

**Minutes of the
General Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Village of West Hampton Dunes
West Hampton Dunes, NY**

February 11, 2009

Attendance: Mayor Vegliante, Trustees, Charles Brown, Catherine Woolfson, Michael Craig, Gary Trimarchi, Joseph Prokop, Village Attorney, Officer Brian Hennig, 9 residents. Absent: Village Clerk, Laura J. Dalessandro, Chief, Don Zlatniski, Aram Terchunian, Commissioner of Wildlife Protection.

Meeting 7:13 p.m. - Pledge of Allegiance

- Attorney, Jonathan Sinnreich gave update on Strough litigation.
- Yale's Movie- on PBS 21. Over 2 yrs will be playing, with potentially over 1 million viewers. Looking for sponsors.

Mayor Presented the Leash Law issue:

- Open discussion: Goal to have a law/decision before the season opens (May).
- There have been dog bites that have been settled among the parties, themselves.
- Issue for over 15 years.
- Mayor wants list of current leash law in other municipalities.
- Current law: Dog has to be under the owner's control, and need to clean up after.
- Attorney Prokop had a resident who wanted to form a group to help the dog situation (cleaning up after, etc).
- Compromise solution: a time of day and seasonal law, where dogs are never prohibited from the beach, just a time of day (i.e. between 10-4) that a dog would then to have to be on a leash.
- Email suggestion to trustees or to Laura.
- Log of all the emails, and maybe make them public if the names can be taken off for the next meeting.

Trustees Report

- Trustee Brown – Brought and discussed current plans for a new Village Hall where the 906 house is now. It would be demolished and rebuilt, the constables would move into the new Village Hall, and then rent out the current constabulary building. There would be a parking lot underneath with an elevator and the building would consist of a Community Center, Village Court (currently capacity is 40, want it to be higher), Police Constabulary/Detention Area, Meeting/Conference Room. Creation a Post office, instead of needing to have a PO Box. Concession stand, Building Department, Mayor's office. Possibly talk about having a green structure. Need to determine the design, logistics (pool, tennis court).

- The logistics of this project would be to come up with a design that everybody is comfortable with and then put it out to bid. The bid would be the meeting structure and central building itself; the meeting structure, the central building and the addition of a swimming pool and tennis courts and what the costs of each would be with or without the pool and tennis courts and then figure out what it would be with regards to an average tax bill. It would then be put out for a referendum.

- These capital improvements cannot be done unless the Village actually owns the property. Therefore, the Village would need to take over the property and relieve the BBPA from any of the expenses that would be involved in the construction of the Village Hall. The Village will decide whether to pursue, then will discuss it with the BPPA.

- Road Shoulder Construction-Mayor Vegliante commends Road

Commissioner Mike Burner, for his hard work on this project. All the bulldozer/clearing work has been completed- hydrants have been moved, LIPA will move one telephone pole a week, and Verizon will move six a day. A wide line or signage is a suggestion to show the pedestrian shoulder versus roadway. Underground utilities are very hard to maintain and keep functioning (the electricity), and when there is a major issue there are a lot more above ground crews than underground, and seasonal homes are the lowest priority. Also, with underground lines, the private homeowners would have to pay to connect to the lines (\$4,000 and more). We are getting new utilities, which increases the reliability.

- Cupsogue Park Entrance Project - County is doing the last 160 feet of the road, and needs to obtain easements for that area. We have prepared resolution for condemnation only if absolutely necessary, if needed to expedite if project is forestalled. BPPA has granted easement. Open Dune Road from Widgeon Way, extra lane by the park, when the park is full the entrance there will only be a turnaround open to keep traffic moving.

- Mayor discussed Beach Nourishment. From East to West. Project consists of 800,000 yards in 4,000 feet. The Mayor is hoping that the stimulus package will enable the Army Corps to have enough money, to enable the beach re-nourishments to be extended from the current 20 yrs remaining to 50 yrs.

- Sanitation: To create our own Sanitation Department, the Village would have to either put it out for bid like Asharoken did or create our own sanitation department. Maybe to discuss it next meeting.

- Snow Removal: It is up to \$10,000 or \$11,000 for the year, we could bid it out for next season. The constables will keep track of the amount of service.

- Trustee Craig discussed Officer Henning's promotion to Sergeant at the January Meeting.

- Tax Grievance form needs to be done by Feb. 17th. Only were noticed if the taxes were increased.

Resolutions

- Resolution to approve the condemnation land in the easement for the roadway:

Motion by: Trustee Brown
Seconded: Trustee Woolfson
All in favor: Unanimous
All opposed: None

- Resolution to approve the Village Court to use Village of Westhampton Beach;

Motion by: Trustee Craig
Seconded: Trustee Trimarchi
All in favor: Unanimous
All opposed: None

- Resolution to approve the minutes from last meeting;

Motion by: Trustee Craig
Seconded: Trustee Woolfson
All in favor: Unanimous
All opposed: None

- Resolution to approve the payment of standard and ordinary monthly bills;

Motion by: Trustee Woolfson
Seconded: Trustee Craig
All in favor: Unanimous
All opposed: None

Motion to close the meeting: 9:30 p.m.

Motion: Trustee Brown
Seconded: Trustee Craig
All in favor: Unanimous
All opposed: None