

Joint Council of Taxpayer's Association of LBI, Inc.

Monthly Meeting - Monday 9/10/07
Surf City Library
Surf City, NJ

ATTENDANCE

Bill Knarre, Brant Beach	Bill Kunz, Brant Beach
Mildred Hrbek, Loveladies	Ken Martell, Seaview Beach
Rich Jeffries, Surf City	Pat Powers, Holgate
Don Hoffler, Beach Haven	Howard Kaplan, Beach Haven
John W. Pegg, North Beach	Bob Monaco, Loveladies Property
Trish Monaco, Loveladies Property	Lena Nerrie, Harvey Cedars
Ken King, High Bar Harbor	Bob Irvine, LBT 10
Charlie Gaver, Harvey Cedars	Tom Christopol, Harvey Cedars
Bill Hutson, Holgate	Laura Preidel, High Bar Harbor
Peter Trainor, LBT 10	

- The Council Chair Bill Knarre, called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm.
- The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- Minutes from the last meeting were approved with no changes.

Treasurers' Report

John Pegg, (North Beach) – no changes, \$100 in Beach Haven Dues was received.

Committee Reports:

Bill Knarre (Brant Beach): New Issues

- **Traffic Issue:** at Causeway Intersection - dotted lines now replacing solid lines.
 - Came from the State (Trenton) at the request of Ship Bottom: Not much traffic in the winter time, but a sign on Central could have been placed. Proposes we should write a letter to NJ State Transportation Commissioner; copy Saxton, the Papers and the Legislator.
 - If you're suggesting making a right before the intersection, you should examine the business impact of those being routed around
 - Pete Trainor: We have an understanding if there is an overall plan, what is the plan?
 - Bill Huston (Holgate): What about barricades? We should ask about it in the letter? You could also make the intersection two-way very easily.
- **OVERBUILDING:** ACME situation is unclear. Does not know what they're going to do. If any changes are made to theater or ACME, the other business has a right to object.

- Gas Station Property at Circle: no update. Three different owners? Commerce Bank allegedly not proceeding.
- Laura Priedel (High Bar Harbor): Seeking building lot variances in conservation area in Hideaway Bay.

Bill Kunz (School Consolidation):

- Pete Trainor: All members of the JCTA received the copy of the strategic plan, but has not received anything else PL-2007; Chapter 63. Education Law is 18A.
 - Raised with Craig Henry: You can see last year's reports 200 classes 65 extracurricular activities – has the ratio of staff members been looked at: is this an issue to look at for cost reduction?
 - Block Grant: State Legislative Committee is talking about changing the funding formula for educational assistance. Meeting with stakeholders w/ a consulting group and proposed a block grant approach. Could potentially include a test

- Bill received a communication from LBI Consolidated Super demonstrating what's going on in the district. No tuition applicants. Formulating an approach to sharing expenses in conjunction with other administrators including Beach Haven. State is proposing a point system with respect to school consolidation. 15 or more in classes is a factor.
- BK: This could effect Beach Haven more significantly than the rest of the municipalities on the island.
- Don Hoffler (Beach Haven): There is a committee in Beach Haven to study the consolidation issue. We see Chapter 63 issue as crucial to the resolution. Arranging a meeting with Stew Snyder. Studying and evaluating.
- PT: There has been a lot of court actions (Seaside Park, North Haledon) focused on the funding formula Beach Haven may want to look at. There, they forced commissioners to come out with a more equitable funding formula (1/3 student pop; 2/3rds on ratables)

Beach Replenishment

PT: DEP supposed to come out with final rules w/ respect to parking, public access and restrooms. Can't go ahead w/ easements without that finalized.

BK: We should request a status update on easements coming in from the township.

JP: Biggest issue is if it's assignable?

Bridge and Traffic: no update

OLD BUSINESS

PT: Discuss the August JCTA Letter to the Director of the Department of Community Affairs, Local Government Services

Improving Shared Services – Part I
Consolidation of Municipalities – Part II (in the hands of the voters)
Invite the Director to discuss consolidation across the six (6) Long Beach Island Municipalities {Barnegat Light, Beach Haven, Harvey Cedars, Long Beach Township, Ship Bottom and Surf City}.

NEW BUSINESS

- JP: North Beach Taxpayers Meeting: Saturday 9/7/07. Pat Moran elected President. JP elected VP. 150 people attended.
- Tom Christopoul (TC) (Harvey Cedars): Harvey Cedars Taxpayers Meeting: Saturday 9/7/07. 200 people attended. Issues reviewed: Zoning, Replenishment and Boulevard Safety.
- Ken King (KK) (High Bar Harbor): LBT has to have a master plan in by December
- Ship Bottom: Master Plan is submitted
- 9/27 – 6 pm Land Use Board Meeting – Master Plan Discussion – Long Beach Township.
- Howard Kaplan (Beach Haven): Very small portion of our members vote. This is an issue across the island. What about split vote? Rules not typically followed.
- PT: SR School Budgeting process starts in December before it's released in May. Should we start examining issues to focus on now? What information do we need to determine how a quality education can be provided most efficiently?
- Bill Kunz: Patrick Moeller Letter to the Editor: Sandpaper - last issue.

- *Submitted by Tom Christopoul, Harvey Cedars*