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INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF WEST HAMPTON DUNES

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

February 24th, 2020

7:30 PM

Meeting held at

598 Broadhollow Road, Executive Room 2, Melville, NY

APPEARANCES:

- Gary Vegliante, Mayor
- John Eff, Jr., Trustee
- Barry Goldfeder, Trustee
- Michael Craig, Trustee
- Gary Trimarchi, Trustee

ALSO PRESENT:

- Joseph Prokop, Village Attorney
- Angela Sadeli, Village Clerk
- Aram Terchunian, Commissioner of Wildlife
Protection
- Claire Vegliante, Treasurer

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MR. PROKOP: Well, we're now in the public meeting, if you want you can have a vote to open the public meeting.

MAYOR VEGLIANTE: Okay. Motion to open a public meeting.

TRUSTEE CRAIG: Second.

MAYOR VEGLIANTE: Second by Mike.

All in favor?

(Chorus of ayes).

Village Improvement District.

Aram, you want to start taking the floor as to what is going on and what's proposed to go on?

MR. TERCHUNIAN: My name is Aram Terchunian. I'm a coastal geologist and I work for the Village of West Hampton Dunes.

The Village Improvement District, just for a quick background, consists of ten properties -- 12 properties, and it is located between 674 and 696 Dune Road. This is just a location map just to to familiar yourself with the area.

If you recall, the initial project

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was to -- the initial concept was to do

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a project for all 12 properties, there

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was an access easement issue and

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therefore the project went ahead with

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only six properties. That access

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easement issue has been resolved, and so

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now, we're re-examining the project.

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The Board all has a copy of my

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THE CLERK: Yes.

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MR. TERCHUNIAN: I have extras here

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if anybody wants them.

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So the -- just a brief history of

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the initial project of the six

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properties, what we call a rock core

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dune was built which is a rock revetment

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remember the exact date, I think we're

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MAYOR VEGLIANTE: About three years

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MR. TERCHUNIAN: It was designed as

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a five-year project.

So there was some damage on that project in year one, the additional rock was added to increase the elevation, and the rock was recovered and the dune grass was replanted. That lasted quite well for about a year and a half. This past winter we had some additional storms starting in October. And, at least mercifully so far, has not gotten any worse where part of the sand cover on top of the rock was washed away.

However, the good news is that the rock did exactly what it's supposed to do which is stop any further erosion of the property. The sand that was previously covering the rock has now been eroded and moved naturally onto the beach, so the beach itself is actually more robust now than it was before. So all of these were understood in the design process so there's actually money in the budget right now to do the last level of what we call re-nourishment,

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2 same on the ocean, just at a much
3 smaller scale. There's something on the
4 order of \$30,000 in the budget, and that
5 would cover -- that would accommodate
6 the cost of covering the rocks over with
7 sand this spring, which can be done
8 before the end of March. And the
9 village has permits to do all of that
10 work.

11 At the same time, after the damage
12 that occurred in October, the desire, on
13 behalf of some of the people in the
14 Village Improvement District, what
15 additional things can be done.

16 So we've examined that, and I'll
17 just tell you what my recommendation is
18 and then get into the reasons why.

19 So I recommend that the Village
20 look at doing what's called a living
21 shoreline. A living shoreline is a
22 little bit different, and we only have
23 one big copy of this and then if other
24 people want to come look at it
25 afterwards they can. It's a very pretty

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picture. This is a project that we designed and are in the process of getting permitted, and it's about a half-mile away. This is 10 properties that exist between two large bulkheads.

And a living shoreline consists of, you know, basically, two fundamental pieces. One is an offshore breakwater that's designed to break the waves, and then the other is a rock core dune, which is the component that exists already on six of the properties.

Living shorelines are something that's become much more common after a Superstorm Sandy. The state has actually written a handbook on how they want that to occur, but curiously, despite that, the State regulatory apparatus has not caught up with the design and the science. And this particular project, we have been in the permit phase for almost two years.

So nevertheless, we believe -- I believe that this project is suitable

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for the shoreline, but it's going to take quite a long -- much longer period of time to get permitted than I originally desired.

But I think the Village should go forward with that, and my recommendation is that you have a meeting with the affected property owners, that we go through what it looks like, how much is costs, and how long it's going to take to build it. My preliminary estimates, and these are a very large range because, again, the permit process dictates a lot of our cost, so without having the final permits in hand, it's very difficult to cost-estimate it out. But for these 12 properties, I think it's in the range of \$300,000 to \$500,000 to complete a project of this magnitude.

Now, obviously, doing that through the village improvement district, there's a bonding issue and the village has other bonding issues that they want

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to consider, obviously, and do on an annual basis. So instead of going for a separate bond just for this, you know, cost you the same to go for one bond as it does for multiples, this is the type of number that I would put forward with you as a budget number when you consider your bonding process.

TRUSTEE TRIMARCHI: This is taking what's going on with the interest rates that we discussed today? I mean, they sunk today because of the Coronavirus.

MAYOR VEGLIANTE: I want to be very clear for everybody, we're talking about a Village Improvement District, which means that the people that are in that district are the only ones paying for it. Although the village gets the bonding secured for those families, it does not cost any other village resident, all the cost of that bond and all the cost of the project go to the people within that district.

TRUSTEE GOLDFEDER: But it does sit

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on our balance sheet.

MAYOR VEGLIANTE: Yes.

TRUSTEE GOLDFEDER: We're guaranteed the bond.

TRUSTEE TRIMARCHI: We can get it, that would be better. I have a question about something Aram made a comment on. And I think Stanley mentioned this to me today about the issue of putting the sand back on the replenishment that's there already.

And Aram, you can explain to Stanley exactly what you said to me today which I thought was a good idea, Stanley, it wasn't such a bad thing.

MR. TERCHUNIAN: Sure, so we have about \$30,000 left in the budget, which was what we had held in reserve to cover the rocks over with sand in the event that they were exposed.

TRUSTEE GOLDFEDER: The initial bond?

MR. TERCHUNIAN: The initial

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bond --

TRUSTEE GOLDFEDER: So this is

the --

TRUSTEE CRAIG: This is just for
the six that got the project.

MR. TERCHUNIAN: Just for the six.

RESIDENT STANLEY: How can you have
only \$30,000 in the budget if it was
budget for a project for 12 homes?

MR. TERCHUNIAN: It wasn't budgeted
for 12, it was only budgeted -- we had
to shrink the project to six.

(Unreportable cross-talk).

TRUSTEE GOLDFEDER: Originally,
there was two phases, so there was phase
one that had the first six homes, which
floated the first fund, and then the
next six homes would be phase two.

RESIDENT STANLEY: How much was the
first bond?

UNIDENTIFIED RESIDENT: \$100,000.

MR. TERCHUNIAN: It was 200.

RESIDENT STANLEY: I mean, the
whole project was originally \$328,000,

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for 12 homes. So if you take that and split that in half, okay? So is that what you did? You took half of it?

TRUSTEE GOLDFEDER: Oh, I dind't do anything. It's what the VID chose to do with the funds. So it's th VID's project. So what the VID should have is they should have anointed a VID president or champion that speaks for the VID community. We don't do that. We're just good neighbors that help float the bond for you.

TRUSTEE TRIMARCHI: I think we drifted from the original question.

We're discussing the addition of the sand, Stanley, that you were talking about with me on the phone, thinking it as a waste of money. As Aram explained it to me today, he said that that sand, if we spent the money for that, will be recreated on the beach itself, which is not a bad thing. It's going to take the sand that we dump, put money on there, and increase your property.

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RESIDENT STANLEY: The only -- it's not increasing. What's happening is it's just washing out into the bay and it's making the bay shallower and shallower every year. We're losing our beach.

MR. TERCHUNIAN: So, you know, a lot of this is perception, okay? And I deal with this, you know, every day because, you know, as a geologist, I look at things from a very scientific point of view and over a long period of time. So what happens, this -- sand is not like sugar. It doesn't dissolve in water. So the sand that's in the dune, when it gets moved moved, eroded out of the dune, it has to go somewhere, it can't disappear. And what it does, is it spreads out along the beach and so the beach is a little bit higher and a little bit wider. That's where the sand goes. It doesn't go across Moriches Bay, it doesn't go to Moriches Inlet, it stays within a very narrowly defined

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area. That benefits everyone that's in that small area.

Now, if you choose not to do it, that's fine. I think you have an obligation under your current permit to continue to do that, and I think if you did put the sand in, one of two things is going to happen. Number One, it's going to be fine, it's not going to get eroded. We're all going to sit down, we're going to figure out how to do a living shoreline and build an offshore breakwater, and get that built in the next year, or you could have a storm and it could be eroded away. But it doesn't disappear, it's always providing a benefit.

TRUSTEE GOLDFEDER: It's going to come back to the beach no matter what happens.

TRUSTEE TRIMARCHI: If we don't do it, the beach will continue to erode.

MR. TERCHUNIAN: We have been through this on a number of things.

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2 What happens on these bay side beaches
3 is they are constrained by the volume of
4 sand that they get when they're
5 initially created by God or nature or by
6 overwash like what happened with us. So
7 if you remember, back 25 years ago, when
8 the inlet opened and there was sand
9 everywhere, the bay beaches were giant.
10 But over time, they're eroded. Go
11 behind Harvey's house, he's losing five
12 feet a year. If you go to your
13 properties in the VID, you're losing
14 three and a half feet of property every
15 single year. Now what's happened is the
16 property line is stable, because we have
17 rocks, and the beach itself is
18 maintaining its width because the
19 erosion that would naturally occur,
20 which would narrow that beach every year
21 is not occurring because the sand is
22 eroded out of the dune, deposits on the
23 beach, and maintains the wide beach.

24 Beaches are like bank accounts. If
25 you don't keep putting sand or money

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2 into the bank account and you keep
3 writing checks a/k/a erosion, which has
4 happened, our background erosion rate is
5 three and a half feet a year, you
6 eventually have no beach at all and you
7 just have water up against the rocks.
8 And I can show you 20 properties within
9 half a mile of where you are where
10 that's the case. So that is exactly why
11 the project design was build a rock core
12 dune, so that you have the positive
13 protection of your property, and provide
14 enough money in the five-year bond so
15 that when that dune is eroded, because
16 it's going to be eroded, and that's sand
17 moves into the beach, then you have
18 enough money left in your bond to
19 replace the dunes, so when it happens
20 again it re-nourishes the beach again.

21 The next step in this process is
22 the living shoreline where we reduce the
23 wave energy by building the offshore
24 breakwater, such that these erosion
25 events, instead of occurring every

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couple of years, maybe they occur every five or eight years.

So this is an ongoing issue, you can't -- this a not a one and done operation.

RESIDENT THERESA: I have a couple of questions. I'm sorry to interrupt. Could you explain, in September and October --

MR. PROKOP: Excuse me. Could everybody just say their name, at least a first name?

RESIDENT THERESA: 650 Dune Road, Theresa.

MR. PROKOP: Thank you. I'm sorry to interrupt you.

RESIDENT THERESA: Could you explain, back in September and October, when we had the exact same discussion, had you applied for the permits? Because I think the 12 homeowners were agreeable to do this shoreline. Had there been permits applied for? Were they going to do the ones we had and

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extend them? How does that work?

MR. TERCHUNIAN: The permits were not applied for and we were unable to apply for the permits because the lynchpin property in the middle of the project had -- we did not have access to build over that section of the property.

TRUSTEE TRIMARCHI: You're talking about --

MR. TERCHUNIAN: Nor did we have a budget line or a bond to draw upon to do that work.

RESIDENT THERESA: So if you were to put back the sand for this season, is there anything to put over the dune to anchor the sand and the growth rather than it replenish the beach and the beach might replenish on its own because over the years, I'm sure that it moves on its own.

Is there anything to keep the sand anchored over the dune and the growth anchored to it? Anything on wrap over that?

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MR. TERCHUNIAN: The answer is no. And the reason is this: The beach does not come and go, the beach just goes. The background erosion rate is three and a half feet per year. So unless you're continually placing sand onto that beach or somehow reducing the erosion by an offshore breakwater which dampens the wave energy, you are always going to have to continue to place sand. The entire permit is based upon the fact that this is a nature based feature. Although there is rock inside the dune to provide property protection, the dune itself is designed to be eroded.

TRUSTEE CRAIG: Aram, can you spend some time on where you are with that permitting process on the project?

MR. TERCHUNIAN: To the east?

TRUSTEE CRAIG: Yes. I mean, that's the future. That's where we should be.

MR. TERCHUNIAN: That's where we should be. So we have ten properties,

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2 eight of which have signed up. We have
3 filed six of the eight permits with the
4 State. Three of those permits have
5 completed their required public notice
6 period, and we're waiting for the State
7 to give us the comments that came on the
8 public notice which we then have to
9 respond to. Three of them will have the
10 public notice, 30-day notice, issued
11 probably within the next week or ten
12 days, I hope. And then we will wait for
13 that notice to expire, we'll respond to
14 those public comments, and we'll move
15 forward. That's only one of the four
16 agencies we have to deal with.

17 TRUSTEE GOLDFEDER: Is that why --

18 TRUSTEE CRAIG: You're saying "the
19 State," is that the DEC?

20 MR. TERCHUNIAN: The DEC.

21 TRUSTEE GOLDFEDER: Is that why
22 there's 10 instead of 12?

23 MR. TERCHUNIAN: Well, 10 was stuck
24 in my head because I'm working on a 10
25 one over here.

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TRUSTEE GOLDFEDER: So there's
still 12?

MR. TERCHUNIAN: There's still 12.
That was my error.

TRUSTEE CRAIG: So the State is
one?

MR. TERCHUNIAN: The DEC is one,
the other one is the Southampton Town
Trustees. They're totally on board with
this project. All they want is the
final comments from the state notice to
be incorporated into our design plan,
and then they have indicated publicly
that they're ready to move forward to
permit it. The other two are the IS
Army Corps of Engineers, and the New
York State Department of State. My
conversations with -- well, first of
all, this project, a living shoreline in
the manner that we've designed it,
actually fits into what's called a
nationwide permit. And this particular
type of permit, that is essentially
pre-approved. So that means that if I,

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2 you know, if I stick to the script and I
3 produce a product design that meetings
4 that nationwide criteria, then I'm
5 supposed to automatically get a permit.
6 Unfortunately, the New York office has
7 decided they want to review all of --
8 they don't want to review them on a
9 lot-by-lot basis, they want to review
10 all of them together. So they're going
11 to -- we're going to get our permits
12 because we meet all the criteria,
13 they're just going to make us jump
14 through some more hoops.

15 RESIDENT STANLEY: Well, how many
16 years are you into this already?

17 MR. TERCHUNIAN: Two on that one,
18 just about two years.

19 RESIDENT STANLEY: So if we were to
20 get into this also, could we piggyback
21 on your application?

22 MR. TERCHUNIAN: We can't piggyback
23 on the specific application, but we can
24 use that application as a template in
25 order to speed up the permit review

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2 process. We have gone through three
3 separate redesigns on this where we put
4 in our initial design and they came back
5 and they said, well, we're not really
6 happy with that. So I say, okay, can
7 you give me a clue as to which parts you
8 don't like? And they said, well, change
9 this, change this, change this. Okay,
10 great.

11 We produced a second set of plans,
12 they said, ehh, not quite there. I
13 said, can we meet? Can we get together?
14 So we met, we had about 12 people in a
15 room about this size around a table, it
16 was very interesting. We tweaked this
17 and we tweaked that. And I said, is
18 this going to give us a permit? And
19 they said, well, we can't tell you that,
20 but we really think that you should
21 finalize these plans and send them in.
22 This is the way it works.

23 So we did that, and as I said, I
24 issued the public notice on three of
25 them, they're about to issue a public

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notice on three more, and then the other two are going to --

TRUSTEE GOLDFEDER: So Aram, as a village, should we look for the 32 or 42 homes that are west of this as a group so that you don't have this issue for a group permit? So that if individual homeowners want to do this, they don't have to go back to that --

MR. TERCHUNIAN: Unfortunately, the permit process does not allow for that. The permit process is parcel by parcel. So even though it's a unified project with a unified design, the permit process is parcel by parcel.

TRUSTEE GOLDFEDER: So they just want their pounds of flesh?

MR. TERCHUNIAN: It's just the way their system is set up, and they're not motivated to change it.

TRUSTEE GOLDFEDER: They're looking at it piecemeal as opposed to a whole.

MR. TERCHUNIAN: They're looking at the project in a uniform project and how

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it affects the entire shoreline, but they want you to come in, you know, give me all ten. I'll look through all ten, but you have to give me ten.

RESIDENT STANLEY: Are you going to have to get all 12 residents in our district to agree to this?

MR. TERCHUNIAN: Yes.

RESIDENT STANLEY: Because we know we have a lot of pushback from one particular person.

MR. TERCHUNIAN: Yes.

MAYOR VEGLIANTE: Well, not anymore.

RESIDENT STANLEY: But this will be a new cost?

TRUSTEE CRAIG: You're going to have to get every person on board.

MR. TERCHUNIAN: Well, just so we understand, half of this project is in the water.

RESIDENT STANLEY: Excuse me?

MR. TERCHUNIAN: Half the project is in the water.

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RESIDENT STANLEY: Right.

MR. TERCHUNIAN: Okay, so it's not on -- it's on public land, it's not on private property.

TRUSTEE TRIMARCHI: But we still need access.

TRUSTEE CRAIG: If I'm hearing you correctly, you can not file as a VID, so the VID, as far as this is concerned, doesn't matter. Each person needs to agree to this.

MR. PROKOP: It's always been that way.

MR. TERCHUNIAN: Yeah, it's always been that way. The VID is merely a vehicle.

TRUSTEE CRAIG: My point is: If you've got 12 people in this VID and five say we don't want to participate, the other seven can't make those five because --

MR. TERCHUNIAN: No:

TRUSTEE CRAIG: -- you're applying individually.

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TRUSTEE TRIMARCHI: I'll go out on a limb a little, and I'm thinking that we won't have a problem having the one homeowner that was a problem --

MAYOR VEGLIANTE: There may be others.

TRUSTEE CRAIG: The optics on this is different. When you had a VID, all 12 agreed, but if there was a simple majority, it was going forward anyway. This is not that.

TRUSTEE TRIMARCHI: But I think that people have learned that's suicidal, everyone --

TRUSTEE CRAIG: I get it.

TRUSTEE TRIMARCHI: -- that owns these bayfront properties, it's suicidal not to get on board. And I think that we showed the first guy who gave us a hard time the light.

TRUSTEE GOLDFEDER: So this would be a second assessment on VID 1, but there would be a collective assessment on the new VID 2, the 12 that are in

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this offshore project?

MR. TERCHUNIAN: Correct.

TRUSTEE CRAIG: What's your timing for this?

MR. TERCHUNIAN: It's a year.

TRUSTEE CRAIG: A year from now?

TRUSTEE TRIMARCHI: Well the party is over because April 1st, the birds come, so were not doing anything on this.

MR. TERCHUNIAN: I mean, the construction on this is not a big deal. If you remember when we did the first one, we knocked it out in two weeks. I mean, that was a really good contractor.

TRUSTEE TRIMARCHI: But it won't make the birds.

MR. TERCHUNIAN: No.

TRUSTEE CRAIG: Stanley, I made this suggestion to one of your neighbors, Phil. You guys should come up with a date and meet with Aram and discuss this as a group. Whether you want to move forward and then get those

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permits started. Because it he's a year out on this --

RESIDENT STANLEY: Well, I understand. But what I'm confused is: We only put in the sand bags on six homes. Are there sand bags going into is the other six homes?

MR. TERCHUNIAN: No. There's only -- the sand cubes exist only on the Glantz property right now because he was on the first run.

RESIDENT STANLEY: So there's nothing on those other homes?

MR. TERCHUNIAN: The other homes have nothing. We're starting from scratch over there.

TRUSTEE TRIMARCHI: But does that inhibit them from continuing on for the year until we all know that that sand doesn't work and get's washed away --

MR. TERCHUNIAN: No. I mean, when you said how long -- putting something together for the VID from now until construction will take a year. This

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other project is going ahead --

TRUSTEE TRIMARCHI: So that will include Glantz?

MR. TERCHUNIAN: Yeah.

RESIDENT STANLEY: What I'm trying to understand is: I understand you want to put sand on the existing ones that are there.

MR. TERCHUNIAN: Right.

RESIDENT STANLEY: What about the ones that were approved that haven't gotten anything?

MR. TERCHUNIAN: Well, they were never approved.

RESIDENT STANLEY: What do you mean? They were approved.

MR. TERCHUNIAN: No, because we did the sand bags.

RESIDENT STANLEY: Right.

MR. TERCHUNIAN: The DEC came down and stopped us right at Glantz. We then said, okay, fine, listen, we really want to do a rock core dune, we don't want to do the sand bags. And they said, okay,

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give us a design. We went through that process, and those initial six got the rock core done. The other six got nothing.

RESIDENT STANLEY: Correct.

MR. TERCHUNIAN: So all of the costs and everything associated with VID 1, are on that six.

The other guys, now, we have to redesign a totally new project for them and an add -on project for VID 1.

MR. PROKOP: So it sounds like the permission agreements have to be extended. So I think that I need to ask you for a realistic timeline of how long they need to be.

MR. TERCHUNIAN: All my timelines are realistic, Joe.

MR. PROKOP: I didn't mean --

(Unreportable cross-talk).

UNIDENTIFIED RESIDENT: Are we sure 12 families are on board on this?

MR. TERCHUNIAN: No, we're not. And I think that's why, you know, my

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2 suggestion, which is, hey, let's get
3 together, let's lay this out. I'll
4 produce some documents for you, we'll go
5 through the cost estimates that we put
6 together and look at the performance of
7 this, and we don't have a lot of
8 examples in New York because we can't
9 get permits, but this has been done on
10 the Chesapeake Bay and in the Carolinas
11 for three decades. And it's very
12 effective. We have a lot of performance
13 results from those projects.

14 TRUSTEE CRAIG: Can I just make a
15 recommendation? Send an e-mail to the
16 12, three dates that you can have a
17 meeting. Can we use 906?

18 MS. FABRIZIO: Of course. I mean,
19 as soon as it's available. It's not
20 available right now, but if it's --

21 RESIDENT STANLEY: Or could we do
22 it some place over here, somewhere in
23 this area.

24 MAYOR VEGLIANTE: We'll do it
25 wherever you like. We'll get it.

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2 TRUSTEE CRAIG: Maybe Joe can host.

3 MR. PROKOP: We'll get you
4 something.

5 TRUSTEE CRAIG: The main thing is
6 three dates that work.

7 MR. TERCHUNIAN: They're out of
8 here at the end of March.

9 TRUSTEE CRAIG: The end of March,
10 and I was just saying --

11 RESIDENT THERESA: You need to
12 move.

13 TRUSTEE CRAIG: -- you need to
14 move, yeah.

15 MR. TERCHUNIAN: We can -- finding
16 a location is not going to be a problem.
17 If push comes to shove we can go to the
18 library.

19 TRUSTEE GOLDFEDER: Can we also get
20 a copy of the last two years' reports
21 that you filed at the end of the year to
22 the DEC.

23 MR. TERCHUNIAN: Sure. I thought I
24 had already sent those to you.

25 TRUSTEE CRAIG: The last thing is

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what do you want to do with the re-nourishment? It sounds like you're obligated by permit, Aram?

MR. TERCHUNIAN: Yeah. I think it's beneficial. I just looked over the numbers on the last one where we actually added rock and put in the sand. We got the whole thing for about \$35,000.

RESIDENT THERESA: Could we add rock or sand?

MR. TERCHUNIAN: We may be able to but the price of sand has gone way up in the last two years.

RESIDENT THERESA: And it looks like the rocks have dislodged and we lost some rocks.

MR. TERCHUNIAN: Some did wash around.

RESIDENT THERESA: Could we do rock and sand?

MR. TERCHUNIAN: Well, let's put it this way, we can definitely put together a bid package. If it comes in within

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our budget, we should do it.

RESIDENT THERESA: And it has to be done before April 1st?

MR. TERCHUNIAN: Yeah. It's okay. We have a bid packet ready to go, it's a 15-day notice. These guys are good.

MAYOR VEGLIANTE: Any questions?

RESIDENT STANLEY: Can I ask the Board a question?

MAYOR VEGLIANTE: Of course.

RESIDENT STANLEY: I don't know if all the original other side are still the owners. If I could get a list of the owners that did not participate --

MAYOR VEGLIANTE: We'll give you a list of everybody in the VID.

RESIDENT STANLEY: -- it would save us just in case there are any changes of ownership.

MR. PROKOP: Can I make a suggestion? You vote to put in an RFP for the re-nourishment.

TRUSTEE CRAIG: I'll make a motion to --

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2 MAYOR VEGLIANTE: Motion by Mike,
3 second by Gary.

4 All opposed?

5 MR. PROKOP: Put a request for
6 proposals for the re-nourishment.

7 RESIDENT STANLEY: I have another
8 question. Do we have to get approval
9 from the Board of the town to create a
10 board --

11 MAYOR VEGLIANTE: You mean the
12 village? Not the town.

13 MR. TERCHUNIAN: No, the process is
14 that you guys vote internally and then
15 send a letter to the village board that
16 says this is our committee.

17 MAYOR VEGLIANTE: Okay?

18 TRUSTEE TRIMARCHI: We're behind
19 you. We're not going to stop anyone.

20 UNIDENTIFIED RESIDENT: If you lose
21 the bay you might as well lose the
22 ocean.

23 MAYOR VEGLIANTE: You don't have to
24 talk us into that. I agree.

25 RESIDENT STANLEY: We could just

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let it wash away and just wash back into
the ocean.

MAYOR VEGLIANTE: If you want to do
that with your own property, I can't
stop you.

MR. TERCHUNIAN: So if everybody is
good there, we'll move on to the beach
replenishment.

So all good news. As of last
Wednesday, they were up to 707 Dune
Road. So we all have a memo. I only
have two copies. In essence, we're
two-thirds of the way through the
project as of last Wednesday. So there
will be a meeting -- there's a meeting
every Wednesday that I go to where they
give an update on the project. I'll
tell you, last week, they've been going
great guns. This has definitely got to
be done by the end of --

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So yes, we have two dredges. The
Weeks and the Lind home since
February 9th. So they're doing very

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well. They've placed six -- as of last Wednesday, 668,000 yards, and they have about 300,000 more to place. So they're doing very well. I'll bet you that number is half on Wednesday. That they probably only have about 100,000 to 150,000 yards more to go before they finish that project.

So I showed -- 707 is where Station 6 is.

TRUSTEE TRIMARCHI: So let me just say something in reference to what Aram was just talking about. I've been watching you pretty closely, I went down there myself three or four times over the season. And the good thing is that we really haven't lost, at least in the westerly -- in the easterly area -- any dune at all. The worst that has happened is we've created a huge ledge right where the dune starts, that was approximately in the 990 areas about 14 feet. So from where your walkover was ending, you had about a 14-foot drop.

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When the Army Corps got across that thing, it turned into about six feet. So we replenished the beach great with the elevation, and we really didn't lose any dune or any -- not much of any secretary dune that was built up over the years.

TRUSTEE GOLDFEDER: The 800 block was the dune -- there were 12 steps that were put in, they're gone.

TRUSTEE TRIMARCHI: You mean they're buried?

TRUSTEE GOLDFEDER: They're buried.

TRUSTEE TRIMARCHI: East of there were buried years ago. When Herb made us put in those removable ones, they're just barely showing right now. It's really great.

TRUSTEE CRAIG: That's gone. We lost an 80-foot wide by 25-foot tall berm --

MR. TERCHUNIAN: The good news is: Of the roughly million yards that they placed in our segment, they started at

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the West Hampton House, and then they're going to work down to about the 800s. So all that sand that's in the east has been --

TRUSTEE GOLDFEDER: That first eastern jetty is covered, and that sand is just going to come straight over.

MR. TERCHUNIAN: Exactly. Nothing in the way of stopping it from coming.

TRUSTEE GOLDFEDER: Technology and progress that's really worked unbelievable.

MR. TERCHUNIAN: Steel and diesel.

So that's all good news, I think we should be wrapped up.

RESIDENT MARK: I'm Mark, 677 Dune. I think you've done an incredible job as far as replacing the beach in terms of volume, height, width, et cetera, but I've been a Long Island resident for a lot of years, I lived in Long Beach for many years it's a whole different ball, but what the south shore is known for is its nice smooth silky un-rocky sand.

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And the donor site, if you ask me,
doesn't really meet the specs of what
should be as far as compatible sand.
I've been out there and it's -- the
amount of rock, I might as well be on
the north shore. This is not a south
shore beach.

TRUSTEE GOLDFEDER: It's silty.
And it's silty because they're bringing
it in from offshore.

RESIDENT MARK: Well, I will say --
look, I'm happy that the beach is
replenished, but I have to say that the
quality of sand is poor. It is not
compatible with what south shore sand
is. And I didn't buy in the south shore
so that I could be at a rocky thing like
in Hampton Bays or something like that.

And personally, I think that we
should find a way to have a, you know,
the machines that go through it and get
the rock out of, you know the top layer
of sand, which I was told it's going to
be a problem because when bird season is

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2 there. And, you know, I doubt something
3 can be done before that, but maybe after
4 the season. Let's put it this way, I,
5 personally, want to be able to put my
6 feed in the sand and not have it come
7 out looking --

8 TRUSTEE GOLDFEDER: So I've
9 experienced this and the number is 60.
10 60-mile an hour winds will cover every
11 piece of silt that you see on this beach
12 with fresh sand.

13 TRUSTEE CRAIG: I saw what you -- I
14 went and inspected the beach the other
15 day. I think the benefit that I came
16 away with, other than, yeah, getting
17 hurt feet, is this is a heavier sand and
18 that rock will keep that sand in place,
19 versus a silty sand that will literally
20 blow --

21 RESIDENT MARK: Look in theory --
22 I'm not a geologist, I've done some
23 reading and they say, the whole key is
24 to get the same kind of sand, you know,
25 that you have. And this isn't the same

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kind of sand that was there. And I'm new to the -- I only bought last year.

TRUSTEE GOLDFEDER: Obviously it was a dirtier dredging site.

MR. TERCHUNIAN: Well, I'm going to respectfully disagree. The sand is dead-on compatible. I'll give you the grain size analysis. This sand is beautiful.

RESIDENT MARK: Well, the sand itself is beautiful, but mixed in the sand is an incredible percentage of rock, and --

MR. TERCHUNIAN: Okay. It's less than one-half of one percent.

RESIDENT MARK: You want to go down with me one day?

MR. TERCHUNIAN: I'll show you the run results. They have a giant cage that's half the side of this desk here, and they ran the stuff -- they ran the loads through, and if it breaks a certain percentage, then they use the cage. They didn't have to, they're

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pumping 15,000 yards of sand and they're getting less than a quarter-yard of stone coming through.

RESIDENT MARK: Well, you know what, I have a feeling that certain sections were better than others.

MR. TERCHUNIAN: Well, that could be.

RESIDENT MARK: But I will tell you, where I am, it's almost embarrassing to call it a south shore beach.

MR. TERCHUNIAN: Well, okay, that's -- everybody's entitled to --

RESIDENT MARK: It's not an opinion. It's not an opinion because, Aram, I think if you went down and saw the stretch that we're talking about, you would --

MR. TERCHUNIAN: I'm there three times a week.

RESIDENT MARK: Well, if you saw that and you went through, you'd say, this is not what the south shore beaches

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are like.

MR. TERCHUNIAN: I respectfully disagree.

RESIDENT MARK: Well, I think, respectfully, look, as far as I'm concerned, I certainly would like to think about what we do to resolve it a bit. And I'm thrilled -- I'm happy to have beach, but at the same time, I think I'd like to be able to review a way to make the sand the kind of quality I expected.

MR. TERCHUNIAN: I think nature is going to do that.

TRUSTEE GOLDFEDER: The wind is certainly going to cover it up with fresh sand. And I'll say --

MR. TERCHUNIAN: I'll tell you what is going to happen. I'll tell you exactly what's going to happen. What's going to happen is the wind, over the winter, is going to blow. It's going to blow a lot of the sand away and you're going to see more rock, okay? You're

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2 going to see more rock. It's going to
3 happen. And then in the summertime, the
4 wind shifts, velocities drop, and the
5 sand starts drifting around and starts
6 covering over and the sun bleaches all
7 that stuff, and then come around August,
8 it looks whole hell of a lot different.
9 And by next year, you won't even be able
10 to tell the difference.

11 MEMBER GOLDFEDER: And then the
12 fishermen come and they drive on the
13 beach and those rocks go even deeper and
14 then more sand blows and it gets even
15 softer.

16 MAYOR VEGLIANTE: One thing I have
17 to say is the sand that's on the beach
18 is exactly the sand that was on the
19 beach 10 years ago, same sand that was
20 on the beach 30 years ago. When the
21 storms come and they move the beach out,
22 it goes to the --

23 MR. TERCHUNIAN: No, this sand is
24 10,000 years old.

25 MAYOR VEGLIANTE: Right.

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MR. TERCHUNIAN: It's the same beach from 10,000 years ago.

RESIDENT MARK: That might be, but I assume the donor site is way out east because I see the boats.

MR. TERCHUNIAN: No, it's about a mile off shore. It's in 40 feet of water. And if you run back the geologic clock about 8,000 to 10,000 years, that's where the beach was.

TRUSTEE CRAIG: Aram, let's talk about the wind blowing the sand around. We now need a row of snow fence from east to west.

MR. TERCHUNIAN: I think you do, but you might have some issues because of the way that the state and the county have filed your tax maps.

MAYOR VEGLIANTE: Well, that's if they find out. I think --

MR. TERCHUNIAN: I don't think the village can be involved in that.

TRUSTEE GOLDFEDER: Nobody has ever made me take down a snow fence.

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2 MAYOR VEGLIANTE: And you'd have a
3 hard argument to do that.

4 TRUSTEE GOLDFEDER: Well it's a
5 great thing that the homeowners can do
6 it themselves.

7 RESIDENT MARK: Would you want to
8 do it in conjunction --

9 TRUSTEE TRIMARCHI: We'd like to
10 but there are issues with doing it in
11 conjunction.

12 MR. TERCHUNIAN: The village can't
13 be the to proponents.

14 TRUSTEE TRIMARCHI: You can protect
15 your own beach --

16 RESIDENT MARK: So in other words,
17 like the VID can put neighbors together
18 and say, like, this is the point at
19 which you're going to do it so there's
20 some continuity?

21 MR. TERCHUNIAN: It's still -- but
22 the village is not involved. This is
23 just private.

24 MAYOR VEGLIANTE: We could just
25 make contact --

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TRUSTEE CRAIG: We can strongly suggest you do it, as soon as possible.

MR. TERCHUNIAN: We can give you a specification so it's done right. Because no metal. No metal posts. If you talk to someone that says put in metal posts, that's the wrong person.

MEMBER GOLDFEDER: 2 x 2 x 2 x 8s and have a stone fence so it collects the --

UNIDENTIFIED RESIDENT: So that there's metal between the slats.

MR. TERCHUNIAN: Yes. No metal posts.

TRUSTEE GOLDFEDER: Two-by-twos.

MR. TERCHUNIAN: So we'll provide a specification to the village.

TRUSTEE CRAIG: Any landscaper out there on won't do it.

MR. TERCHUNIAN: You're better off finding somebody who's done it more than twice.

TRUSTEE GOLDFEDER: If you take a look at 853, 855, and you see how much

1 -MAYOR'S REPORT-

2 sand --

3 TRUSTEE TRIMARCHI: You know,
4 anywhere from 50 to 100 feet of snow
5 fence, it's not a lot.

6 MAYOR VEGLIANTE: It will make a
7 difference.

8 UNIDENTIFIED RESIDENT: Where the
9 existing one was.

10 TRUSTEE TRIMARCHI: You can have
11 the --

12 (Unreportable cross-talk).

13 TRUSTEE GOLDFEDER: And how fast it
14 builds up.

15 UNIDENTIFIED RESIDENT: Their beach
16 is not his property. The beach is
17 everybody's property.

18 UNIDENTIFIED RESIDENT: So
19 theoretically --

20 TRUSTEE CRAIG: There's plenty of
21 people in that stretch that would do it.

22 MR. TERCHUNIAN: A couple of gaps
23 is not the end of the world.

24 RESIDENT MARK: Well that's not
25 anyone's property.

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2 MR. TERCHUNIAN: That's --

3 TRUSTEE CRAIG: Just leave the
4 walkways open. It will show up.
5 They'll think the Army Corps did it.

6 (Unreportable cross-talk).

7 MAYOR VEGLIANTE: We had it, but it
8 was stopped. Tim Bishop got it renewed
9 and then they stopped it. And then Lee
10 Zeldin got renewed, and they stopped it.

11 MR. PROKOP: Is it true that two
12 dredges were taken away from projects on
13 the island?

14 UNIDENTIFIED RESIDENT: Have you
15 gone to Mar-A-Lago? That's what the
16 news said.

17 RESIDENT MARK: That's why we're
18 not in Fire Island.

19 MAYOR VEGLIANTE: That's right.
20 That's why you have us aboard.

21 MR. TERCHUNIAN: Anything else?

22 MAYOR VEGLIANTE: Any more
23 questions?

24 MR. TERCHUNIAN: Don't forget the
25 Saint Patrick's Day parade on March

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14th. I am not the grand marshal, but I
have raffle tickets if you want to buy
them.

MR. PROKOP: Thank you.

(Time noted: 8:48 PM).

