

Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Trustees of
Village of West Hampton Dunes
September 8, 2007
Pike's Beach Parking Lot, West Hampton Dunes, NY

Present: Mayor, Vegliante, Laura Dalessandro, Village Clerk, Trustees, Bob Strecker, Charlie Brown, Gary Trimarchi & George Asem, Aram Terchunian, Commissioner of Wildlife Protection, Village Attorney's Joe Prokop & John O'Connell, Chief, Don Zlatniski, Officer Hennig, about 75 residents.

Mayor opens meeting: 11:10 a.m.

The Mayor opens the meeting by thanking Dennis & Randi Riese and Gary Trimarchi, of the Riese Organization, for their incredible generosity once again to the Village, in sponsoring the annual BBQ-Picnic that will take place immediately following the meeting. The Riese Organization donates all of the food, drinks and staff every year, and asks for nothing in return except that the Village Residents enjoy the day with neighbors, family and friends.

- Rental issues – This summer we have had a few incidents with rentals. All residents need to complete a rental agreement prior to renting their house. The Village needs to have the tenant information on file. Weekly rentals are not permitted in the Village. Residential rentals only. Large Corporations are a problem.
- Mayor reads letters that are going out to two property owners in the Village who are renting illegally.
- New tic found on east end called the “Loan Star Tic”. There is a star on one side of the tic. It is another very dangerous tic and needs to be looked out for. It has been found in Shelter Island in mass numbers. Usually found on deer, however, can be on leaves, sand, etc. Carries a host of diseases. Shelter Island is doing a massive research study on this tic to help to be more informed about it.
- Discussion of Walkway Law. Construction of walkways on ocean and bay. The original law states that construction had to be no higher than 18” above the grade and no railings. There is a flaw in the current local law in that it states no railings on the ocean side, but no mention on the bay side. The international law has changed as well. The height restriction is now 30” above grade, without a railing. The new law will be corrected to reflect that, as well as provide for anywhere within a state agency, within 300’ of tidal wetlands, requires 36” with railings.
- Easement issue – easements give you the right to pass and re-pass over that property. You do not have the right to build anything on that property, unless it specifically says that in your deed.
- In order to apply for a building permit to construct a walkway on an easement, you need to show ownership of the property, or permission of the property owner for you to build a walkway on that easement, or proof that the easement gives you the absolute right to build. If you do not have any one of these three, then you need to bring it to court and have a judge grant you the right to build.
- Discussion of fence law – law in place now, 4 feet high along side of the house, back 6 foot. No requirement as to what type of fence. There are no regulations at this time. Mayor asks for feed back from community as to possibly more restricted fence law.

- Abandoned house owned by Suffolk County (794 Dune Road). Village had an engineer go out and do an inspection. The engineers report stated that the house was ready to fall down, and needed to be taken down. Suffolk County has agreed to knock it down. The use of it is still being discussed. Possible platform as a bird watching area.
- Discussion of expansion of the Village Board of Trustees for the next election from four members to six members. Good feed back from the community.
- Mayor urges people to register to vote. Call the Board of Elections and get all of the correct information.
- Village resident, Lanny Lambert, asks a question as to who can register to vote in the Village and how do you challenge registered voters. Mayor advises him that anyone can challenge a registration. It is done all of the time.
- Village Attorney, Joe Prokop, advises that the law states that as long as you are “intending to return” to the residence that are registering to vote from, then it is a legal voter registration. If you own more than one residence, you have the absolute right to change your voter registration at any time and as many times as you want, as long as you are not voting in two places at the same time. Mr. Prokop advises that you send a letter to the board of elections terminating your voter registration.
- Discussion of the audit from the NYS Comptroller ten years ago. The Mayor spoke directly to the actual auditor in length and clarifies that there was absolutely no doubt that the auditor was aware that Claire Tevere and Claire Vegliante were one in the same, and that she was the wife of the Mayor as well as the Treasurer of the Village. The Mayor asks Claire Tevere-Vegliante to stand up and introduces her to those residents who have not yet met her.
- Mayor reads a letter from the Village accountant regarding the standing of the village records and accounting, and the lack of any discrepancies in any of the accounting records.
- Village Litigation –
 - Oceanside Litigation - September 19, 2007 there will be a meeting to settle the oceanfront issue. All of the agencies involved are attending this meeting. Meeting is to settle the oceanfront litigation matter. Mayor wants a public easement along the oceanfront. John O’Connell sent them a letter last week saying that if there is no response by September 17th, the Village going to send papers to begin the lawsuit. They asked that there be a meeting on September 19th, with the Federal, State and County agencies, and that we hold off with the lawsuit and see if we can come up with an agreement at the meeting on the 19th.
 - Bayside Litigation – One of the Trustees involved with bringing this lawsuit against the Village, has resigned. He is no longer a Trustee. By his resignation, the Mayor believes that it has weakened their case against us. Hoping to have this case settled by the end of October.
- Discussion of large gathering law – Mayor needs feedback from the community. What’s considered large? Should we require permits?

- Constables – Residents thank the Constables for doing an outstanding job throughout the year.
- Yale Nelson – Documentary about the Village. There will be a showing sometime soon, in town. Yale will let the community know when and where it will be shown. Everyone should try to see this unbelievable film to understand the incredible journey that this Village has come from.

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: 12:15 p.m.