



MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 17, 2025
OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE FREEHOLDERS AND COMMONALTY
OF THE TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON

Present: Francis J. Bock, Clerk
John Aldred, Deputy Clerk
David Cataletto
Celia Josephson
Patrice Dalton (via ZOOM)
Ben Dollinger (late)

Absent: Jim Grimes, Deputy Clerk
Tim Garneau
Bill Taylor

Present: Alyson Follenius, Trustee Secretary
Arlene Tesar, Trustee Secretary
Rick Whalen, Interim Trustee Attorney

The Clerk opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 5:35 p.m.

The Clerk requested roll call. All Trustees were present for the roll call except Ben Dollinger, Jim Grimes, Tim Garneau and Bill Taylor. Patrice Dalton attended the meeting via zoom. The clerk acknowledged that a quorum was not present at the table and therefore the board would be unable to vote unless another Trustee arrived. Ben Dollinger arrived at 5:50 pm and the Trustee then had a quorum

The Clerk transitioned to Public Comment:

Mary Ann Eddy addressed the board requesting continued support from the Trustees for the Sag Harbor Water Quality Initiative and for the Trustees to continue to act as a conduit to collect and send funds for the initiative to Dr. Gobler. Eddy provided a quick summary of plans for this next year. Eddy requested to be added to a future meeting agenda to give a presentation. The board invited Eddy to attend the meeting on Oct. 27, 2025.

Scott Dobriner, of Inter-Science Research Associates, Inc., approached the board on behalf of Traumhaus 1 LLC, located at 75 West End Rd., SCTM#301-15-5-11.1, for approval to perform Dune Restoration with no modification to the underlying revetment. Dobriner provided a summary of the project proposal and shared

enlarged project plans. This project is similar to the restorations completed annually at the adjacent property located at 85 West End Rd. This project is likely to commence in March 2026. The conversation included a brief discussion regarding a previously approved project for a revetment which included neighboring properties. David Cataletto made a motion to approve the dune restoration at 75 West End Rd. Celia Josephson seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

The Clerk transitioned to New Business:

John Aldred provided a summary of Suffolk County's draft legislation to the sanitary code enacting permit requirements for Permeable Reactive Barriers. The Trustees have an opportunity to comment on the legislation. A short discussion ensued. November 7, 2025, is the deadline for public comments. Board members will reach out to the Town to discuss their thoughts on the legislation as well.

The board received a complaint from an individual regarding a snow fence on an ocean beach just west of the Main Beach Pavillion parking lot. The fence was installed without a permit. A clerk has contacted the contractor.

John Aldred informed the board regarding a shed on Trustee property along Ancient Highway behind 31 Cosdrew La. The homeowner claimed the shed did not belong to her. Aldred and Rick Whalen visited the site and reviewed the survey. It was deemed that the shed is on Trustee property. Aldred spoke with the property owner last week. The property owner reiterated that she did not own the shed. The board discussed removing the shed after contacting the property owner with a notice, that the shed will be removed by the Trustees unless she removes the shed herself. Patrice Dalton added that there is a trailer along Trustee property on the same road and a sign which indicates private property. The board tabled the matter for the following meeting.

John Aldred informed the Trustees of a call the board received from the Highway Department requesting permission to grade the dirt roads at Gerard Park. John Aldred provided permission to the highway department from the Trustees. Those dirt access roads will be graded by the highway department.

John Aldred informed the board that the floors in the Trustee office (and the entire building) are being replaced beginning on Nov. 10, 2025. The work will take a full week. The office will need to be emptied, and the files packed up and moved into a storage container. A plan has been created for boxing the files. Other office supplies and items need to be packed up as well. The board discussed the logistics and how everyone could help. Aldred asked the board members to send an email with their availability to help pack up the office.

The Clerk transitioned to Old Business:

Patrice Dalton provided an update to the board regarding the New York State legislation banning the commercial taking of Horseshoe Crabs. Last year the legislature passed the ban, and Gov. Hochul vetoed the bill. The legislature has passed the bill again and it will be sent to Gov. Hochul. The board discussed drafting another letter to Gov. Hochul expressing its opposition to the legislation.

The Clerk transitioned to Committee Reports:

John Aldred reminded the board and the public that the opening day of Scallop season is Sunday, Nov. 9, 2025. The board discussed that it is likely there is another die off this season.

Patrice Dalton informed the board that PEP has developed an App which is available on the Google store. It tracks water quality. PEP first released the App without testing it first, but now they are seeking Android users to help test the App.

John Aldred informed the board that the Fresh Pond inlet appears to need dredging again. Patrice Dalton has taken photos of the inlet. The board has discussed making channel location changes before and after the recent nor'easter. They also discussed water quality sampling results. The conversation went on to discuss past emergency dredging projects in Fresh Pond. Francis Bock acknowledged the board will need to review the permit status for that specific project.

Patrice Dalton shifted the conversation to discuss the beach at Louse Point after the storm. The storm eroded the beach past the jetty and flattened the outer beach kayak rack.

John Aldred updated the board regarding the latest blue-green algae counts in Wainscott Pond. The counts were lower than the corresponding time frame last year. Aldred also shared there were reports of discolored water in Big Reed Pond. Dr. Gobler's lab tested the water sample. The results indicated a count of 28,777.81 ppm of blue-green algae.

David Cataletto announced that Surfrider and Friends of Georgica Pond will be hosting a beach clean-up on Saturday, Oct. 18, 2025, at 10 a.m. at Beach Lane.

The clerk transitioned to Payment of the Bills:

The following bills need to be paid: East Hampton Star - \$51.17 (legal ad); East Hampton Marina - \$153.70, \$30, \$129.40 and \$142.50 (fuel). David Cataletto made a motion to pay the bills. John Aldred seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

David Cataletto made a motion to close. Ben Dollinger seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

The meeting closed at 7:09 p.m.