

VILLAGE OF WEST HAMPTON DUNES
MONTHLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
906 Dune Rd West Hampton Dunes and via Zoom at 7:30pm

8/25/2021

Meeting called to order 7:30 pm
Pledge of allegiance

Present: Mayor Gary Vegliante, , Trustee John Eff. Trustee Harvey Gessin Village Clerk-Angela Sadeli
Village Treasurer-Claire Vegliante, Village Attorney Joseph Prokop
Via Zoom: Trustee Gary Trimarchi

Presentation by Southampton Town Councilman Tommy-John Schiavoni regarding air traffic relating to airplanes and helicopters flying overhead. An overview of what is being done to prevent aircrafts from flying close to shore and the change of air traffic routes.

Public hearing opened at 8:36 pm public hearing on a local law to create a second Village Improvement District. Shoreline stabilization control, a special district within the Village. This district will be similar to the district that already exists within the Village of West Hampton Dunes but will consist of residents at 660, 662 and 664 Dune Road. Left open for public comment, no comments from the public.

- Vote on a local law to create a shoreline stabilization district within the Village of West Hampton Dunes for homes including 660, 662 and 664 Dune Rd.
- Motion to close the public hearing at 8:04 pm

Motion by: Michael Craig

Seconded: John J. Eff, Jr.

All in favor: unanimous

All opposed: None

No vote as attended via Zoom: Gary Trimarchi

Motion to about a resolution for SEQRA & Lead agency status regarding the application for the Local Law for the shoreline stabilization control district

Motion by: John J. Eff, Jr.

Seconded: Harvey Gessin

All in favor: unanimous

All opposed: None

No vote as attended via Zoom: Gary Trimarchi.

Resolution to adopt the local law

Meeting of the Board of Trustees called to order at 8:06pm

Harvey Gessin recused himself and left the room regarding 663 Dune Rd

663 Dune Rd for a coastal erosion control area to take down a house and to rebuild with the same encroachment of the area. We conducted a public hearing was closed in the meantime we received comments from First Coastal which were 6 conditions dealing with the construction of the house on the property and steps need to be taken to mitigate any impact. The imposition into the coastal hazard line is being reduced with the new home versus what currently exists. Pre-existing to the coastal hazard erosion being constructed. The line was drawn as part of the court ordered settlement.

Conditions need to be included in the approval of the application. Section 200-28 criteria that need to be met in order for a variance to be met.

Motion to pass a resolution adopt SEQRA & lead agency status:

Motion by: Michael Craig

Seconded: John J. Eff, Jr.

All in favor: unanimous

All opposed: None

Recused: Harvey Gessin

No vote as attended via Zoom: Gary Trimarchi

Motion to pass a resolution to approve

Motion by: Michael Craig

Seconded: John J. Eff, Jr.

Recused: Harvey Gessin

All opposed: None

No vote as attended via Zoom: Gary Trimarchi

Mayor:

- Storm update: Village fared very well and there was little debris. Now homes were damaged. The Constables checked each home and the Mayor, Trustees Craig and Gessin were in the Village patrolling the area for any issues. Resident John Mueller believes that there could be more done to protect the beach. Suggested sand fencing to which the Mayor replied that the Village is not allowed to put it up on their own but encourages all residents to put it up but it would be at their own cost.
- FIMP- The Village of West Hampton Dunes beach renourishments are set to expire in 2027 but FIMP will take over once that has concluded. The Mayor and Aram Terchunian met the Army Corp in Saratoga in August to discuss FIMP and the Village inclusion in the project. With FIMP WHD beach will be maintained for the next 30 years. The only downside is that local governments must pay 15% of their portion of the project. Mayor and Trustees suggest asking state legislatures to help to have this part taken out and to begin lobbying.
- 656A Dune Rd-Plans are being reviewed by the state which can take 6-8 weeks. The Village attorney has been in contact with the modular company to find out the status of the plans. We should receive an update shortly on how far along the state is in the process.
- Plover update: fencing is still up but should come down shortly. There were more nests and chicks this year than last and the plovers are thriving.
- The roads were swept via the Village of Westhampton Beach and a contract is being drawn for shared services moving forward similar to the snow removal contract.
- Residents complained that there was overgrowth at many of the walkovers. The Village Clerk contacted the County and she was able to have those walkovers trimmed back.
- BBPA: The Village of West Hampton Dunes would like to join the BBPA and have Mayor Vegliante be the representative of the Village. The Mayor believes that there has been some miscommunication between the Village and the BBPA and would like to make sure the Village's best interests are taken in to consideration during any meetings and/or votes.

Motion to adopt a resolution for the Village of West Hampton Dunes to become members of the BBPA and expense \$100 to pay the annual dues

Motion by: Michael Craig

Seconded: John J. Eff, Jr.

All in favor: unanimous

All opposed: None

No vote as attended via Zoom: Gary Trimarchi

Kathleen Pearlman commented that the BBPA should not open the membership to outside of the village and believes that the foundation was created to service the community of West Hampton Dunes and the bay. The Mayor believes active members of the BBPA were precluded from attending a meeting a few months back and that the BBPA took a vote to modify the bylaws that should not have been allowed.

- During the storm many new residents did reach out to the Clerk to have themselves added to the email distribution list. If you are a new resident, please be sure to send all of your contact information to the Village Clerk at clerk@whdunes.org. If there was a state of emergency the Mayor would declare that as such.

Trustee Report:

- Summer Internship: Trustee Craig believes this would be beneficial for the Village and the inter as there are few internships in local government. He would like to see a young person come in to donate time/intern through the WHB High School and spend time with the Constables, Clerk and Building Department. Trustee Eff spoke with Aram Terchunian as he had previously sat on the WHB school board and would be able to direct the Village in the proper way to start the process on obtaining an intern. Trustee Eff believes the Village should come up with a learning agreement that is beneficial for both the village and the intern so that meaningful goals can be achieved. Trustee Eff is speaking with representatives of the high school and will report an update when he has one.

Treasurer Report:

- Accountant will be coming Friday to work on the year end adjustments.
- All statements will be sent out to the Board
- 96% of the taxes have been collected
- Insurance plan was only \$51k and the village budgeted for \$60k
- Budget is on target

Constables:

- Residents should be mindful of the National Weather Service
- Hurricane season ends mid-November so please be prepared, secure all items on the deck and they can become projectiles and damage property. Be sure to have a plan in place should there be any kind of emergency regarding storms

Village Attorney:

- Highway Road Commissioner Michael Burner has taken the initiative and declared areas within the Village that are hazardous regarding the roadways. Several residents received letters that there landscaping was overgrown and that they were required to cut it back. If they did not cut it back the village would be cutting it back at the expense of the homeowner billed by the amount of time that it took to cut back per each property. A bill will be sent to any home who received a letter and did not cutback the overgrowth where the village had to come cut it for them.
- Department of State: Building Inspector to be writing summons for resident who has not completed the work to date regarding the propane tanks. The Dept of state is looking for questionnaires to be filled in but the board decided that they would not like them completed so the village attorney is preparing an excel spreadsheet to show the data.
- Village Court is going great.

- Road Commissioner contracted with the Village of Westhampton Beach highway department along with the Village Clerk to have the words STOP painted at all of the stop signs within the village. This was executed well, and the board is hopeful that this will help with the issue of people not stopping at our stop signs.
- The Village attorney is working to get the decision from the Army Corps of Engineers regarding Dr. Wangs property at 943 Dune Rd to work towards having the county release his property. No response yet but its going positive.

Comments:

- Amazon fulfillment Center coming to WHB. The Mayor believes it will not be as much of a problem for us but could cause traffic backing up in to Southampton Town.
- Casino-Going to create a lot of traffic and air traffic and will be beneficial to the value of our Village.
- Motion to adopt a resolution to contact our Federal Representatives, Schumer, Gillibrand and Zeldin regarding the helicopters and planes are flying extremely low and is hazardous to our Village no vote was taken

Resolutions:

- Motion to adopt a resolution approving the claim vouchers by the Board of Trustees for the Village

Motion by: Harvey Gessin

Seconded: John J. Eff, Jr.

All in favor: unanimous

All opposed: None

No vote as attended via Zoom: Gary Trimarchi

- Motion to adopt a resolution waiving the reading of the meetings from the July 9, 2021 meeting

Motion by: John J. Eff, Jr.

Seconded: Michael Craig

All in favor: unanimous

All opposed: None

No vote as attended via Zoom: Gary Trimarchi

- Motion to adopt a resolution to approve the contract for services with the Westhampton Beach Fire District

Motion by: Michael Craig

Seconded: Harvey Gessin

All in favor: unanimous

All opposed: None

No vote as attended via Zoom: Gary Trimarchi

- Motion to adopt a resolution for the Village Clerk, Mayor and Treasurer to attend New York Conference of Mayors Fall Training School the week of September 20th 2021

Motion by: Michael Craig

Seconded: John J. Eff, Jr.

All in favor: unanimous

All opposed: None

No vote as attended via Zoom: Gary Trimarchi

- Motion to close a public meeting 10:04 pm:

Motion by: Michael Craig

Seconded: John J. Eff, Jr

All in favor: unanimous

All opposed: None