

VILLAGE OF WEST HAMPTON DUNES
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
906 Dune Rd WHD and Via Zoom August 19, 2022 7:30pm

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

Present via Zoom: Trustee Gary Trimarchi

Meeting called to order 7:40 pm

Mayor:

- 656A Dune Rd-House is set to be delivered on September 13th. Constables are working toward getting a price for the new camera system. The village is working towards getting a staging area for when the house is delivered. Pike's beach is an option but may have to use Cupsogue. The entire house should be set in one day. Tonight, we will vote on a set crew and a crane for delivery
- NYCOM fall training school is scheduled for the second week in September. The Mayor, Clerk and Treasurer plan to attend if it fits in with the delivery of the house at 656A Dune Rd
- Rental Permits: The Building Inspector has been researching online who is displaying their permit numbers for rentals. He found that there are several advertised that do not have rental permits and will be sending letters asking those residents to obtain the necessary permits. The Mayor stated that it is a big liability for the homeowner if they do not have a permit. In light of the tragedy that happened in Southampton in a rental house the Trustees urge residents to obtain proper rental permits. The Mayor believes it is hard to defend the number of rentals and would like to see that change in our law. Possible change to the length of the season and to make the landlord more liable if there are any issues.
- Plover: A memo was provided to the village from Aram Terchunian regarding the plovers. Fencing is set to be reduced in the next few weeks. The plovers had a successful season. However, some beach may still see fencing for seabeach amaranth. You may see the Army Corp on the beach as they are prepping for our next beach renourishment.
- Future meeting dates: Some residents have issues with meetings being on Fridays. The meetings are one Friday a month and are viewable in person or via Zoom. The meetings have always been on Fridays during the summer season as residents come out for the weekend on Friday evenings. The Trustees think that Fridays in the summer are a good day for the meeting. In the winter months, starting in October, we will change the day to Tuesday. We could do the second Tuesday of the month and any bills that come in after that are usual and customary the treasurer can cut checks for. Winter meetings will be held at the village attorney's office in Melville NY.
- WHB Fire Contract: The village attorney reviewed the contract between the village and the fire department and advised the Mayor that it was ok to sign and send back.
- Surface water jurisdiction: There may be a proposal of a local law to control the placement of moorings and jet skis. There would need to be a list of areas and uses and we would regulate speed and no wake zones.
- Docks: There is no jurisdiction currently in the village. The Mayor is proposing a law for the Town to be mandated to notify the Village of any dock being built
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Trustees:

- Trustee Craig thanked the Village Clerk for setting up movie night. There was a great turnout and it seemed everyone really enjoyed the night. Moving it to the last weekend in July has brought a bigger turnout
- PSEG: Thirty homes at the beginning of the Village are on the same transformer. There were a few power outages this summer and the tech that came out was helpful and ordered a new transformer and did the work right away. The village is working on getting more transformers
- Snow fence: Snow fencing on the ocean is working great. The Trustees encourage everyone to keep putting the fencing up to create more dune.
- Stop sign: Trustee Craig noticed that the stop sign east of Cove Lane is covered and asked for it to be trimmed back.
- Ramp at walkover #1: Trustee Craig has been working with the County and met with a contractor regarding walkway #1. The benefits for this new ramp will be quick access to the beach in emergency and provide handicap access
- Injured wildlife: Trustee Craig said there was an injured bird in the surf. If anyone sees something like this you can reach out to Quogue Wildlife

Treasurer:

- Bank statements were sent out to the Board
- 96% of taxes collected around \$1,840,000 55k still outstanding
- 450k bond for 656A Dune Rd for 10 years at 4%
- Meeting with the accountant to finalize last years audit
- New firm for audit, Cullen & Danowski with a fee of 10k

Constables:

- Sharks: There have been sharks spotted in the waters not far from shore 20-30 feet. There are more bunker than usual so there is a higher chance of an encounter. Some are in waist high water it is safe but be safe.
- Speed: If there are any issues with speeding please contact the Constables as it is happening 631-404-8304 (duty phone). Constables will go to the area and run radar
- If there are any issues that may arise contact the Constables as its happening

Attorney:

- Department of State: Letter is due to the DOS. The Village received some adjournments due to issues with the Building Dept and the Clerk being out. The date now for the letter to be in is September 12th
- Southampton Town did not re-assess the entire town as they said they were going to
- 30th Anniversary of Village-The Village of West Hampton Dunes will be turning 30 next year.
- Authorization for the Village attorney to work on paperwork to acquire more properties. The Mayor stated that he heard that Peconic Land Trust is looking to acquire property within the village.
- Village Attorney attended East End Mayors lunch and noted that the Village of West Hampton Dunes is highly regarded by the members.

Public Comment:

- Concern from residents that there are some issues with a new home being built within the Village. The Mayor urged that if you believe there is a problem to contact the village office promptly so that any falsehoods can be resolved immediately. There have been emails circulating with inaccurate information about an ad that was published regarding a certain property. Resident raised concern that there will be a dock at this property, and it will impede the residents to use the

little beach that they have. Trustee Gessin stated that this is a new build owned by his company that is for sale and that there is no permit or plans for a dock to be put in by him or his company, house will be sold as is. However, once the property is sold the new owners can apply for a permit if they choose to.

- Issue concerning firepits in the dune by walkway #4. Constables will look into it.
 - Resident concern over a party that was had in the village where there were said to be 100 people on the deck, and they complained. Mayor urges residents to work issues out amongst neighbors and if it can't be resolved to contact the Police Constabulary.
 - What happens when renourishment is finished Mayor stated that the Village is part of FIMP (Fire Island to Montauk Project) which secures renourishment for our beach.
 - Meeting dates: Some residents would like to see the meetings moved to another date
 - Utility Proposal-What happened with Mr. Atanasio's proposal of shared services
 - Resident picnic for 30-year anniversary-reach out to local builders for donation
- Motion to approve the claim vouchers by the Board of Trustees

Motion by Michael Craig

Second by John J. Eff, Jr.

All in favor: Yes

None opposed

- Motion to adopt a resolution waiving of the reading of the minutes of the July 2022 meeting

Motion by John J. Eff, Jr.

Second by Harvey Gessin

All in favor: Yes

None opposed

- Motion to adopt a resolution for the Mayor, Treasurer and Clerk to attend NYCOM Fall training school in September

Motion by Michael Craig

Second by Harvey Gessin

All in favor: Yes

None opposed

- Motion to adopt a resolution for the Mayor to attend the NYCOM Executive Committee Meeting in October

Motion by Harvey Gessin

Second by Michael Craig

All in favor: Yes

None opposed

- Motion to approve the contract between the Village of West Hampton Dunes and the Westhampton Beach Fire Department for 2022-2023 totaling \$253,486

Motion by Michael Craig

Second by Harvey Gessin

All in favor: Yes

None opposed

- Motion to approve the services for a new accounting firm Cullen & Danowski, LLP at a rate of \$10k

Motion by Gary Trimarchi

Second by Harvey Gessin
All in favor: Yes
None opposed

- Motion to approve the services of a crane from LI Crane at \$3,425 for the construction at 656A Dune Rd subject to confirming prices

Motion by Harvey Gessin
Second by John J. Eff, Jr.
All in favor: Yes
None opposed

- Motion to approve the services of a set crew for 656A Dune Rd from Ralph Martin at a rate of \$4800 for the construction of 656A Dune Rd subject to confirming prices

Motion by Michael Craig
Second by Harvey Gessin
All in favor: Yes
None opposed

- Motion to approve the Mayor and Clerk to take the next lowest bid for services

Motion by Michael Craig
Second by Harvey Gessin
All in favor: Yes
None opposed

Motion to close a public meeting 8:05 pm
Motion by John J. Eff, Jr.
Second by Michael Craig
All in favor: Yes
None opposed