

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Village of West Hampton Dunes

November 17, 2009 – 7:30 p.m.

West Hampton Dunes, NY

Attendance: Mayor Vegliante, Trustees, Catherine Woolfson, Michael Craig, Gary Trimarchi, Charlie Brown, Village Clerk, Laura J. Dalessandro, Sgt. Brian Hennig, Joseph Prokop, Village Attorney, Roman Rakoczy, USACE.

Absent: Aram Terchunian, Commissioner of Wildlife Protection, Police Chief, Don Zlatniski

- Meeting open by Mayor - 7:40 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance
- Roman Rokoczy, USACE – gave an update on the beach erosion at the Mayor’s request. Primary dune and the berm, which is the dune that you have underneath your walkovers. Material that is intended to erode over an extended period of time until the next scheduled nourishment cycle within 2-3 years. Anything seaward of the dune is “extra sand” or advanced nourishment.
- The beach was engineered where it was projected to erode x amount of cubic yards per season, per winter until a point where there is scheduled re-nourishment. This is not a recreational beach. It is a beach that is intended to provide a certain level of protection (44 year level of protection). The ACE and the NYSDEC look at this project as one of the most successful projects in the United States. The beach received recognition in 2007 in Washington D.C. where it was noted as one of ten best performed beaches in the United States. This project is budgeted every three years on a continues renourishment cycle within the federal government. It is the only project in NYS that receives continuous money in a sequence of years. This is not a recreational project, it is a storm management production project.
- The ACE will be coming out to take some pictures of the off shore slopes and the erosion. Will be working on trying to receive FEMA money.
- Larry Puscutti – Retired employee of NYSDEC, has been helping Trustee Trimarchi and Trustee Woolfson, in completing the front entrance to the Village.

Mayor’s Report

- Rental Violations – discussion. Three violations at same location, homeowner gets fined. Mayor would like to have something in place before Memorial Day, 2010.
- NYCOM – Update, Village Clerk, Laura Dalessandro and Trustee, Catherine Woolfson attended a Fall workshop in Albany.
- Mayor traveling a great deal as President of NYCOM with all expenses paid by NYCOM. It has been an incredible experience and honor.
- ASBPA – Mayor on the Board and attended Florida Summit. This association monitors beaches across the country and helps to get beach renourishment.
- Discussion of jurisdiction of land underneath the water. Mayor Vegliante clarifies that the Village has no jurisdiction of the land underneath the water. The Village of West Hampton Dunes does not issue dock permits nor do they get noticed of applications for dock permits. Dock permits are issued through Southampton Town, ACE. DOS and the NYSDEC.

Trustees Report

- Trustee Craig, discussed an issue with a dock that he applied for on a property that he owned and recently sold in the Village. There had been an existing dock permit that was issued by the SH Town Trustees, that had expired. Trustee Craig re-applied for a permit with the SH Town Trustees, as well as the other necessary agencies, the DEC, ACE & DOS. The Town Trustees approved the permit as well as the DEC. The ACE sent out notices to anyone who was adjacent to the property. Before actually applying to all of the agencies, Trustee Craig had discussions with his neighbors regarding the proposed dock. The neighbors were all for it.

- Recently, a series of letters and petitions have been sent by Village residents to the ACE, FWLS and Cornell against this dock application. Trustee Craig noted that not one of the Village residents who are against this application, ever communicated their concerns to him. Instead, they went directly to outside agencies requesting them to come into the Village and assess the situation. This type of reaction from Village residents is not in the best interest of the Village. Cornell Cooperative Center has written a letter against this dock application directly in response to a Village resident's request.

- Mayor Vegliante urges Village residents to communicate their concerns within the Village. The Mayor read an email that the Village sent out to residents with regards to the status of the beach.

- Village meeting change - January Village meeting changed to January 19, 2010.

Resolutions:

- Resolution to approve the adoption of the Red Flag Policy:

Motion by: Trustee Woolfson

Seconded: Trustee Craig

All in favor: Unanimous

All opposed: None

- Resolution to approve the minutes from the last meeting;

Motion by: Trustee Woolfson

Seconded: Trustee Craig

All in favor: Unanimous

All opposed: None

- Resolution to approve the payment of standard and ordinary monthly bills;

Motion by: Trustee Craig

Seconded: Trustee Trimarchi

All in favor: Unanimous

All opposed: None

- Motion to close the meeting: 9:00 p.m.

Motion: Trustee Craig

Seconded: Trustee Woolfson

All in favor: Unanimous

All opposed: None