

VILLAGE OF WEST HAMPTON DUNES
GENERAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
732 Smithtown Bypass Ste 100 Smithtown NY and Via Zoom April 17, 2023 at 7:30pm

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

Absent: Trustee Michael Craig,

Meeting called to order 7:38pm
Pledge of Allegiance waved no flag

Public hearing for the budget called to order and an overview of the public was spoken about. The budget is available online or in our office for viewing and comments.

Motion to approve the budget as is, submitted to the Village Clerk

Motion by Harvey Gessin

Second by John Eff

All in favor: Yes

None opposed

Mayor:

- Plover: Fencing went up for the plovers first week of April. Residents have gotten consideration for access to the beach. If you have not gotten access to the beach you can email or call the village office and we can forward the information to Fish & Wildlife for consideration of a pathway to the beach.
- Bayside Improvement District: There is a memo from Aram from 4/14/23 regarding the project known as the BID. DEC has rejected the plan for some reason and Aram has put together a proposal to move forward. They will need to hire an engineer and they have one in mind that has done living shorelines in the Patchogue area. The engineer has been in touch with Aram about the project. Need Village Attorney's advice on how to get the bond money together. Stanley is going to reach out to Phil to get any funds that are owed to Aram to be paid.
- Movie Night: Annual WHD movie night will be scheduled for Saturday 7/29/23 movie TBD
- Bob Kalfur: Bob (Building Inspector) has been with the village since 1998 in two different capacities, first as Constable and then brought in by Herb Hoffman as Building Inspector. He will be retired 4/28/23 and the village will be having a lunch to celebrate his career and retirement. We wish Bob all the best.
- 914 Dune Rd: There are plans to do a redesign on 914 Dune Rd to make a more open floor plan to host future meetings for the boards to conduct village business. We will be taking ideas from the boards on what they would like to see the space look like and what it requires. There are ideas to remove the wall from the entrance to make an open meeting space and renovate the back rooms to be offices where the Building Inspector can take meetings.
- NYCOM: Annual meeting is coming up in May. The Mayor will be attending in hopes to discuss important issues that relate to our state (housing initiative) and the village. Governor Hochul is making headway on her housing plan that is detrimental to villages on LI.
- 30th Anniversary: The villages 30th anniversary will be coming up. We will be celebrating this day Saturday September 9th time TBD. If anyone would like to make a donation to the party please contact the village office.

Trustees:

- Trustee Michael Craig mentioned to the Clerk that he would like to speak with bonding the funds for a new village vehicle in the amount not exceed 150k for 5 years. This would include funds for the renovations at 914 Dune Road as well. Claire will contact Noah and Robert Smith about the bonding.

Motion to adopt a resolution to obtain funds for a bond not to exceed 150k for a time of 5 years

Motion by Harvey Gessin

Second by Gary Trimarchi

All in favor: Yes

None opposed

Motion to adopt a resolution that this is an unlisted action for the purpose of SEQRA

Motion by Harvey Gessin

Second by John Eff

All in favor: Yes

None opposed

Treasurer:

- Budget was finalized and adopted. The tax rate stays the same or less and the tax bills will be going out first or second week of May.
- Tax funds will go in to the NYCLASS fund. Currently the General Fund gained interest of \$9567 and the beach fund gained interest of \$7743
- Statements and bank reconciliations were all emailed out prior to the meeting to the Board

Constables:

- Preparing for the summer
- Need a special meeting to approve the change to the construction law
- All training is up to date

Attorney:

- Discussion on the completion of the nuisance law to be heard at a special meeting for the final version to be approved for the upcoming Summer season
- The ZBA has several matters before it. This board is a good and fair board that has a number of complicated matters at the current time. The board is doing a good analysis of the subdivision at 738 and 742 Dune Road

Short Discussion on future meeting dates:

5/23 6/20 7/11 will be the next meeting dates of the Board of Trustees

Public Comment:

- Why is the cable on Cove Lane above ground: Answer: It did not wash away during the breach
- Alan Green expressed a concern with fisherman on the shoreline taking a lot of bait. When he contacts the Bay Constable, he is told they have a permit but the fisherman will not show that to him. Sgt. Hennig assured him that he would look in to it and that it was not snapper but just bait fish. Also, he does not think the board should receive a stiped and that it should go back to the village employees.

Resolutions:

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

Motion by John Eff

Second by Gary Trimarchi
All in favor: Yes
None opposed

- Motion to adopt a resolution waiving of the reading of the minutes of the March 2023 meeting
Motion by Harvey Gessin
Second by John Eff
All in favor: Yes
None opposed

- Motion to adopt a resolution to approve the Mayor & Treasurer to attend the NYCOM Annual Meeting at the Sagamore in Lake George
Motion by John Eff
Second by Harvey Gessin
All in favor: Yes
None opposed

Motion to close a public meeting 8:23 pm
Motion by John Eff
Second by Harvey Gessin
All in favor: Yes
None opposed