

VILLAGE OF WEST HAMPTON DUNES  
GENERAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

732 Smithtown Bypass Ste 100 Smithtown NY and Via Zoom March 28, 2023 7:30pm

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

Meeting called to order 7:33pm  
Pledge of Allegiance waved no flag

Public hearing on a local law to change the exterior construction law to expand the definition of disruptive work. With this change the Constables will be able to use their discretion about what is disruptive and what is not. The amended law would start the Thursday before Memorial Day weekend. There was no public comment on the matter. There was a short discussion by the Board on editing the laws and the fines.

Motion to adjourn the public hearing at 7:42pm  
Motion by John Eff  
Second by Michael Craig  
All in favor: Yes  
None opposed

Open second public hearing regarding amending the local Zoning code 7:43 pm  
There is a height limitation in the village for two stories homes and the board wants to amend it to be three stories. All new construction would still be responsible for being fully sprinkled and would need to be kept to the code. Keeping open for public comment but none at this hearing

Motion to adjourn the public hearing at 7:53pm  
Motion by John Eff  
Second by Michael Craig  
All in favor: Yes  
None opposed

General meeting of the Board of Trustees called to order at 7:53 pm

Mayor:

- Governor's Housing proposal will be a disaster for Villages. The Assembly and the Senate which is predominantly Democrat have joined NYCOM in the opposition of the proposal that was added in to the budget. This would bring an increase of approximately 800k homes to Long Island within the next few years. If this gets passed and there is not compliance there is a danger of the village losing their local zoning authority. A representative from the Governor's office was at the East End Mayors Association luncheon and discussed at length the plan for LI and UNY. Our village specifically would need to add 3-4 new homes a year to comply with this law and if we deny the building of them the contractor can go to the state for approval and bypass our laws completely. The proposal also includes for villages that have train stations to be build 15 units (affordable housing) within a half mile radius of the MTA. NYCOM is trying to stop this from getting passed in the budget.
- Plover: There was a kickoff meeting for the plover season that resulted in the date being set for the string fence. This will be 4/3/23. The clerk delivered the list of residents with special needs

to be reviewed by Fish and Wildlife for consideration for a path to the beach. The fencing once it is up will be amended mid-summer if there are no nests in the area.

- 914 Dune Road: Currently the building is being used as a meeting space for all future board meetings, Trustee and Zoning. The Clerk & Building Inspector has revamped the space to add a table and many chairs to accommodate any meetings that will be had in this building. Our first meeting is coming up for the ZBA. All future summer meetings will also be held here. The Building Inspector is also using the space to review plans and have meetings with contractors.
- Code Enforcement: Bob Kalfur is winding down as the village's Building Inspector. Our new Code Enforcement Officer is John Mcalary and he has put in many hours of training to obtain his Code enforcement certificate and has passed all of his exams with almost all 100's on every test. John is a good find and a good fit for the village.
- 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: The 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the village is coming up and we would like to have a celebration in early September. Date to be determined. If any community members would like to help support the party, please contact the village office. The Mayor stated that "many people didn't believe the village would make it yet here we are celebrating 30 years. We have the best law enforcement on the east end with two burglaries in 30 years. Thanks to Tim and Brian for all of their hard work."
- 656A Dune Rd: The building is finished and being fully used and came out great. Thank you to Trustee Gessin for all of his hard work in aiding the village in finishing the project. We would like to put a video on the website and the house is open for anyone who would like a tour.

Trustees:

- Trustee John Eff-working with LIPA, PSEG to get rebates for 656A Dune Rd. Simple line item list of equipment to see what we qualify for. Trustee Gessin is happy the project is over and anxious for residents to come out and see it finished. The berm placed behind the house is to help it stop from flooding and we can plant grass or mulch it.

Treasurer:

- Audit is not complete yet from Cullen & Danowski for 21-22
- Budget has been considered for all increases and looks like we will still come in under the 2% tax cap and the tax rate will be less than last year
- NYCLASS- The general fund accumulated interest of \$7877 and the beach fund accumulated interest of \$6014. The village will be putting the tax money in to NYCLASS this year
- Inflation has gone up

Motion to adopt to accept the tentative budget presented by the Treasurer and set a public hearing for the budget on 4/17/23

Motion by Michael Craig

Second by Gary Trimarchi

All in favor: Yes

None opposed

Constables:

- Constables are down one vehicle as one is broken and we cannot get another police interceptor. Dodge makes a interceptor for police work and we are looking in to this. It is like a Charger and a Durango combined. Would like a hybrid interceptor but there are none available. The village would need to bond approximately 65k for car, stripes, lights and computer
- New location of Constabulary allows for Constables to see who comes in and out of the village. Every officer is a certified speed expert and will be speaking with residents about their speed down Dune Road.

- Parking enforcement: During the off season parking for contractors on the road was permitted by Constables but now that the season is coming up there will be no more permission for this for safety reasons.
- Total to be bonded approximately 100k
  - Wish list for Bond:
    - 65k for car
    - 15k for radio
    - 6k for two new speed signs
    - Need additional money for upkeep of 914 Dune Road renovation

Attorney:

- Peconic Bay tax of 2.5%
- .5% to affordable housing
- Governor's housing proposal is dangerous to villages and if it goes through there will be a lot of opposition
- Opioid Litigation: There was money that was delegated out but the prior Governor and Letetia James claimed the money can only go to the state and took the funds. New settlements are coming up and hopefully the village will receive some funds.
- Need date with Altice to renew our agreement

Public Comment:

- Budget looks great thanked board for keeping an eye on the funds

Resolutions:

- Motion to approve the claim vouchers by the Board of Trustees

Motion by Gary Trimarchi

Second by Michael Craig

All in favor: Yes

None opposed

- Motion to adopt a resolution waiving of the reading of the minutes of the February 2023 meeting

Motion by Michael Craig

Second by John Eff

All in favor: Yes

None opposed

- Motion to adopt a resolution determining that the adoption of the local law authorizing the village to pierce the 2% tax cap of General Municipal Law is a Type II action for purposes of SEQRA Westhampton Beach at \$150 per hour

Motion by Gary Trimarchi

Second by Harvey Gessin

All in favor: Yes

None opposed

Motion to close a public meeting 8:50 pm

Motion by Michael Craig

Second by Gary Trimarchi

All in favor: Yes

None opposed

