

HOLGATE TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES – August 15, 2018

ATTENDEES: Dan Macone, Rand Pearsall, Eileen Bowker, Bob White, Marianne Hurley, Frank Benintendo, Bill Hutson, Frank Lowry, Ted Stiles, Denise Tierney

ABSENT: Bill Cannon, Yanni Kaloudis

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Dan Macone. A quorum was established. The HTAT contact list was updated and is attached. Rand Pearsall made a motion that Denise Tierney fill trustee vacancy created by the resignation of Tom Beatty. The motion was seconded by Ted Stiles and unanimously approved. Rand Pearsall made a motion that the minutes of the April 7, 2018, meeting be approved. The motion was seconded by Frank Benintendo. The next HTA meeting will be the Fall BBQ meeting September 8, 2018 at 5.00 PM at Bonds Park. The next HTA Trustees meeting will be in December.

ReCLAM THE BAY

Rick Bushnell, President, gave a brief presentation on the ReClam the Bay organization. Their mission is education, improve quality of the bay water and grow shell fish in the bay. They have been operational for fifteen years. They purchase seed clams and run three boats. They have raised over one million shell fish this year. The giant decorated clams are fund raisers for the organization. The Sponsorship for the giant clam is \$3,500 for the two-sided clam with an annual tithing contribution at the HTA's discretion. At the April trustees meeting a motion was passed to sponsor (purchase) a giant clam. At the 8/15 meeting Dan Macone presented a signed contract and a \$3,500 check to Rick Bushnell. Rick was asked to provide a speaker for the September BBQ to explain the ReClam The Bay program. Delivery of the clam will be determined in the next few weeks. The clam when completed will be located in the south end parking lot as was previously decided at the June 7 HTAT meeting. LBT has approved the location.

Additional discussion covered options that over time memorial entries could be made on plaques on the base instead of benches with plaques. On the base there will be a plaque explaining how to donate to ReClam the Bay thru HTA.

PROPOSAL TO DECORATE THE GIANT CLAM

Carol Jelich made a presentation with a design draft for one side of the giant clam. Carol discussed decorative options for the other side as well. The following committee was established to work with Carol, Denise Tierney, Chairman, Frank Benintendo, Ted Stiles, Bill Hutson and Dan Macone. Bill Hutson made a motion to pay Carol Jelich \$400 for her work, which will include materials. The motion was seconded by Frank Benintendo and unanimously approved.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Bob White reported the trustees that are running for office this fall are unopposed. These trustees will assume their new positions at the December HTA Trustee meeting after the September 8 general membership HTA meeting.

The new officers are:

President Rand Rearsall

Second Vice President Dan Macone

Recording Secretary Bob White

MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT

Rand Pearsall, speaking on behalf of Eileen Bowker, chairman, reported current membership is 281 down by from 310 in 2017. Rand's opinion was we need to be more aggressive contacting neighbors to join HTA. He recommended the Marketing Committee review options to present a better plan.

BY-LAWS

Frank Benintendo reported he is working with his committee on various By-Law updates and changes. They include the tie breaker option for officers and trustees, and how to define minor and major changes to the By-Laws. Frank will provide a re-cap to trustees after his committee meeting.

COMMUNITY SAFETY

Rand Pearsall reported that the Police Department's mobile lighted sign indicating the lawful way to ride and walk, was placed near the beginning of Holgate early in the season, was a great success. Trustees said there was an improvement when the sign was in place and we should be certain to ask for this to be located in Holgate next spring. Thanks to Dan Macone for obtaining walk and ride signs that were added to township sign poles on the blvd. It is of critical importance this safety concern be an ongoing project.

DUNE PLANTING

Dan Macone confirmed the two most important items for dune planting are a water source and people to water newly planted specimens. Plants in five-gallon container are the best to use. Dan read Bob White's update on the condition of existing dune entrance plantings. Most entrances could be improved by the addition of a few larger plants. In one case, the HTA has received permission from Pagnotta to transplant native plants from the former LBITP development property on to the dunes. The HTA is looking into receiving developer permission for other sites. It was discussed that current crossover plantings should be addressed in the spring when homeowners are more likely to have water turned on. Dan suggested Magnolia Avenue be considered for planting Spring 2019.

GREENHEAD TRAPS

Bill Hutson reported greenheads have been unusually aggressive this year. He has had to bait traps three times. There were twenty traps forgotten in LBT public garages that have just been distributed. Bill reported Frank Lowry made a design change to a trap that he recently constructed that performs remarkably better. The design will be incorporated in the construction of all new traps.

AUDIT

Marianne Hurley volunteered to audit the books.

GOVERNMENT LAISON

Dan Macone, Marianne Hurley, and/or Frank Lowry will continue to attend monthly commissioners' meetings and provide a brief written recap to be sent to President, Corresponding Secretary, and Marketing Committee chairmen for future use in membership mailings. The recap is sent to HTA members and is posted on the Associations web page.

FALL BBQ

Date: September 8 @ 5PM

Location: Bonds Park Tennis Court

Rain location – Frank & Pam Lowry's Home, 5500 Long Beach Blvd.

Eileen Bowker will provide water, soft drinks, burgers and buns

Bill Hutson will work with Marianne Hurley's husband, Mike, to transport grills and tables

Dan Macone has completed the invitation as a part of the newsletter

Request of Bill Cannon to sort the 2017 members who have not paid so all households receive an invitation.

Permit with township, Dan Macone completed.

Insurance, Bill Cannon completed.

Township Commissioners and special township employees, Yanni Kaloudis will send invitations

RECOGNIZING AL VALLESE

Rand Pearsall will co-ordinate this activity.

HOLGATE SANITARY SEWER PUMP STATION AT JANET ROAD

Bob White reported construction will start approximately September 12. Details and plans are attached.

REPLACEMENT OF TERMINAL GROIN UPDATE

Dan Macone and Rand Pearsall met with Mayor Mancini on August 15th to review a lengthy list of restrictions being discussed by Forsythe Wildlife Refuge personnel about the terminal groin construction. There will be a private meeting September 6 of all the stakeholders, location to be announced, that will cover all the aspects and a report should be issued within two weeks. If the current approved terminal groin plan is rejected by the Forsythe Wildlife Refuge a letter writing campaign will be initiated.

Motion made to adjourn by Frank Lowry, seconded by Rand Pearsall. Meeting adjourned at 9:08 PM.