

**Minutes of the
General Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Village of West Hampton Dunes
West Hampton Dunes, NY
914 Dune Road, WHD
August 16, 2008**

Attendance: Mayor Vegliante, Trustees, Charles Brown, Gary Trimarchi, Catherine Woolfson, Michael Craig, Village Clerk, Laura J. Dalessandro, Joseph Prokop, Village Attorney, Aram Terchunian, Commissioner of Wildlife Protection, Chief, Don Zlatniski, Officer, Brian Hennig, about 25 residents.

Open Meeting 9:50 a.m. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayors Report

- Bob Strecker, past Trustee, recently suffered a heart attack and fortunately, he is doing very well. Please keep him in your thoughts.
- Project Update – Our project is the only federally funded project going forward. Project will be starting in late November, 2008. Bid specs are available for viewing at the Village office as well as posted on the Village website. The Federal Government has budgeted up to eighteen million dollars for funding of this project.
- Albany Trip – Mayor, new Trustee, Michael Craig and Aram Terchunian, met with state and federal agencies to discuss current project.
- Two of the Village’s greatest advocates are retiring one from the State and one from the Federal Government.
- NYCOM – Motion to approve the Mayor’s attendance to the NYCOM Conference on September 28, 2008.

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

The Mayor is currently the First Vice President of NYCOM and next year for the 100th Anniversary he will become the President of NYCOM.

- FSBPA – Motion to approve the Mayor’s attendance to the FSBPA Conference in Florida.

Motion by	Trustee Brown
Seconded	Trustee Craig
All in favor	Unanimous
All opposed	None
- Village resident, Carol Hankin, 837 Dune Road, agrees that it is very important for the Mayor to attend all of the conferences and encourages him to continue.
- Bayside Lawsuit – Southampton Town is challenging the actual incorporation of the Village. This is the only portion of the Bayside lawsuit that is being defended by our Village attorney and funded by the Village.
- The Village Election showed Southampton Town that this Village counts and could have an impact on the November election.
- Cupsogue Entrance – Suffolk County is actually participating in redesigning the entrance to the park, as well as funding almost all of the construction.
- Joe Benedetto, a Village resident, and current acting Road Commissioner, has worked closely with the Town and County and will be a great asset to the Village.

- Road Completion & Walkway – Village will need to float a bond for the construction, as well as put the project out for public bid within the next month. There will be letters sent to all of the bayside property owners putting them on notice as to when the construction will begin and the time frame for the removal of any driveway aprons, landscaping, pillars, etc. within the Village right of way.

- Speed sign - Chief Zlaniski has been researching a new speed sign for the Village. This will help to slow people down and keep our Village safe.

- Street Lights – majority of Village residents do not want street lights.

- Dog/Leash Law Discussion – This year there have more incidences than ever regarding dogs running lose on the Beach. Unfortunately, it has been the Village residents who own dogs that have been the biggest offenders. The Mayor and the Board are considering the possibility of a seasonal Leash Law between Memorial Day-Labor Day.

- Fires on the Beach –anyone wanting to have a bon fire on the beach, needs to contact the Village Police Constable before doing so. Chief Zlatniski explains how the police handle the beach fires. If there are fires too close to the dune, smoke going into neighbors house, disorderly conduct, etc., the Constables will shut them down. If there are complaints, the police respond immediately.

- Boat Law – the current Village Law needs to be modified with regards to the Bayside storage, as well as clarifying the definition of watercraft.

- Suffolk County house at 794 Dune Road – County knocked down boarded up house completely. It is going to be made a bird observation location. Very low impact area. No eating or drinking, and not much parking. John Pavisac, from the SC Parks, will be coming out to the site after Labor Day to discuss with the Mayor what exactly will be done on the site as well as other sites owned by Suffolk County.

- Roll Out Walkways – NYSDEC is not in favor of them, although there is no provision to regulate them. The Village will issue a permit for a temporary walkway, no more than 4’ wide, to be removed at the end of each season. It would be issued case by case.

- Feral Cats – Please do not feed them.

- BBPA – Mayor Vegliante encourages all village residents to get involved. You can only be a member if you are a village resident.

- Village Picnic- Saturday, September 6, 2008. Sponsored by the Mayor and the Village Trustees. This year it will be on the south side of Pike’s beach parking lot. The Village meeting will be held at 11:30 a.m. and the picnic at 1:00 p.m.

Trustees Report:

- Trustee, Catherine Woolfson, gives an update on the suggestion box. It has been ordered and should be received within the next week. Suggestions can be anonymous or not. Only the Mayor and Trustees will be opening them and reading them. Also, being worked on is trying to limit the amount of magazines thrown in driveways throughout the Village. Maybe having some sort of kiosk for magazines so that if people are interested, they can come and take a magazine at their leisure.

- Trustee, Charlie Brown, has asked the Mayor that he take over where Bob Strecker left off, as being the liaison for the Police Constabulary. If anyone has questions or concerns, please contact Charlie and he will address the issues with the Chief.

- Trustee, Michael Craig, shares his first Albany experience as Trustee. The Mayor, Michael and Aram Terchunian met with government agencies to discuss the Beach Re-nourishment Project for the Village. He

expresses what an incredible experience it was to watch all of the government agencies work together for the same goal, the Village's re-nourishment project. Cliff Jones, of the Army Corps of Engineers, will be coming down to view the final showing of "The Incredible Journey". The movie gives a whole new perspective of the Village and the people involved who brought it to what it is today.

- Trustee, Gary Trimarchi, would like to see more beautification of the Village and landscaping the entrance way. He would like to work along with Trustee Woolfson to come with a plan for the entrance to the Village.

Police Constabulary Report:

- Chief, Zlatniski gives a monthly report. There were 109 calls for service, 111 moving vehicle traffic violations, estimated 20% were for speeding, several field appearance tickets issued for noise disturbance, mostly rental houses, and several parking tickets issued. There have been a lot of complaints from WHB Fire Department for false alarm calls. Please check your batteries in your Carbon Monoxide detectors and your smoke detectors. Also, no addresses on the houses. This makes it extremely difficult for the Fire Department to find your house.

Resolutions:

- Resolution to establish no residency requirements for the Police Constables:
Motion by Trustee Trimarchi
Seconded Trustee Woolfson
All in favor Unanimous
All opposed None
- Resolution to appoint Douglas Hansen as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals:
Motion by Trustee Woolfson
Seconded Trustee Brown
All in favor Unanimous
All opposed None
- Mayor Vegliante anticipates appointing Zoning Board Alternates in the near future. If you would like to be considered as an alternate, please call the Village office and speak with the Mayor.
- Resolution to approve the minutes from last meeting;
Motion by Trustee Craig
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 Craig
All in favor Unanimous
All opposed None
- Motion to adjourn meeting: 1:30 p.m.
Motion by Trustee Trimarchi
Seconded Trustee Woolfson
All in favor Unanimous
All opposed None