



MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 27, 2025
OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE FREEHOLDERS AND COMMONALTY
OF THE TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON

Present: Francis J. Bock, Clerk
John Aldred, Deputy Clerk
Jim Grimes, Deputy Clerk
David Cataletto
Patrice Dalton
Tim Garneau
Bill Taylor
Celia Josephson

Absent: Ben Dollinger

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 6:30 p.m.

The Clerk requested roll call. All Trustees were present for roll call except Ben Dollinger. Trustee Attorney Chris Carillo stopped in to the meeting to say hello after having open heart surgery earlier this summer.

The Clerk transitioned to Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

The Clerk transitioned to New Business:

There was no new business to address.

The Clerk transitioned to Old Business:

The clerk addressed the matter of Clearwater Beach Property Owner's Association request for a multi-year permit. Jim Grimes had taken lead but was not yet present at the meeting. The board skipped ahead to the next matter.

The Clerk transitioned to Committee Reports:

Frances Bock addressed the matter of the Georgica Pond Dredging Bid. Jim Grimes joined the meeting at 6:34 p.m. Grimes updated the board that there was one bidder for the project and offered rates of \$9.51 for Item one

and \$2.51 for item two. Jim Grimes made a motion to accept the bid. David Cataletto seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Regarding the matter of Clearwater Beach Property Owner's Association request for a multi-year dredging permit, Jim Grimes provided a summary to the board. The board briefly discussed a term the board would be comfortable granting. John Aldred made a motion to grant a four-year dredging permit to the Clearwater Beach Property Owner's Association. Jim Grimes seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

John Aldred initiated a discussion for the board to consider kayak storage at Duke Drive. Aldred explained that when surveying docks around Duke Drive, he noticed numerous kayaks strewn about on the beach and vegetation. Interim Trustee Counsel, Rick Whalen offered some insight into the original land conveyances of this area. Whalen also shared that this lot cannot be developed and suggested the Trustees could investigate whether this lot could be purchased by the Trustees. There was a discussion as to jurisdiction of where these kayaks are placed. Jim Grimes suggested the board could reach out to the property owners in the area and recommend they construct a storage rack so the kayaks stay off the vegetation. Whalen suggested the board obtain a Title report for the property to determine the current owners and whether there are any encumbrances. Jim Grimes made a motion to obtain a Title Report. The discussion continued and John Aldred shared a picture on the screen of the kayaks. Jim Grimes circled back to the motion on the table. Celia Josephson seconded the motion. John Aldred questioned who would take the responsibility to find the report. Whalen will research the cost of the report prior to ordering the report. The clerk asked for a vote. The motion passed unanimously.

John Aldred addressed the matter of the John McGinn dock. Aldred advised the board that the matter will be on the agenda for the next meeting. The board approved a permit for construction of the dock back in 2021. In 2022 the East Hampton ZBA denied the request for a Natural Resources Special Permit. The court ruled in McGinn's favor. The ZBA appealed and the court recently ruled in McGinn's favor as well. McGinn recently requested a renewal of the permit. There has been an update to the dock specifications and plans. Aldred also advised the board to review the file this coming week as the files will be packed up for the office relocation. Jim Grimes expressed he does not have an issue with the renewal.

The clerk asked if any members had anything further to discuss:

John Aldred announced that the board received a letter from the DEC asking if the Town or the Trustees were interested in considering any areas closed to shell fishing to be considered for their conditional shell fishing program. The program opens closed areas in the winter, in specific rainfall and with significant testing. Aldred did not have any areas in mind where this would apply. Approximately four or five years ago, the area north of the culvert in Accabonac Harbor was opened after testing took place through the winter.

John Aldred also announced that the Board received a notice from the Southold Town Trustees which stated the opening day of their scallop season will be Nov. 3rd and the East Hampton Town Trustee Scallop season opening will be Nov. 9th. Aldred explained this allows time for people to go out into the bay to see what is out there before the hand and dredge harvesting begins.

John Aldred updated the board regarding the latest Blue-Green Algae data. Aldred shared the data on screen. The most recent readings in Wainscott Pond were 445.3 µg/L. The corresponding reading for last year was very similar.

David Cataletto shared that he and John Aldred were present during a beach clean-up with Surfrider Foundation last weekend. The cleanup resulted in 50 lbs. of plastics and trash. Students learned about what happens when these plastics enter the water systems.

Francis Bock addressed the matter of storage in the office conference room. Bock looked at sheds this past weekend and shared the information with the board. The estimated cost is approximately \$5,000.00. Jim Grimes suggested the board could make a motion to purchase the unit and decide placement after speaking with the company representatives. There was a brief discussion regarding placement. John Aldred made a motion to authorize the purchase of the shed up to \$10,000. Patrice Dalton seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

The clerk transitioned to Payment of the Bills:

The following bills need to be paid: East Hampton Marian - \$128.30 (fuel); Montauk Angler's Club - \$1,664.27 (Winterize Montauk Boat). David Cataletto made a motion to pay the bills. Jim Grimes seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

John Aldred made a motion to close the meeting. Tim Garneau seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

The meeting closed at 7:17 p.m.