

Holgate Taxpayers Association Trustees' Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 4, 2023 Time: 2:30 pm – 4:15 Via: Zoom

ATTENDEES: Frank Benintendo, Denise Brand, Barbara Cahn, Bill Cannon, Bill Hutson, Yanni Kaloudis, Jeff Lipman, Rand Pearsall, Ted Stiles, Bob White

ABSENT: Art Levy, Dan Macone

Meeting was called to order by Rand Pearsall at 2:32 PM and a quorum was established. Motion to approve HTAT Aug. 22 meeting minutes was made by Bill Hutson, seconded by Bill Cannon, unanimously approved.

Welcome New Trustee – Rand

- Barbra Cahn was welcomed as a new Trustee to fill open Trustee position.

Officer Elections – Rand

- Rand announced meeting opened for Officer elections and discussion.
- Bill Cannon and Dan Macone were nominated and agreed to continue at their respective offices for two years, Bill Cannon as Treasurer and Dan Macone as Vice President. Both were re-elected unanimously.

Holgate Topics - All

Beach Conditions

- LBT has continued to work on maintaining the beaches by grading and grooming.
- There is currently no schedule to build additional groins at southern Holgate beaches.
- Trustees requested we inquire for more information about the process to be used to schedule building more groins and continue with beach replenishment.
- Rand plans to meet with Mayor Mancini to find out where plans to build groins and continue beach replenishment are breaking down. We understand there is money in budget to continue these projects but the required approvals have not been forthcoming.
- Rand will also check with Virginia Rettig for her understanding as to the process of gaining approval to build the additional groins.

Land Preservation (Tebco/Newport Tract)

- HTA continues to be very concerned about further development in this undeveloped area between Tebco Terrace, Newport Drive, Steven Avenue and the bay where much of the tract appears to be wetlands.
- Property owners within 200 feet of this area have been legally notified of a request to the Department of Environmental Protection to determine what portion of the tract is buildable; this group has hired an attorney Nick Fatino and Pat Phillipe. Notification came from Mark Davies, Susan Shapiro Barash and Long Beach Township.
- Rand suggests HTA may want to conduct a survey to determine what the community thinks should be done. However, we would want to be sure there is good awareness of the issue prior to conducting a survey.

Dune Grass

- Dune grass is available until Oct. 30. The Surf Riders organization is planting this year Nov.11 thru Dec.2; Bill Hutson advised the Boy Scouts are not planting this year.
- Reports are rabbits have experienced a population explosion and may be eating a lot of dune vegetation.

Treasurer's Update - Bill C

2023 Budget Report/Anticipated Reserve

- Attached is Treasurers Report, page one recaps 2023 thru 2018, page 2 reports Actual Spend 2022 and 2023, 2023 Budget and 2023 Variance with comments.
- There are expenses from Bill Hutson, about \$2,000 which haven't been reported as yet.
- We spent more than we took in, which is a good thing although this included a substantial dollar amount carried over from 2022. We continue to look for opportunities to spend down our excess, while maintaining a reserve.
- If any Committees still have not turned in expenses to be paid, please send them to Bill C ASAP.

Committee Reports – (All; Chairs not in attendance should submit brief reports in advance)

- Rand wants formal 2024 plans from all Committee Chairs to be done before the end of the year. He will distribute templates for the Committees to complete.

Audit/Budget Review

- Need a volunteer to conduct the audit.

By-Laws – Frank B

- Need signatures from all Trustees for current By-Laws.
- Suggestion to use DocuSign, which should be explored.

Marketing Committee -Tunes by the Duns – Jeff

- Jeff reported he has started to contact groups to perform at 2024 Thursday Tunes By The Dunes events.
- Rand gave OK for commitments to schedule groups for Thursday night events and let LBT know so they can list these events in the brochures they publish for summer activities.
- Jeff requested funds to buy a tent for Tunes By The Dunes events; With no objections from the Board and recognizing there are already funds in the budget, Rand gave his approval for buying tent.

Dune Planting – Denise

- Fall planting went very well and (our limited) watering sources have been very reliable.
- Spring program schedule again will rely on watering sources after planting date.

Environment Committee – Ted, Bill H

- Ted reported he will oversee the building of 6 small fly traps this winter/spring and 3 medium size fly traps.
- Plaques are still available to fasten to new traps and traps being repaired.

- Need to further develop Adopt A Trap program which includes greenhead traps being stored by members and put out in spring by the member. While the response was good on the north end of Holgate, there are trap transportation issues to be resolved.
- Yanni suggested we consider renting or buying a truck or trailer to help put out traps and bring them to areas to work on them.

Membership Committee – Bill C

- Membership is currently at a record 540 members vs ~850 home owners.
- Membership Committee is reviewing programs to build membership and checking members that did not renew membership from last year.
- Jeff is working on posting images of HTA activities on our website.

Nominating Committee – Bob, presented by Rand

- The results of September election of six Trustees running for another two-year terms along with the election of new trustee Barb Cahn were announced Fall Membership/BBQ Meeting.
- Voting for Officer positions are detailed in Officer Positions as reported by Rand in the opening statement at this meeting.

JCTA Updates – Rand

- John Fiore is returning as President.
- As a subset of the JCTA, the 6 LBT taxpayer associations are looking to increase their participation in the development of the Township's budget. Input will focus on longer term, strategic issues that affect the entire Township.

Strategic Issues - All

- As covered earlier in the meeting, Rand will send template and requested committee chairpersons return with ideas for their 2024 Committee goals.

Next Trustee Meeting: Date/Time TBD, Rand will create 2024 proposed meeting dates

- Maintain Tuesday evening Zoom calls, with the goal of adding Saturday in-person meetings when most of the trustees are back on the Island.

New Business - Rand

- Ocean County is responsible for resurfacing the Boulevard in Holgate. LBT must work with Ocean County on this.
- Jeff Lipman led a discussion about road safety signage

Yanni made a motion to adjourn at 4:15, seconded by Jeff and unanimously approved.