



## Holgate Taxpayers Association Trustees' Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 23, 2022 Time: 7:02pm - 8:25pm 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 7:02 PM and a Quorum was established.

Trustees unanimously approved Minutes for May 17 and June 11, 2022 meetings.

### Meeting LBT Police Chief- Rand, Dan

- Rand and Dan met with Chief Mahan to discuss road signs, size and message effectiveness.
- Chief Mahan stated walking and riding bikes remains a concern but most seem to be compliant.
- The Chief also mentioned there was 1 complaint from a Holgate resident about alternate street parking. He asked if the Trustees could confirm if the issue was widespread.

### Alternate Street Parking - Rand

- Bill H described the issue involving the 42 new houses Pagnotta has built. Because of lot size many of these residents have to park on the street. Alternate side parking doesn't work when renters, family members and visitors park multiple cars above the legal limit.
- Alternate street was established because street widths cannot easily accommodate emergency vehicles, fire engines and garbage trucks. If parking were allowed on both sides, it could become a safety issue.
- Tickets are being issued because a homeowner patrols the streets and calls police to request a ticket be issued at addresses he furnishes.
- The Trustees concluded the Police should continue to use discretion when determining the best way to ensure public safety.

### Beach Conditions- All

- Ralph Bayard has yet to respond to Rand's request for work on widening beaches although Yanni suggested that some work has been done.
- Beach 3 has been very narrow and Beach 4 is against the cliff around high tide. Beach 1 remains ok.

### Fall Membership Meeting and BBQ – All

- Location Bonds Park, September 10, 5 – 7 PM.
- Rand requested point person to coordinate event, Bill Hutson volunteered.
- Dan said he will put together list of projects for event.
- Ted will purchase food and Yanni will handle the cooking.
- Frank volunteered to help
- Bill C get insurance.
- Bill H to arrange for permit from LBT.
- Dan will provide sign in forms and name tags. Rand will also bring name tags from past events.



### Fall Clean-ups - Rand

- Refuge cleanup Sept. 10 from 10-12AM.
- Rand will order coffee, bottled water, crumb cake from Bowkers.
- Need HTA sign for table, table, chairs and HTA tent top.
- Bob and Judy White volunteered to help with sign in but Rand later assumed this responsibility.

### Steel Groin – Rand

- Mayor Mancini was advised another 2 year study will be needed.
- It is speculated this is due to NJ PACT, a group which believes barrier islands should return to nature and no further investment should be made which benefits wealthy homeowners.

### **Committee Reports**

#### Membership Committee – Bill C

- Currently 507 members and thanks to everyone for your contributions to get us to “500” level.
- Street captains weren’t that successful this year, mostly because due to limited follow-up from me.
- Meet and Greet was attended by 24 people but unclear if it drove any new members, although this was just one objective for the meeting.
- 2023 plan is to focus on non-members; we have 100 non-member emails. Consider more Meet and Greet or Community events.
- Discount card program faced challenges and will be delayed until 2023. Inflation will continue to be a problem for the discount card idea.
- Denise Brand mentioned re-usable bags with HTA’s name on bag would be good to pass out at events. Cost 1,000 bags \$2,500 and 500 bags \$1,375. Rand made a motion to increase Membership Comm. budget by \$1,000 to purchase reusable bags. The motion was unanimously approved.

#### Environment Committee – Bill H, Ted

- Bill stated this has been a very mild year for greenheads and black flies.
- Ted’s new trap design hasn’t had a chance to evaluate how effective it will be.
- Bill is still repairing and placing repaired traps.
- Frank checked on new traps but very little activity.
- Bill will work on more concise wording on traps to help educate public on the purpose for the traps.

#### By-Law Committee – Frank B

- Major issue currently is to clarify wording about who is homeowner that can be considered to be a candidate for a Trustee.
- Situations exist where wife is home owner and husband is not, so husband can’t be considered candidate for Trustee. Or where parent is the owner but adult children run the house.
- Frank is working to clarify when exceptions like this can be corrected.

#### Government Relations Committee - Dan

- Dan met with Brian who installs holiday lights for LBT and confirmed location for 2 new lights as well as all 15 lights.



### Dune Planting Committee – Denise

- Denise has discussed with Reynolds the list of Montauk daisies, bayberries and dune grasses that are needed for October 8 Fall planting. September 15 is the deadline for the order.
- Rand will do a separate mailing promoting planting event and the need for people to water.
- Rand to reach out to oceanfront homeowners for watering and to plant dunes in front of their home.
- It was reported dune grass on Beach 2 and 3 is doing poorly, Denise is unsure what conditions are causing this.
- Pershing Ave. bay beach entrance is reseeding itself and doing well.

### Nominating Committee – Bob, Rand

- There were 5 members interested in becoming a Trustee but Hank Henninger, Nick Dottino and Jeff Butler declined to be considered at this time.
- Jeff Lipman and Art Levy submitted statements and signed petitions to run for a Trustee, there are 3 open Trustee positions.
- The election will start on Monday, September 5 and close Friday September 9. Results will be announced at September 10 General Membership meeting.
- There are 3 Officer positions for election by the Board in November. They are Rand President, Dan Vice President and Bob Recording Secretary.
- The Board was advised by Rand that Yanni submitted a letter resigning as Corresponding Secretary August 18 but will continue as a Trustee. The Board accepted his resignation as an officer. The Board will appoint a trustee to serve the remainder of the term.

### Community Events – Rand

- Rand would like to schedule one more event this Fall, possibly a Meet the New Trustees event

### Treasurer's Update – Bill C

- Attached is the Treasurer's report.
- Total cash received of \$23,380. Our best year yet and almost double from 2016.
- Most of the small expenses have been incurred. Dune planting hasn't started and Greenhead traps are still in the middle of being repaired and baited.
- Depending on where we come out on Dune plantings, it is likely we will end in a surplus this year.
- Bill H said he would soon provide receipts for trap work completed to date.

### JCTA – Rand

- JCTA is trying to work thru the problem of volunteer first responders not being available on LBT.
- The Sandpaper ran a JCTA ad and is doing a series of articles on this issue.
- JCTA Officer elections will be held this Fall to fill the VP and Treasurer positions

### New Business – All

- Denise asked LBT to out railings on both sides of the walkway for a specific person on her street that had health issues.
- LBT's response was if it does something there everyone will want that on their walkways.
- Rand will talk to Ralph Bayard about a solution.



### Upcoming HTA Events

- Refuge Cleanup – Saturday, September 10, 10AM-12 PM
- Fall Membership Meeting – Saturday, September 10, 5-7 PM
- Fall Dune Planting – Saturday, October 8, 10 AM
- All-Island Beach and Bay Cleanup – Saturday, October 22

Next Trustee Meeting Date: Saturday, November 6, 2:30 – 4 PM, Location TBD

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:25 PM and unanimously approved.