

Holgate Taxpayers Association Spring Membership Meeting Minutes - June 2, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Dan Macone at 10.01 a.m. Dan thanked the membership for their support and remarked that membership in 2017 was 310 members. He thanked Denise and Brian Tierney for their work on the improved Welcome to Holgate sign. He then introduced Mayor Joseph Mancini and Commissioner Ralph Bayard.

Mayor Mancini gave the following updates:

- Holgate beaches benefited from sand dredged from \$18,000,000 Inlet Program. The sand program was stopped prior to this spring's plover (bird) nesting season.
- Because of the four Northeaster storms there has been severe damage to Holgate beaches which the township has contracted for 200 truckloads of sand to help rebuild crossovers and steep slopes. Beach 1 will still be a problem. For safety purposes the decision for Beach 1 will be made when lifeguard season begins. The handicap access will be moved from the bath house at McKinley Avenue to the far south end of the south parking lot.
- Beach Replenishment by Army Corp of Engineers will be in 2020.
- Green Gators are available to take handicapped and elderly to the beaches between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Call 609-342-2111.
- The new Terminal Groin (wooden jetty) drawings by Stockton University Coastal Research Center and Stevens Institute of Technology were posted at the meeting. The new jetty will be 300 feet longer than the existing jetty. The approval will be in the next two weeks by the DEP. The jetty cannot be started until September 2018 and will need to be completed by March 1, 2019.
- The new Marine Education Field Station, a temporary structure on Osborn Avenue, has science exhibits and planned classes. Usage this summer will determine if a permanent building will be built.
- Trolleys will have fees for usage this year. The cost is \$2.00 per trip, \$5.00 for a daily pass. There are eight trolleys in operation, two additional trolleys were purchased this year.
- LB Township reusable bags for shopping are available at Township Building for homeowners. Many bags are still available, 2 per household.
- One New Class 1 police officer has been hired for Holgate for among other things issuing fines to persons walking on the dunes. There will no longer be warnings for this offense as street signs clearly explain the situation.
- Chief of Police Anthony Deely was introduced. He shared new information about the Manahawkin Bridge repair change in schedule starting week of June 4th for three weeks that will impact weekday traffic on the island due to various lane closures during the hours of 7 a.m. – 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

Ralph Bayard reviewed the following:

- LBT will be installing a new water main resulting in Long Beach Blvd. having additional rough, uneven pavement in some areas. The County will fund the repaving of the entire boulevard once the planned LBT water main installation is complete.
- Stone was replaced at bay playground area to be more complimentary to surrounding area.
- Pump Station at Janet Road replacement is planned to commence after Labor Day. Immediate neighbors of the pump station are working with his office on this project.

Questions from HTA members for Commission Bayard:

- Dune fencing – will it ever be replaced? Yes it will be replaced after current Township sand replacement is complete.

When Dan Macone met with R.B. on 6/4, additional dune fencing at the Bay Beach at the corner of West Ave and Joan Rd. was requested by a member and was discussed with the Commissioner.

- Storm sewers needed because flooding occurs from South Parking Lot down McKinley. This issue was reviewed with R.B. and he said that the County must put in storm drains on Blvd., the Township cannot do this.

When Dan Mancone met with R.B. on 6/4, Dan stated that last year work was done at the corner of McKinley and West Ave. to alleviate flooding at that corner.

- The Blvd. is rough from the Sea Spray south for several blocks. Can something be done.

When Dan Macone met with R.B. on 6/4, he said the County is responsible for improvements to the Blvd. and he would review it with the County. Several pictures of the problem area were left with the Commissioner.

- The Pump Station, Janet Road.

When Dan Macone met with R.B. 6/4, Dan suggested to the Commissioner that by the end of September there needs to be a meeting with the residents of Janet Road to reconfirm changes agreed to when rebuilding the pump station.

- Township workmen weed wacked two recently planted dune grass gardens. When resident asked them to stop, workmen stopped and politely said they had been sent out to clean up the beach walkways.

When Dan Macone met with R.B. 6/4, he suggested to Commissioner Bayard that there needs to be clarification with the HTA as to the specific areas where plants should be planted and areas where there should be no planting to avoid this situation again.

APPROVE SEPTEMBER 9, 2017 MEETING MINUTES. Frank Lowry made a motion minutes be approved. Motion was seconded by Frank Benintendo and unanimously approved.

TREASURER'S BUDGET REPORT. Dan Macone reviewed the 2018 fiscal budget report. Yanni Kaloudis made a motion the 2018 budget be approved, motion seconded by Larry Wyatt, and unanimously approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

NOMINATING COMMITTEE – Bob White reported the By-Laws state that officers will be elected every year at the Fall Meeting from a slate proposed by the Nominating Committee. President, Second VP and Recording Secretary are elected in even number years and other officers in odd number years.

Eileen Bowker moved to First VP from Second VP, as required by the By-Laws, when the First VP resigned in May.

Dan Macone has declined to run for President for an additional term. He has done an outstanding job as President for 6 years.

The slate of officers for election at the September meeting are:

Rand Pearsall – President

Dan Macone- Second VP

Bob White- Recording Secretary

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE – Dan Macone reported that HTA, as of the end of May, had 239 members. There are approximately 800 households in Holgate. The total membership at the end of last year was 310. He anticipates membership will rise to at least this number in the next few weeks. A comment made by a member at meeting was that we consider getting a welcome letter or packet to all new home buyers at the time of purchase.

BY-LAW COMMITTEE – A new chairman will need to be appointed. There are few issues that need to be refined.

COMMUNITY SAFETY – Rand Pearsall reported Bike / Pedestrian issues continue to be of major concern. There is a new handout available at the township office and it is a goal that all who are renting include this on the premises.

DUNE PLANTING – Dan Macone brought up that the HTA has great financial support from the membership. The key issue for new planting is establishing a water resource to water twice a day until plants are established. The next area for dune planting is Tebco Terrace on June 13th. For this planting we are using Kline Landscaping for about two dozen 3 gallon size plants along both sides of this walkway (this has subsequently been amended to plant all plants on the left or north side of the beach access as the south side has substantial vegetation already). A water source has been obtained.

GREEN HEAD TRAPS – Bill Hutson reported there are 175 traps out this year. They have been baited once and will be again later in the season. Plaques are being added to the traps explaining the importance of the boxes and HTA's commitment to maintaining them to control green head population.

AD HOC MARKETING – Rand Pearsall reported they have been working on support for increasing membership.

GOVERNMENT LIADISON – Dan Macone said purpose of committee is to attend commissioners' monthly meeting and report to membership. We do have HTA trustees who attend.

NEW BUSINESS:

Holgate Cleanup – Angele Anderson contacted Dan to offer to provide help to Holgate through the NJ Dept of Environmental Protection June 8th for clean-up.

LBT Trailer Park Update – Dan Macone reported that he spoke with Michael Pagnotta about progress. Five houses will be started in the next few weeks.

LBT Marine Education Field Station – Temporary Structure – Dan Macone said this was covered by Mayor Mancini.

Next Trustee Meeting is Wednesday, August 1, 2018, at 7 p.m.

Fall Barbecue is scheduled for Saturday, September 8, 2018. Details regarding the BBQ will be forthcoming in the upcoming HTA Newsletter.

