

VILLAGE OF WEST HAMPTON DUNES  
MONTHLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Via Zoom

October 26, 2020

Present: Mayor Gary Vegliante, Trustee John J. Eff, Jr., Trustee Gary Trimarchi, Trustee Michael Craig, Village Attorney-Joseph Prokop, Village Clerk-Angela Sadeli Treasurer-Claire Vegliante, Sgt Brian Hennig, Sgt Timothy Turner

Not Present: Trustee Harvey Gessin

Residents: Dr. Wang, Greg Rinn, Chuck Tabone, Robin Laveman, Joe Heller, Bob & Michelle Cervoni, Mike Shah, Anne Byrne, Ryan Osborne, Jim McGrann, Mike Stern, Sondra Kronberg, Marshall Hagan, Gary Oshinsky, Jeff Farkas, Mueller's, Priscilla Adam, Wendy Ettelman, Rich Lebowitz, Justin Korval, Kathleen Maloney, Todd Braverman

**Mayor:**

- Road Sweeping: The Village of Westhampton Beach Highway Dept aided us in having the road swept in September. They would like to enter into a Mutual Municipal Agreement for services of this nature moving forward. Joe Prokop is going to draw up an agreement to present to them for the next meeting.
- NYCOM: The Mayor attended NYCOM's Executive Committee meeting in early October.
- Rental Law: The Mayor feels that limit of five rentals per season should be taken out of the law.

The law should still read that there is a two week minimum but that there can be as many rentals during the season without restriction. Trustee Gary Trimarchi agrees we can lighten the law a little bit due to COVID hurting residents financially. Trustee Michael Craig believes residents are still renting without the proper rental permit number and also the proper rental permits. The Building Inspector should be checking websites weekly for residents renting without the proper rental permit numbers displayed in their ads. If they are not there a violation should be written. As per Joe Prokop there were five or six violations processed for the summer and about 5 or 6 complaints.

- Any complaints that arise need to be brought to the attention of either the Constabulary immediately. If you feel it should be reported to the Village office this should also be done in a timely manner so it can be handled right away.
- 656A Dune Rd: A bid will be going out for a new constabulary building at 656A Dune Road for either a stick build or modular home. Trustee Trimarchi feels a brand new modular building is the best and most cost effective way for the village to move forward. The Building Inspector is also working on the cost for renovations to the existing structure should the bids be rejected again. Trustee Craig believes that the modular is not aesthetically pleasing to the neighbors and residents don't want to see something that may look like a trailer.
- Jeff Farkas will be appointed to the Zoning Board of Appeals at the next meeting.

**Trustee Report:**

- **Altice:** Joe Prokop reported that our contract is to expire in 2023. Any complaints from resident in regard to their service should be emailed to the Village Clerk and can be submitted to Altice when our contract is being renegotiated.
- **Contact Information:** In case of any emergencies or updates from the Village we are requesting that residents send in any updated contact emails, phone numbers and addresses. Trustee Eff

would like to work with the Constabulary and the Village office to get contact information from residents.

**Treasurer's Report:**

- AUD filed and the year is finalized
- Annual Village audit won't be in the office this year due to COVID. They are requesting that we scan all of the documents to them to process the audit.
- Bank statements and reports were emailed to the Board

**Constables Report:**

- All is quiet within the Village
- Sgt Turner brought to the Boards attention that not many new residents know about the history of the Village. He recommended that we send an email to the residents with the link to Yale Nelson's website if residents wish to purchase a copy of The Incredible Journey.

**Attorney's Report:**

- Through attorney David Yaffe the Village has submitted a new response to the Department of State. A thorough job was done by Mr. Yaffe and Mike Sciara (engineer) to develop a plan for the four-story home and propane tank problem within the village.
- There is proposal
- for a transfer of easements that is acceptable to the Board as long as the lean on Dr. Wang's property is lifted by Suffolk County.
- Adam Gomeran was elected as Court Justice in September. The Village Attorney sends a thank you to him for his support and that he has had many hurdles since being elected. He is devoted to the transition to Court Justice and has taken hours away from his practice to attend to issues with the court with limited support.

**Public Comment:**

- Robin Laveman 929 Dune Rd: What was the issue Trustee Michael Craig was referring to in regard to rentals. Question answered by Trustee Craig and advised the resident that it was pertaining to rental complaints and residents not following the rental law properly.
- Jim McGrann 951B Dune Rd: What is the status on homes with propane tank issues. Answer: There was one variance submitted and approved. Approximately fourty residents chose to abandon their existing propane tank and move to above ground tanks.
- Anne Byrne: If there have been so few complaints on rentals this year why change the law. Answered by Mayor Vegliante: We are only proposing changing the number of rental permits per season and nothing else.
- If there is 600k in the beach renourishment account what would the cost be for a renourishment outside of the agreement. Answer: The cost would be around 10-14 million dollars but the local cost would be around 1-2 million and that is not entirely paid by the local municipality the County would have to add funds.
- Gary Oshinsky 656B Dune Rd: Stated that he is looking forward to seeing the new constabulary building being built and appreciates that the Village is taking in to consideration their point of view since the home is directly in front of theirs.
- Rich Lebowitz: Attended many board meetings when he had issues with rentals next to his home and was told there was little that can be done. Now the Village is coming down on rentals without permits. Was advised that the changes that were made to the rental law were done due to his complaints and other residents' issues within the village.

**Resolutions:**

- Motion to adopt a resolution approving the properly audited, approved and duly ordered paid by Board of Trustees claim vouchers for the Village

Motion by: Gary Trimarchi

Seconded: Michael Craig

All in favor: unanimous

All opposed: None

- Motion to adopt a resolution approving and the waiving of the reading of the minutes of the September 25, 2020 meeting

Motion by: Michael Craig

Seconded: Gary Trimarchi

All in favor: unanimous

All opposed: none

- Motion to approve a resolution to reject all bids on the construction of a modular building at 656A Dune Rd

Motion by: Gary Trimarchi

Seconded: John J. Eff, Jr.

All in favor: unanimous

All opposed: none

- Motion to approve a resolution for Village Attorney Joseph Prokop to start the tax foreclosure proceedings on a residence

Motion by: Michael Craig

Seconded: Gary Trimarchi

All in favor: unanimous

All opposed: none

- Motion to close a public meeting 9:01 p.m.

Motion by: Gary Trimarchi

Seconded: John J. Eff, Jr.

All in favor: unanimous

All opposed: none