

**Minutes of the
General Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Village of West Hampton Dunes
West Hampton Dunes, NY
May 16, 2008**

Attendance: Mayor Veliante, Trustees, Robert Strecker, Charles Brown, , Village Clerk, Laura J. Dalessandro, Joseph Prokop, Village Attorney, Aram Terchunian, Commissioner of Wildlife Protection Chief, Don Zlatniski, about 20 residents. Absent: Trustee, George Asem,

Open Meeting 7:20 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance – Waived, no Flag

Mayors Report

- “Incredible Journey” - Mayor Vegliante mentions Yale Nelson, videographer for the “Incredible Journey”, is having three more showings of his documentary about the Village, at the Westhampton Hampton Arts movie theater. June 15th, July 19th & August 23rd, Mayor encourages all to see the movie.

- Southampton Press article - regarding NYS trying to dismiss small villages, NYCOM has been battling this in Albany, and have been very successful and believe it is going nowhere. The proposal is that at every Village Election there be a referendum as to whether or not to remain a village. Mayor stated that he believes that it is assault on Sovereign Home Rule.

- Quogue Village - considering funding their own beach nourishment. Aram Terchunian and Mayor Vegliante were asked to speak regarding the importance of having sand on the beach and what it means to the value of their homes. The Village is considering preparing taxing districts whereas the oceanfront properties would bare 50% of the cost, the bayside properties would bare 25% and inland properties would bare 25% of the cost. The Federal, State and County will not return any phone calls and have no interest in getting involved in this project or giving any funding. West Hampton Dunes property values have tremendously increased due to the fact that we have a federally funded beach re-nourishment project in place. It is so important that we make sure that funding is never jeopardized.

- George Asem - Village Trustee is in the hospital in intensive care. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

- Trustee Retirement - Mayor announces that Trustees, George Asem & Bob Strecker, who have been a part of this village since the beginning, and where a big part of the creation of in the Village since the beginning will not be running again in this year’s village election on June 17, 2008. They have both decided to let other residents have chance to be involved with the dynamics of the Village.

- Re-imburement – Village has received the \$548k from State for house relocation.

- ORPS – Annual Community Value Rating. Mayor gives hand out showing the sales in the community and compares them to the sales in the previous years values. We have gotten a 19.35% increase in the value of our community in 2007.

- Top Restored Beach – Mayor Vegliante encourages everyone to join the ASBPA.

- Beach Renourishment - Letters from County, State & Federal guaranteeing of next Beach Renourishment for fall of 2008.

- Voting – Election is June 17th, 2008. Village Attorney, Joe Prokop explains what your rights are with regards to voting. You need to be a resident of the Village. You can have a place that you reside in and intend to return. You do not have to own a home in the Village.

- The right to vote - Some residents in the Village have gone to the Suffolk County Board of Elections and filed affidavits challenging many other residents and their right to vote. Mayor Vegliante, encourages all those who have been challenged and who have the right to vote, to not be intimidated by this challenge. Call the Suffolk County Board of Elections and ask them what they need in a letter to clear this issue up. Do not lose your right to vote.

- Village Resident, Maureen Lawrence, asks the Attorney if there is any recourse against the people who signed a sworn affidavit that a person is not a resident, who clearly is.

- Village Law Officers and Electors - There have been many questions with regards to the legality of Claire Vegliante, Mayor Vegliante's wife, being the Village Treasurer. The Mayor reads the actual Village Law Officers and Electors and it states "The Mayor's relatives otherwise able and qualified, may legally be appointed by the Board of Trustees as Village Attorney and Village Treasurer".

- Absentee Voting – The provisions for absentee voting pursuant to NYS Village Election Law are a little more restrictive. You cannot be out of town due to your normal course of business. You need to be out of town on business or on vacation. An absentee ballot application needs to be completed before you can get an absentee ballot. Absentee ballot applications can be submitted, by hand, up until the day before the election, June 16th and the absentee ballot can be accepted up until the close of polls on election day, June 17th.

- Mayor Vegliante reads a statement made by village resident, Mr. Comito, that the BBPA board members maintain that the money received back to the Village for moving the houses was a loan from the BBPA to the Village and that they are going to insist that these monies be returned. Mayor Vegliante once again, makes it clear that there has never been a loan from the BBPA for the moving of these houses. There are copies of every check written from the Village for moving these houses. The Village won 2 million dollars in the lawsuit and the BBPA won its' fees back. Mayor Vegliante feels that the BBPA should make a statement that they had nothing to do with the statement made by Mr. Comito. Mr. Prokop sent a letter to the BBPA on behalf of the Village. He reads that letter out loud for the record. He requests that the BBPA immediately retract that statement, or produce documentation to substantiate the allegations.

- Mr. Rossi, the President of the BBPA, explains that he was never at a meeting where it was discussed that the Village owed the BBPA the money. Mr. Prokop then explains that Mr. Rossi sent a letter to the Village admitting that allegations were made by the BBPA organization.

- Mayor Vegliante reads a letter that he sent, personally as a village resident and BBPA member, to Mr. Rossi, as president.

- Mr. Rossi, as President of the BBPA, makes a statement for the record that the BBPA does not make a claim against the Village that the Village owes \$550,000 to the BBPA for moving the houses.

- Legal spending – a statement has been made that \$160,000 of Village money has been spent on Mayor Vegliante's bayside legal fees. This is completely false. The majority of the legal fees that have been spent on legal fees in the Village has been for the oceanfront litigation, and bayside litigation is being funded by the individual homeowners. There is an estimate of \$20,000 being allocated for Village bayside litigation for the challenging of the actual Incorporation of the Village of West Hampton Dunes.

- The Village Building Inspector - the hard work of Herb Hoffman has caused this Village to have the highest rate for the ISO (Insurance Services Officials). The CEHA violations are not due to lack of enforcement. There has never been a lack of oversight or unequal or improper lack of enforcement. Mr. Hoffman is extremely qualified and

fully certified as a Building Inspector and we are very lucky to have him working for our Village.

- ZBA – Mike Rossi’s term on the Zoning Board ended May 1, 2008; Mayor Vegliante thanks Mr. Rossi for a job well done and for his dedication and hard work on the Board.

- Mayor Vegliante will ask the board to approve the appointment of Eric Saretsky as the new Zoning Board Member.

- Motion to appoint Eric Saretsky as a new member of the Zoning Board of Appeals for the Village of West Hampton Dunes:

Motion by	Trustee Strecker
Seconded	Trustee Trimarchi
All in favor	Unanimous
All opposed	None

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution to approve the minutes from last meeting;

Motion by	Trustee Strecker
Seconded	Trustee Brown
All in favor	Unanimous
All opposed	None

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

Motion by	Trustee Brown
Seconded	Trustee Asem
All in favor	Unanimous
All opposed	None

Motion to adjourn meeting: 9:35 p.m.

Motion by	Trustee Brown
Seconded	Trustee Strecker
All in favor	Unanimous
All opposed	None