

**Minutes of the
General Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Village of West Hampton Dunes
West Hampton Dunes, NY
September 6, 2008**

Attendance: Mayor Veliante, 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 11:20 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayors Report

- Motion to approve the Mayor attending the ASBPA Conference in Albany October 15-17th, 2008.

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

- The Mayor encourages all to join the ASBPA. It is a great resource for coastal issues.
- Mike Burner, Deputy Road Commissioner - Road Project update regarding the resurfacing of the road and adding a shoulder. Mr. Burner thanks Bob Strecker, the former Road Commissioner and Village Trustee, for all his years of hard work in getting this project where it is now. Copies of the plans for the Road and Shoulder as well as the Bid documents are available for viewing, and will be going out to bid.
 - Bill Suckow, Engineer, will be surveying the road from one end to the other next week so that we have exact markings as to where we need to pave. The road itself is 25 feet.
 - The shoulder will be on the North side of Dune Road up to Widgeon Way. Pictures will be taken of all of the homes that have built into the easement, so that letter can go out to all of those homeowners to make them aware of what will be happening with regards to the shoulder and what they are going to have to with what they built in order for the project to go forward. The publication for the bids will be advertised in the paper on September 11th and the bids have 14 days to be returned. On September 25th, 2008, the bids will be opened. The Village has ten (10) days to send out an award letter to the lowest acceptable bidder.
 - The Board will approve today, a resolution allowing the Mayor to sign a contract to the lowest bidder on behalf of the Village.
 - Open for questions. Resident Dr. Stephen Brenner of 10 Dune Lane, comments about the previous bids that were prepared a few years ago, when the Village ran into a glitch with the bids, and asks how the Village is protecting itself from that not happening again so that this project does not

get delayed any further. Mr. Burner explains that the Village has addressed that issue. There was a conflict between the lineal pricing and the total pricing. That issue has been corrected.

- The Widgeon Way, Cupsogue Project is not the same as the road & shoulder project. However, the Village is hoping to do both projects within the same time frame. The plans have been approved by Suffolk County as well as the NYSDEC and all of the permits are in place. Trying to get SCDPW and SC Parks communicating and on the same page so that the project can be started.
- Resident Mark Cappiello of 850 Dune Road, asks if the telephone poles are going to be in or around the road shoulder and also how the Village is going to handle the individual properties that already have overlapping driveway skirts/aprons or other landscaping in the right of way were the shoulder is going to be. Mr. Cappiello asks if the shoulder is going to run right over those aprons or can the shoulder stop where the apron starts and begin again where the apron ends on each property. Mr. Burner and Mayor Vegliante explain that might not be an option due to liability to the Village. It will be on an individual basis.
- Funding of the Road – The Road a Capital Improvement which will be bonded for fifteen (15) years. When the Village receives the bids back and awards the contractor, it will go to the bond council, try to wrap this bond back into what is left of the original bond. By the next Village meeting the Board should know exactly what the impact will be on the Village.
- Trustee Trimarchi suggests that included in this bond, there be a portion allocated to the beautification of the Village, specifically, the entrance to the Village. Mayor Vegliante suggests that Trustee Trimarchi get a proposal to the Board before the bond is finalized. The bid will be opened on September 25, 2008. If the estimate for the beautification is less than \$20,000, it does not have to be bidded out. The Board can just approve it and it can be included in the Bond.
- The Bond will be brought to the next meeting. There is a Trustees Vote and then the Bond is subject to a permissive referendum. The public has a period of time to decide if they want a permissive referendum, they have to pass around a petition stating that they want it.
- Mrs. Brenner, of 10 Dune Lane, asks about the money that was reimbursed to the Village for over \$500,000, and questioned as to why the Village doesn't use some of this money towards the funding of the road/shoulder project rather than bond it. Mayor Vegliante explains that it might be an option to use some of that money. It will be a discussion at the next meeting after the action bid is accepted.

Village Attorney Report

- Bayside Litigation – a Village resident, David Glanz, who is also a litigant in the bayside lawsuit, has contacted the Board of Trustees to see if the Village can give them support in this lawsuit.

- Leash Law discussion – the Village is considering passing a Leash Law from Memorial Day – Labor Day, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m. There have been numerous complaints to the Village regarding dogs running loose, and owners not picking up after their dog, as well as not controlling their dog when it runs over to other people or children. It is frightening to people and children who do not know the dog or who are afraid of dogs.
- Residents speak out both in favor of and against the possibility of a Leash Law. Mayor Vegliante encourages everyone to email the Village clerk at clerk@whdunes.org with any comments and thoughts regarding this issue.
- Boat Law amendment discussion – Original law has a flaw and needs to be modified. One modification will be that no boats are to be stored on the property between the house and the Road. Jet skis and any other water craft will also have to be addressed.
- Rental Handbook – discussion of preparing for 2009 season.
- CEHA – There are Violations that occurred regarding building in the Coastal Erosion Hazard Area on the Oceanside of the Village. The Village has Lead Agency and has the responsibility to enforce restrictions to protect the Dune. All but one violation has been rectified. The one violation will receive a summons to appear in court.
- Carol Hankin, 837 Dune Road, speaks about her experience regarding the documentary movie created by Village Resident, Yale Nelson “The Incredible Journey”. Mrs. Hankin explains how she feels that every Village resident should go and see it. The movie has given her a whole new perspective on the Village and a new respect for Mayor Vegliante and those who were by his side struggling to hold this Village together since the beginning.
- John Mueller, 789 Dune Road, expresses how safe he feels in the Village because the dedication of the Police Constabulary.
- **Police Constabulary Report**
 - New speed machine has been implemented in the Village. The average speed in the Village over the Labor Day weekend was 30mph.
 - Chief Zlatniski clarifies an earlier discussion regarding issuing a summons; for a police or peace officer to issue a ticket/summons, the officer himself has to witness the occurrence; or the person making the complaint has to sign the complaint.
 - In order to stop the “share houses” the Chief encourages the Village Board to change the fees for each violation. First violation, \$250, second violation \$1,000, to both the Landlord and the Tenant.
 - A suggestion that a letter go out to all of the Village residents before next season with the changes in the fees for rental violations.
 - Chief encourages residents to call constables if there are any cars parked in their driveway that do not belong to the homeowner and they do not want parked in their driveway. The Constable’s will have it towed at the homeowners expense.

- Recent accident in WHB involving a DWI ended up with the driver heading down Dune Road into our Village with no lights on heading straight at Officer Brian Hennig, who was on patrol that night. Fortunately, Officer Hennig noticed the car and was quick to pull the vehicle over and arrest the man. We are thankful that Officer Hennig is safe and for his quick response.
- Bon Fires on the Beach – some complaints about smoke going into residents houses. Please be considerate of other houses while having your fire and fill in the whole when you are finished. The Constables allow bon fires on an individual basis, however, if it becomes a problem, there will be no more bon fires allowed on the beach for anyone.

RESOLUTIONS:

- **Resolution** to allow Mayor Vegliante to sign the winning Road Bid Contract for the Village:

Motion by	Trustee Woolfson
Seconded	Trustee Trimarchi
All in favor	Unanimous
All opposed	None

- **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