



**MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 9, 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  
Patrice Dalton  
Tim Garneau

Absent: Celia Josephson  
Ben Dollinger

Present: Alyson Follenius, Trustee Secretary  
Arlene Tesar, Trustee Secretary  
Chris Carillo, Trustee General Counsel  
Dr. Robert Tymann, South Fork Sea Farmers  
Jocelyn Garcia  
Peter Mendelman, Seacoast Enterprises Inc.  
William Kalbacher, Builder

**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 Celia Josephson and Ben Dollinger.

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

Jocelyn Garcia, East Hampton High School Student and a South Fork Sea Farmer Intern, presented a Power Point update on the Oyster Reef projects. The whole presentation is available to be watched on the LTV recording on the Trustees website or on LTVEH's You Tube channel.

Peter Mendelman of Seacoast Enterprises, Inc, came before the board to request approval to replace 18 pilings at Halsey's Marina, located at 73 Three Mile Harbor Hog Creek Rd, SCTM#300-93-1-6.1, which were found to be deteriorating. Jim Grimes asked if they had their 10-year DEC permit in place. Mendelman confirmed they do. Several board members were comfortable with allowing the work to move forward. Jim Grimes made a motion to approve the application. David Cataletto seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved. Mendelman

provided a brief update regarding the work at his residence at 60 Harborview Lane. They are working with Cornell Cooperative Extension to install a Permeable Reactive Barrier. There will be monitoring wells before and after the PRB to monitor the flow.

John Aldred asked Jocelyn Garcia if the office had a copy of her presentation. She said the Trustees did have a copy of her presentation.

William Kalbacher approached the board to request use of the parking lot at the end of Atlantic Ave Beach for overflow contractor parking during the renovation of the home located on the Ocean at 169 Atlantic Ave, SCTM#300-178-2-4. Jim Grimes explained that when this project was reviewed by the ZBA, that board requested a construction protocol, as they were concerned about contractors parking along the Trustee Road which is used to access the house. Kalbacher explained the employees would be parking in the lot and shuttled to the worksite. Grimes shared that the Trustees likely do not own the parking lot but do own the road. David Cataletto made a motion to approve use of the Trustee Road for parking during construction. The motion was seconded by John Aldred and unanimously approved.

Jim Grimes provided a summary of the application request from Billy Mack, of First Coastal Corp., for revegetation and dune restoration at 38 Association Road. Jim Grimes was satisfied with the application and made a motion to approve the application. Patrice Dalton seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

**The Clerk transitioned to New Business: the new business was covered during public comment.**

**The Clerk transitioned to Old Business:**

John Aldred updated the board regarding the dock inventory project. As the committee has worked towards figuring out how some of the dock configurations fits into the new fee structure, it became clear that part of the work would not be complete by the end of the year. Aldred mentioned the committee will instead, send out dock agreements at the 2023 rate in linear feet and begin using the updated fees in 2025. Patrice Dalton agreed and felt it was the best way forward as she recognized a gap in the financials for the year.

**The Clerk transitioned to Committee Reports:**

***Napeague Committee:***

Jim Grimes provided a brief update regarding the dredging at Napeague Harbor. Grimes said the project has been moving along pretty well. There have been some complaints from the residents. A retaining wall was knocked out by one of the construction trucks. Tim Garneau questioned the breakdown in communication between the County, the Town and the Trustees. Grimes explained that the onus was on the County, as they did not provide notice until just before they planned to begin. Grimes also explained that they are working on closing the gap in communication through conversations with Kim Shaw and the County. The conversation shifted to include discussing dredging in other harbors. John Aldred updated the board that he, Francis Bock and Patrice Dalton met last week to discuss how to work towards improving communication. Dalton shared that she had spoken with one of the County engineers regarding the dredging permits for Accabonac Harbor in an effort to better understand how the county would be scheduling the future dredging projects. The County official was open to discussions regarding scheduling and the options available to the Trustees. The discussion moved to discuss garnering support from other elected officials such as Suffolk County Legislator Ann Welker. Additionally, Dalton shared that the County official she spoke with was open to allowing the Trustees to utilize their own funds to perform dredging work.

***Three Mile Harbor Committee:***

The board received a request from Kelly Hoffman, of First Coastal Corp, to close out Trustee Permit T-1-24 for staircase replacement 38 Hedges Banks Drive. John Aldred provided a summary of the work completed. The project moved and rebuilt the staircase in another location on the bluff. The original location of the staircase was in a location in which the bluff was eroding. The stair was moved to a slightly higher location so erosion would not be as much of a concern. The new stair also tucks into the toe of the bluff and the base is no longer sticking out on to the beach as much. Aldred and Dollinger visited the site and were comfortable with the work. John Aldred made a motion to close out the permit. Tim Garneau seconded the motion. The clerk asked if any board members wanted to view photos of the completed work before voting. Several board members took a moment to review the images. The clerk moved on to call a vote and it was unanimously approved.

Francis Bock revisited the matter of Town Line Road. The board received complaints from residents in the area. Recently a work truck got stuck on the road. Town Council member Calder-Piedmonte approached Bock and asked if the board would be opposed to the town installing caution signs along the road. The signs would read, "Caution, unimproved road, proceed at your own risk." The board briefly discussed the location of this portion of road. David Cataletto made a motion to approve the installation of the signs. Tim Garneau seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved. John Aldred questioned whether the dialogue should continue with the town regarding the debris which tends to be dumped along the road. The board discussed the matter for a short period and then referred it to the committee to continue.

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

**Payment of bills:** Jim Grimes made a motion to pay the bills. David Cataletto seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

**Financials –** The financials for the months ending July 31, 2024, and August 31, 2024, were available for review. David Cataletto reviewed the financials and made a motion to accept both financials. Jim Grimes seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

David Cataletto said that the Santa Parade went great. They drove the Trustee Truck in the parade. There were 30 Middle School Students participating and throwing out candy. David Cataletto gave the Middle School Students a lesson on what the Pump out does and how the Trustees are involved in keeping the waterways in East Hampton and Montauk clean. Patrice Dalton said we should start planning for the St Patrick's Day Parade, so we have the decorations and candy organized.

David Cataletto made a motion to close the meeting. Patrice Dalton seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Jim Grimes said that Georgica Pond gut has closed as of the 6<sup>th</sup> of December. He added that the Pond might re-open on its own if the water level gets high enough.

**The meeting closed at 7:26 pm.**