



Holgate Taxpayers Association Trustees' Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 17, 2022 Time: 7:00 - 8:14 Via: Zoom

ATTENDEES: Frank Benintendo, Denise Brand, Bill Cannon, Bill Hutson, Yanni Kaloudis, Dan Macone, Rand Pearsall, Ted Stiles, Bob White

ABSENT: None

Meeting was called to order by Rand Pearsall at 7:00 pm and a Quorum was established.

Trustees unanimously approved Minutes for March 15, 2022 meeting. Rand introduced Angela Andersen, Long Beach Township Sustainability Coordinator.

Beach Conditions – Rand, All

- Rand commented there has been a lot of damage to the beaches on all of LBT; the Township is committed to work on them this Spring to get in good condition for Summer.
- Holgate is still getting plowing and other work from LBT which will create a more gradual slope and make going to the beach possible.
- All work is scheduled to be completed by Memorial Day although this is subject to further severe storms.

Covid - 19 Status – Rand

- Covid-19 is still a serious threat to safety in New Jersey, our hope is we will get thru these minimal infections thru the Spring.
- Please be sure to remain cautious with your daily contacts to help control its spread, there are still variants of the disease being reported.

Angela Andersen – Rand

Rand explained Angela will review information that will help LBT receive funding for the restoration of bay islands.

- Angela advised the new LBT Marine Field Station will be home base for the real-time science and public outreach for the life of the project. We will engage the adjacent neighborhoods in each phase of the project.
- Title of Project is Restoring Bay Islands for Community Resiliency LBT.
 - Phase 1- As a member of the NJ Bay Islands Initiative, LBT proposed to build on that group's community capacity building and planning as well as our Resilient LBI project with neighboring towns, by conducting project site assessments and preliminary design for 5 islands, with the dual purpose of ecological "health" and community resilience.
 - Phase 2- Proposal due June 1. Final design and permitting for nature-based solutions for at least two (Clam Cove and Bay Island) of the five islands from the previous phase.
 - Both phases include contractual work from the Stockton University Coastal Research Center, Monmouth University's Urban Coast Institute, and the professional expertise of the HJBII members. The municipal engineer is also engaged.
- Angela asked HTAT for a letter of support which Rand said he will do and send a copy to all Trustees.



Treasurer's Update- Bill C

- Total revenues of \$21,505 to date versus a tentative budget of \$23,268 (-7.5%)
- Expenses only \$5,227 – but the majority of the expenses haven't been incurred yet.
- The 2022 Budget is included in the attached treasurer's report and this is based on our discussions at the last board meeting.
- Bank of America account was closed and the funds transferred to TD Bank.
- Bill requested a motion to approve the Budget, Dan M made the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Committee Reports

Membership Committee – Bill C

- Membership is currently 465 compared to 482 in 2021 for the full year. Additional memberships have been received since this report was prepared.
- Targeted campaign for 2021 members that haven't renewed has been very successful though about 90 people haven't renewed. About 20 members from 2020 have not renewed for 2022 or 2021.
- Street captains will start up this month.
- Limited traction for the Discount Card. It isn't dead yet, but may be difficult to implement this year.
- Bill has asked for help with trailer park residents, Bill H requested a list of accomplishments so he can make create flyers to give trailer park residents.

Environment Committee – Bill H, Ted

- Bill commented last year was really a bad year with so many greenheads. We are trying to get traps out and set up much earlier this year. LBT has not helped with traps as they are spending all their time managing the beaches.
- Ted discussed building a new prototype round trap using 50-gallon plastic barrels from Dollar stores and premanufactured parts of plastic and galvanized material. The new trap will be displayed at the June meeting, we will then build 4 more traps.
- Goal is to get traps out by Memorial Day. There are a lot of traps that need work to repair in Bill Hutson's yard. Mike Pagnotta's workers have helped get traps to Bill's yard to protect and repair.
- Bill advised he is also asking members to adopt a trap, put on their property and store in their garage during the off season.
- Frank said they are still trying to identify the black biting flies that are being caught. Frank B. will coordinate with Bill to take the black flies caught directly to Rutgers for identification.

By-Law Committee – Frank B

- By-Law document needs to be signed. Frank will not be able to attend June 11 meeting so signing will be after June 11 meeting.

Dune Planting Committee – Denise

- Denise advised it is really too late for Spring planting, could not tell what will bloom and what survived winter so the project will be scheduled for this Fall.
- Denise is doing several test sites with several types of plants, but Montauk daisies and bayberries seem the best to plant.
- She also stated we will continue to plant New Jersey native plants.



Government Relations Committee – Dan

- Dan stated the meeting with himself and Rand with the new Police Chief has yet to be scheduled.
- Subjects that will be covered will be more specifics on bike riding on the Boulevard, signs about correct direction to walk on Boulevard, etc.
- Denise advised the old lights that were repurposed for Clam Cove have disappeared, when Dan and Rand visit with LBT on safety issues they will ask about lights.
- New lights were placed on Welcome to Holgate sign.

Community Events/Safety Committee – Bill H

- Bill confirmed New Member Meet and Great event will be planned serving wine and cheese, Bill Cannon and Ted Stiles will also support the event.
- Rand advised he will do email to all members describing the details on event.

Nominating Committee – Bob, Rand

- We have confirmation three Trustee Officers will be running for another two-year term, they are Rand Pearsall President, Dan Macone Vice President and Bob White Recording Secretary.
- There are currently four members that have requested a Trustee Nominating Petition, they are Hank Henninger, Scott Butler, Nick Dottino and Jeff Lipman.
- Nominations are due 30 days in advance of the election. Voting for Trustees will begin in late August/early September and by the September General Membership meeting.
- All votes will be confirmed and the results will be announced during or after the September meeting. Vote on Officers slate will be at November Trustee's meeting.

LBT Updates – Rand

- LBT is considering fees to play pickleball and there have been negative reactions from pickleball players who feel LBT officials tax payers should not have to pay a fee. Others feel this is a new activity played by a small percentage of people and funding should not fall on all of the taxpayers.
- LBT has approved a bid to update tennis and basketball courts (includes Bond's Park basketball court).
- Bond's Park new walkway will have shrubs added while taller pine trees now separate the Palotta home from the walkway.

JCTA – Rand

- JCTA Beach Committee, which Rand chairs, is encouraging LBT residents to contact their US Congressional officials to support LBT sand dunes and beaches.
- Frank B will be creating an educational document with talking points on beach replenishment for LBI.

Important Dates – Rand

- Spring cleanup, rescheduled to Saturday, May 21, 9AM – 11AM
- Spring Membership Meeting, Saturday, June 11, 10AM – noon – Marine Field Station
- New Member Meet & Greet, Saturday, June 18, 5-7PM – Marine Field Station
- Trustees Meeting, Tuesday, August 23, 7PM – 8:30PM, via Zoom
- Fall Membership Meeting, Saturday, September 10, 4PM – 6PM

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:14 and unanimously approved.