

HOLGATE TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION TRUSTEES' MEETING MINUTES

February 2, 2019

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

The meeting was called to order at 1:07 PM by Rand Pearsall. A quorum was established. Bill Hutson made a motion to approve the November 17, 2018, meeting minutes and Marianne Hurley's December motion to spend \$500.00 to purchase gift cards for the members of Barnegat Light Coast Guard Station who were not paid during the government shutdown. The motion was seconded by Marianne Hurley and was unanimously approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- In Bill Canon's absence, Rand Pearsall presented a treasurer's update.
- Trustees should submit any open 2018 expense bills, deadline for receipt of bills is February 5, 2019. 2018 BBQ bills have not been received.
- Rand Pearsall requested committee chairpersons submit proposed expenses for 2019 Budget.
- Current membership is 309, Rand Pearsall's goal is to increase membership to 400 by 2020.
- Current bank balance is \$32,000.
- Dune funds stand at \$6,500. We continue to receive dune fund donations and should use these funds to show more impactful results.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

- Based on the By-laws, Bob White stated the election of three officers, 1st VP, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer as well as non-office holder trustees is to be held at the September General Membership meeting.
- The three office holders and non-office holder trustees will be contacted by email to confirm their intention to run for election for a two-year term.
- The candidates slate to be announced at the June 1, HTAT meeting and June 8, General Membership meeting.

MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT

- In Eileen Bowker's absence Rand reviewed a few ideas to increase HTA membership.
 - Organize and expand door to door solicitation all streets with emphasis on North end of Holgate.
 - Survey of non-members in ocean front homes and special effort to join.
 - Hold a Q & A meeting about HTA at LBT Marine Field Station, Osborne Avenue or Rand Pearsall's.

BY-LAWS

- Frank Benintendo reviewed amendments the committee has been debating:
 - Language that covers Trustees eligible to be nominated for election needs to be clarified.
 - The selection of Committee Chairs and Committee members needs review.
 - Direction on how the President will interact with the Committee chairs and the Committee.
 - Establish program to ensure there are volunteers to work on all Committees.
- Frank stated the committee will continue to review issues with the goal to complete changes to By-Laws by March 15. The changes will be voted on and accepted at the HTAT April 6 meeting, and then snail mail and email to full membership by May 3.
- Full vote to ratify the amended By-Laws will be done at the June 8, General Membership meeting.

COMMUNITY SAFETY

- In Frank Lowry's absence, a general discussion evolved on "A safer Holgate", reducing accidents and crime by virtue of a better-informed neighborhood.
 - Bike and pedestrian issues continue to be of major concern. Handout available at LBT office and homeowners that rent need this for renters.
 - Walk and ride signs have been added to LBT sign poles on the Boulevard; however, do we need more or larger signage?
 - Solicit Neighborhood Crime Watch members, is this still a valid active group?
- Increase frequency of messaging and quality of information with more helpful information on HTA website and Holgate Update groups.
- Email and social media posts for members at start of season.
- Remind homeowners to test smoke alarms and install CO2 monitors.
- Electrical wiring issues have caused some house fires on the island since Sandy. Discuss with Fire Department the current electrical requirements, proper procedure for homeowners to check and implement current safest requirements.

DUNE PROTECTION AND BEAUTIFICATION

- Denise Tierney reported there are 22 beach entrances, 8 have plants, 8 are bare, 3 are too small for planting and 3 are handicap entrances; she has pictures of both sides, aerial view and detailed notes.
- A cohesive master plan will be completed so plantings can be done in stages for future continuity as water source, labor and budget becomes available.
 - Plan will be evaluated early this spring on requirements and the potential for establishing a continuity of all plantings.
 - Propose a plan for each entrance with a plan of action for entrances that have been planted and not planted.
 - Prioritize entrances that can be watered and will present a strong visual effect when completed.
- Evaluate Tebco plantings done last spring that have 1-year guarantee for survival for replacements that may be needed.
- Establish a relationship with a landscaping center to work for a more reasonable price for larger plants (also explore native evergreens) to be delivered to sites.
- Contact Mike Pagnotta about his offer to provide labor and work into planting dates.
- Government Relations Committee will help define where dune grass can be planted relative to the Boulevard (CAFRA issue?).
- Define LBT plans for installing additional east to west dune fencing.
- Confirm date for dune planting now listed as May 4 – 5, best way to utilize labor and requirements.
- Define budget requirements for plantings 2019.

GREEN HEAD TRAPS AND OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL

- Bill Hutson reported major problems are green head flies, mosquitoes and black flies.
- Ted Stiles is modifying the existing green head trap design. Based on a test done with the existing design, the new design was much more effective.
- Mike Pagnotta is supporting the purple martin bird effort by offering bird houses on his lots at Island's End.
- Ted Stiles has researched government and university publications for information on dragon flies being a benefit to preventing green head flies and mosquitoes. To date Ted has not located any validated source of information on dragon flies being a worthwhile project to pursue for this purpose.

- Golden rod plants on LBI attract dragon flies. The HTA should promote encouraging the care of golden rods and not to destroy this plant.
- Bill Hutson is following up with Angela Anderson about working with the Mosquito Control Commission for efforts to better control issues in Holgate. Mayor Mancini recommended this during a recent meeting with Bill.
- Bill Hutson is also working with Virginia Rettig to offer HTA's help with clean up in Forsythe Refuge to show or commitment to work with their organization.

AUDIT

- Marianne Hurley reported the 2018 books have not been completed because Bill Cannon is waiting for final receipts from the Trustees.

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

- The main issues in Holgate that have affected home rentals and motel revenue decline in the 2018 season were beach erosion, beach access, green heads, black flies, and mosquitoes. The HTA must work on solutions for all of these concerns. By having a presence at 2019 LBT meetings HTAT can fortify our members' specific complaints about erosion, beach access and insect control to the LBT's government.
- Dan Macone has put together a schedule for all 2019 LBT meetings and who should attend.
- Dan proposed purchasing additional holiday lights (3 sail boats, 1 light house and 1 snow flake).
- Shore rental home occupancy tax, 11.625%, is being challenged by an outside group not directly affiliated with HTA. LBT will not add an additional tax to the rental tax as other LBI townships are doing.

HOLGATE ISSUES

- **Janet Road pumping station** – HTA has offered to help fund lights on walkway from Janet Road to West Avenue when pumping station is finished. LBT needs to confirm the pumping station will not be used to store equipment within fenced in area. Rand Pearsall will follow up with Dan Macone, Government Relations Committee Chair to set up meeting with LBT to define finish date and storage concern.
- **Rosemma dune bench** - Bench to be restored to its original location on top of dune.
- **Beach access points** – As beach accesses are restored, all HTA members to be notified.

LAND USE BOARD

- Denise Tierney reported Tebco Marina presented their home development proposal January 9 to LUB but has been continued for public comment in the February 13 meeting. 17 Tebco Terrace residents were present at the January LUB meeting. Only 2 residents were able to present their concerns as the meeting had to be adjourned because it was 11PM.
- Denise reviewed the number of setbacks and variances being requested. This will have a major negative effect on the street, neighborhood and all of the Holgate community and she requested HTA members' support to defeat Tebco Marina proposal.

GIANT CLAM

- Denise Tierney presented a draft of design by Carol Jelich
- Bill Hutson made a motion to accept the design draft with the deletion of drawings of foxes. The motion was seconded by Dan Macone and unanimously approved.
- Location for the completed clam, size and design of base were discussed. Ted Stiles offered to design the base.
- Program for memorializing residents needs to be developed including cost, inscription and location.
- LBT needs to be contacted to confirm location of clam is acceptable.
- Budget requirements needed for 2019 Budget.
- Committee members Frank Benintendo, Ted Stiles, Bill Hutson and Dan Macone will work with Denise to define these programs.

NEW BUSINESS

- Contributions to people in need of help caused by fire or extreme home destruction was discussed at length. The decision of the majority was financial donations from the HTA should not be given in these instances instead we should promote to HTA members that individuals are encouraged to make private donations if so desired.
- Yanni Kaloudis has interest from a home owner about joining a committee. Dune Planting was recommended.
- Rand Pearsall will chair the spring clean-up committee and organize.
- Rand Pearsall requested all Committee Chairs put their 2019 plans in writing based on a format he will provide and send to him.

NEXT MEETING DATE is April 6, 2019, 1-3 PM at Rand Pearsall's residence, 3001 S. Long Beach Blvd.

Rand Pearsall adjourned the meeting at 2:57 p.m.