Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Trustees of
Village of West Hampton Dunes
June 15, 2007
906 Dune Road
West Hampton Dunes, NY

Present: Mayor, Vegliante, Laura Dalessandro, Village Clerk, Trustees, Bob Strecker, Charlie Brown, Aram Terchunian, Commissioner of Wildlife Protection, Joe Prokop, Village Attorney, Chief, Don Zlatniski, Officer Hennig, and about 25 residents

Absent: Trustees, Gary Trimarchi & George Asem

Mayor opens meeting: 7:25 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance waived-no flag

- Mayor’s Report

  Summer meeting dates changed – Residents agree with Saturday meeting. July meeting from Friday, July 20th to Saturday, July 14th, 2007, 9:30 a.m. meeting. If nice weather 914 Dune, if not nice then at 906 Dune Rd and the Saturday, August 20th meeting moved to Saturday, August 18th at 9:30 a.m.

  Mayor discusses the visit with the Army Corps of Engineers and the General. They came in via a helicopter and was a very impressive site to see. It was a great visit and the General was able to get a first hand view of our beaches and our re-nourishment project, as well as enjoy a casual lunch with the Mayor.

  Mayor reads letter sent to him and the Village after the visit from the General of the Army Corps. The General commends us for being one of the top restored beaches in the U.S. and thanks the Mayor for being so dedicated and so hospitable.

  ASBPA has named us as one of the top restored beaches. In October the Village will be receiving an award in Galveston, Texas by the ASBPA. All are welcome to attend.

  Discussion of Litigation of Oceanfront with John O'Connell. Possible recertification of class for the settlement of the oceanfront property to continue with the re-nourishment of our beaches.

  Possibility of recertifying the class. If this happens, all village residents will be getting a certified letter in the mail saying that this is a recertification of Village Litigation and you have 30-45 days to opt out. You would have to send a certified letter to the court telling them that you don’t want to be a part of that settlement. If anyone does this, there would be know hope for a settlement for the Village. If anyone chooses to do that, the Village would have to look at alternative ways to keep that property within the litigation. Possible condemnation of the piece of property where the easement is to be located. Mayor reminds people that in the original Agreement all of the residents agreed to give an easement.

  Discussion of Bayside Litigation.

  NYCOM – Mayor discusses with Senator LaValle, the issues with Chuck Hamilton of the NYSDEC Director, Peter Scully, and how they do nothing to control any of the issues and problems. The Senator’s advise to the Mayor was to contact internal affairs regarding these issues.

  Motion to approve the retaining of Jonathan Sinnreich as co-counsel for the bayside litigation.
Motion to approve:

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

February 2008, permit NYDEC for BBPA property expires. Mayor assures the BBPA that it will be kept up with to be renewed and not let it expire.

Mayor was voted in as second vice president of NYCOM, if Mayor Vegliante is voted in as Mayor next year, he will be up as the next President of NYCOM for their 100th anniversary if he wins the next election as remains Mayor.

Money owed to village for relocating the houses $550,000 transfer of funds that is owed to the Village. Need to have the Attorney General’s Office to sign off on this. Mayor is hopeful that we will have that money by the end of the summer.

Public Assistance Money for Municipalities only might be available for possibly fixing the groins at the beginning of our village. Fish and Wildlife regarding the plovers are not going to happy about this.

Resident, John Mueller, has questions regarding the erosion from the recent storm. Aram Terchunian explains the entire beach erosion/design.

Piping Plover Update by Aram Terchunian, not good. There is not enough staff to do an extensive conclusion. Fish & Wildlife have concerns about residents feeding the cats that are disturbing the piping plover.

Engineer Bill Suckow, has done an engineers report regarding the abandoned house owned by Suffolk County. If the County does not do any thing about this, then the village will need to take further action.

BBPA put silt fencing up around 906 Dune Road and would like the VWHD to pay for it. Aram Terchunian to take a look at it to see if new fencing is needed. The Board to review and discuss as to where it will go.

Motion to pay the BBPA $1,200.00 re-imbursement for silt fencing

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

Resolution to submit all submitted and audited vouchers to be paid:

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

Resolution to approve minutes from last months meeting:

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

Motion to close meeting: 9:10 p.m.