

## HOLGATE TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION TRUSTEES MEETING – JULY 30, 2016

ATTENDEES: Dan Macone, Tom Beaty, Ted Stiles, Marianne Hurley, Eileen Bowker, Bill Hutson, Al Vallese, Bob White, Rand Pearsall

ATTENDANCE BY PHONE: Bill Cannon, Yanni Kaloudis

The meeting was called to order at 11:05 a.m. by Dan Macone. A quorum was established. Trustee contact list was updated. Tom Beaty announced he had completed the budget audit and all was acceptable. His only comment was that additional funds need to be budgeted for the green head traps.

ALLAN WHEELER'S PASSING JULY 8. Tom Beaty made a motion to add an additional plaque to the HTA Memorial bench at the Bay Park in honor of Allan Wheeler. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed by all trustees present. Dan Macone will contact Kelly Sheldon of LBT to order plaque. Allan had been a past officer and was very active in early years in forming HTA.

2016 MEMBERSHIP UPDATE. Bill Cannon reported 212 emails and 380 letters were sent to all non-members. Membership YTD is 236 vs. 249 last year. Yanni Kaloudis suggested we have block captains for each street to be certain all non-members are contacted. Tom Beaty will follow up with selecting block captains and publish the list by street. Dan Macone stated he will let non-members know they will not be receiving HTA updates if they are not members. The practice is to send updates to all e-mails in our database up until the spring membership meeting in June. Thereafter, updates are mailed to members only except for emergencies.

HTA BANNER. Bill Hutson suggested a banner be displayed at all events that HTA helps sponsor. Tom Beaty purchased a banner for approximately \$50.00 last year and will be the keeper of the banner and will see that it is displayed at all HTA events. Tom should present a bill to Bill Cannon for reimbursement. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved all trustees present.

GREENHEAD TRAP UPDATE. Bill Hutson reported first baiting June 8, second baiting July 20, and third baiting in 30 days. LBT will pay for second baiting. Everyone at the meeting agreed traps have been very successful this summer. Bill also mentioned that LBT helps with the placing and storage of traps and this has caused excess damage to traps when they are moved. Bill will continue to discuss with LBT.

Bill Hutson made a motion to buy greenhead trap signs to identify the purpose for the traps and that they are sponsored by HTA. These signs would be attached to each trap. This signage will be a budget item for 2017.

Bill also noted black flies are becoming a major problem. Ted Stiles will do some research to consider options for control.

FALL BARBEQUE. Date September 10 at 5 p.m. Location Bond's Park tennis court, Rain Location 5400 South Long Beach Blvd., decision to use rain location must be made by 2 p.m.

Food & Drink, Eileen Bowker will pick up and purchase. Ted Stiles will provide list of food and drink required.

Grills Bill Hutson's maintenance person Steve Onoratio will be paid \$50.00 to truck grills to event.

Yanni and Bill will provide the grills with sufficient propane.

Tables Eileen Bowker will provide, Steve Onoratio will pick up tables when he transfers grills.

News Letter Invitation Ted Stiles will send letter, use same as 2015 Newsletter except date and rain date changes, Dan M. sent copy

LBT Permits Dan Macone has completed

Insurance Bill Cannon has completed.

Township Invitees Yanni Kaloudis is to write and invite, Mayor Joseph Mancini, Commissioner Joe Lattanzi, Commissioner Ralph Bayard, LBT personnel Kyle Ominski, Andy Baran, Angela Andersen, Joni Bakum,

Other Invitees Dr. Louise Wootton, Dr. Amy Williams, Britta Wenzel, Kimberly Belfer, Bryce Bennett.

#### DUNE VEGETATION PLAN FOR FALL 2016 AND SPRING 2017

“Adopt A Dune” program will be implemented at four Holgate dune crossover locations. Stewards confirmed are: Rand Pearsall, Susan Road; Yanni Kaloudis, Jacqueline Avenue; Frank Benintendo, Pershing Avenue; Pam Lowry, Washington Avenue. In exchange for making water supply available to these stewards, residences on the dune will be supplied plantings and have them installed by HTA for the front of their house on the secondary dune.

Landscape drawings will be prepared for three beach access templates (heavy existing vegetation, no existing vegetation and something in between) by Bryce Bennett, Landscape Architect. His fee will be covered by Save Barnegat Bay, Britta Wenzel, Executive Director. Bryce will also prepare a plant list specifying large or small, planting methods and an amendment list to include soil – type and amount, fertilizers and water crystal packets.

Purchases that will be needed for dune project are plants, amendments, soil, tarps. Who will purchase these items was discussed but not confirmed? Considerations are LBT or Save Barnegat Bay. Reference was made to Bryce Bennett’s statement that native plants for dunes are scarce and we may need to contact several nurseries to obtain native plants he defines.

Storage for delivery of plants has been confirmed by Pam Lowry at 5400 S. Long Beach Blvd. Discussed but not established who will lay out plants per Bryce Bennett’s template/templates. Discussed but not confirmed decision where to secure weed free topsoil or compost for delivery to South Parking Lot. Will need to obtain permission from LBT and assign person to lay our tarps when soil is delivered.

HTA Planting date was determined after discussion to be Saturday, October 8.

Dan Macone is to confirm dune grass planting completion in Holgate by Army Corp of Engineers prior to October 8. If the dune grass is not completed by October 8, what are other options?

In preparation for the HTA planting date, four stewards will need to arrange for pick- up of plants, amendments and soil for their assigned beach access area.

Four groups have indicated they can provide volunteers to help with planting. The key will be to contact and co-ordinate number of people and assignment to stewards.

Volunteer organizations include: Save Barnegat Bay, Professor Wooten; Surf Rider Association, Dr. Amy Williams; Holgate Volunteers, yet to be defined how to confirm names; Eileen Bowker said she had volunteers contacting her for service projects.

Beginning care of plants, discussed watering of plants for two weeks in October and two weeks in spring. Purchase of hose, timers and other materials needed to water plants. Stewards will need to define this based on their beach access assignment.

HTA Planting date for spring was discussed but not confirmed. Will need to be defined after Fall planting is completed.

Bill Huston made a motion that Holgate Taxpayers Association Dune Vegetation Fund pay \$5,000. to complete and plant initial four dune cross over locations as defined. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved by all trustees present.

24 STREET ACCESS SIGN INSTALLATIONS AT EAST SIDE ENTRANCE TO BEACH Tom Beatty made motion to provide funds not to exceed \$500 to purchase a solar light for each street sign and a plaque identifying sign as donated by Holgate Taxpayer Association project. LBT will provide post. Yet to be determined who will paint post and add street names. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved by all trustees present.

MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 12:30 P.M.