

# HOLGATE TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

November 17, 2018

**ATTENDEES:** Frank Benintendo, Bill Cannon, Marianne Hurley, Bill Hutson, Frank Lowry, Rand Pearsall, Denise Tierney, Bob White  
**CALL IN:** Yanni Kaloudis, Dan Macone  
**ABSENT:** Eileen Bowker, Ted Stiles

The meeting was called to order at 2:01 PM by Rand Pearsall. A quorum was established.

## SHIP BOTTOM CHRISTMAS PARADE FLOAT

- Rand Pearsall stated ReClam the Bay requested the use of the HTA giant clam for their Christmas Parade Float. Frank Lowry made a motion this be approved, seconded by Marianne Hurley and unanimously approved.

## RECOGNITION OF PAST PRESIDENT DAN MACONE

- Rand commented he wanted to officially recognize all the great work Dan and Kathy Macone have done to lay a strong foundation for Rand to build on with HTA. Bill Hutson stated Dan did a superb job in building and reconstructing a strong association with the LBT officials.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

- Bill Cannon presented the attached treasurer's report and budget analysis. Revenues for 2018 were \$14,525. Bill C. commented we have adequate funds to spend on community activities. Rand Pearsall asked for comments from the trustees for additional community projects with an emphasis on community quality of life and the following were discussed:
  - Purple Martin Condo Boxes – These birds help control mosquitos, which were unusually bad this summer. Bill Hutson met with Michael Pagnotta who is providing boxes for new his homes at the cost of \$150-200 per box. The HTA will evaluate purchasing additional boxes, pending a review of where they could be placed.
  - Green Head Flies Traps – Redesign of trap is desirable based on a test conducted by Dan. Cost to be determined and included in 2018 and 2019 budget request.
  - Mosquito Control – Dan reported we need to work with Angela Anderson; Dan requested Mosquito Control Commission meet with him in Holgate and the meeting was not productive.
  - Rand Pearsall requested Bill H. and Dan give recommendations for the 2018 and/or 2019 Budget to cover these type projects.
- Rand Pearsall requested budget requirements be submitted by February 28, 2019 , prior to accepting the 2019 Budget.
- Bill C. to look to change date of HTA insurance to better match event/meeting dates.
- Bill H. made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded by Marianne Hurley and unanimously approved.

## GROIN STATUS

- Bill H. met with Virginia Rettig, Refuge Manager, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on Nov. 14. Bill H. felt she was supportive of the wooden jetty repair proposal; Bill H. also received an email dated Nov. 14 with a letter from Fish & Wildlife to the US Army Corps of Engineers requesting additional information. Bill H. shared a copy of the letter.
- Rand Pearsall reported he talked to Kyle Ominski, LBT 11/19 for an update on the F&W letter to the Army Corps of Engineers. Kyle stated the F&W response was anticipated and LBT has 10 days to

provide answers to F&W questions. F&W stated they will expedite the LBT reply with additional information requested given the time-critical nature of the project. LBT is proceeding as planned and has placed a public notice for the bidding of the steel for the groin. All Agencies and organizations are working together to reply to the F&W request. The goal is to start construction of the groin so it can be completed by March 15, 2019 (due to beginning of nesting season endangered species).

- Dan stressed it is critical the Holgate community understands that Fish and Wildlife is the remaining stakeholder needed for jetty repair approval. Bill H. reported that Mayor Mancini feels it may be beneficial for the HTA to share its concerns with Fish and Wildlife. Rand Pearsall stated it is important for the HTA to work closely with the Township before taking any independent action.
- Rand Pearsall will follow up with LBT in 10 days on the status of their reply to F&W.

#### **MEMBERSHIP DUES PROPOSALS.**

- Rand proposed dues be \$25.00 before June 15 and \$30.00 after June 15 (similar to the pricing increase for beach badges) in order to create an incentive to join earlier in the year. There was a lengthy discussion concerning how this would be presented to the membership and Rand withdrew his proposal for further development.

#### **MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT & NEWSLETTERS**

- Rand stated Eileen Bowker has several ideas to increase HTA membership. Rand asked Membership and Marketing to work together to create more touchpoints with membership. Bill C. noted Holgate has 800+ houses, and the HTA has ~ 300 members, and 450 email addresses. Since snail mail cost is \$1.00/letter, we should secure more email addresses and use Mail Chimp for cost saving.
- Rand will draft an email (newsletter format including reasons to become an HTA member?) to members about the lack of approval to repair to groin, the implications for a solution in 2019 and the possible lack of approval for the extended groin in 2020.
- Rand and/or another member will attend the December 3 LBT Commissioners' meeting at 4 p.m.
- Bill C. will work with Corresponding Secretary and Membership Committee to create the tax letter for members which must go out by January 31.

#### **BY-LAWS**

- Frank Benintendo presented By-Law amendments proposed by the committee. Rand made a motion to approve the amended By-Laws. The motion was seconded by Bill C. and was unanimously approved. Frank stated the committee will study member qualifications and other open items before the June general membership meeting. Amended By-Laws can be presented to the full membership in the Spring for review and a vote for ratification at the meeting in June.

#### **LAND USE BOARD**

- Denise Tierney reported Tebco Marina is making a third attempt to build five homes. In October the Marina asked for a continuance to the Dec. 12 LUB meeting because their application and design were in conflict. Marina needs to reapply for CAFRA approval. Summary of critical points – the HTA believes if multiple variances are required for each structure and the proposed structures will change street, community, and neighborhood, the developer must meet with all surrounding home owners to explain variance changes and address community concerns.

#### **WET LANDS**

- It is believed wetlands development may have shifted from Mark Davies to Michael Pagnotta. This may lead to a plan to build homes, instead of pursuing land preservation for which funds may be available.

## **GIANT CLAM**

- Denise Tierney presented a draft of design by Carol Jelich. Changes to draft are requested as follows: eliminate vehicle on beach; add “zero” mile marker in place of greenhead trap.
- Pending Township approval of the location and required square footage, a base will be constructed around the clam for memorial entries to be added. The base should also have a plaque explaining how to donate to ReClam the Bay through HTA.
- Bill H. made a motion to accept the design draft. The motion was seconded by Dan Macone and unanimously approved.
- Dan will contact Andy Baran and Kyle Ominski to confirm suggested space for the clam near the bath house in the south end parking lot.

## **HOLIDAY LIGHTS**

- Six lights, two each lighthouse, anchor and snowflake, that HTA purchased were expected to be installed by LBT by this date but severe weather may have impacted installation. Dan will follow up.

## **STANDING COMMITTEES**

- Rand called for committee chairs to establish top priorities, specific assignments and clear deadlines so more work can be approved by the HTA and effectively completed by committees. There are two open committee chairmanships, Community Safety and Marketing (adjunct committee).

## **GREEN HEAD TRAPS**

- Bill H. said they baited three times this year and will consider a change in trap design.

## **NEW BUSINESS 2019 GOALS**

- Rand Pearsall stated his 2019 goals for the HTA include:
  - Continue to provide value to HTA members
  - Significantly increase membership, with a goal of reaching 400 by 2020
  - Dune protection
  - A more active board
  - Close relationship with Township government officials

## **POTENTIAL 2019 COMMUNITY EVENTS**

- Spring planting (late April)
- Spring clean-up (Memorial Day Weekend)
- Spring membership meeting (June 8 or 15)
- Fall membership meeting and barbecue (September 7 or 14)
- Look for additional sponsorship opportunities/other events to meet current and prospective members

Bill Cannon noted we should consider religious holidays when choosing dates to maximize attendance.

Motion to adjourn Bill Hutson, second Marianne Hurley. Meeting adjourned at 4:16 PM.