

The meeting closed at 7:35 p.m.