

**GENERAL VILLAGE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE VILLAGE OF WEST HAMPTON DUNES  
Thursday February 13, 2025, at 6:00 PM  
in person at 906 Dune Road, West Hampton Dunes  
and via Zoom**

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Present: Mayor Irwin Krasnow, Trustee Gary Trimarchi, Trustee Gina Mulhearn, Trustee Howard Freedman, Trustee John Eff, Village Attorney Jared Kasschau, Village Clerk Robin Santora and Sgt. Brian Hennig.

Also Present: Mark Cappiello and Robin Laveman

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor's Report:

- Beach Replenishment:  
The beach replenishment is well underway. Army Corps of Engineers have completed replenishment on the bay side of Cupsogue and are currently working in the 700 block of the Village.
- Tax Grievance Day is February 18, 2025:  
Grievance Day will be held on February 18, 2025, from 12pm - 4pm. Property owners can file in person at the Village Office or submit their paperwork by mail, postmarked no later than February 18, 2025.
- NYCOM Legislative Meeting February:  
The Mayor just returned from the NYCOM legislative conference in Albany. He met with the Governor, other Mayors and found it very informative.
- Southampton Trustees:  
Discussed inviting Southampton Trustees to come to either the March or April board meeting to discuss their position on the Village's need for mooring permits.

- Website Update:

The Mayor shared that the Village is in the process of developing a new website, with plans to launch in April. Additionally, the Village has secured a new domain, [www.whdunes.gov](http://www.whdunes.gov), ensuring compliance with the latest New York State requirements.

- 2025 Rental Permits:

Reminder that the 2025 rental permits renewals and applications are due. You must have a current permit before you can advertise your home to rent and must include the permit number in all advertisements for the 2025 season.

- Alarm Permits:

The Mayor addressed the potential introduction of an alarm permit fee, which would be modest in amount. The purpose of the fee is to ensure that up-to-date contact information for alarm companies, the Village office and Constables is easily accessible when needed.

- Kayak/ Paddle Board Permits for Storage Racks:

The Village is working with SCWA to rebuild the boardwalk near the old life-saving station, with costs being shared between the two. We are currently awaiting an estimate for the project's cost. Additionally, kayak racks will be installed so residents can store their kayaks and paddleboards. A small registration fee will be collected to help identify ownership in the event of a storm or other issues.

- Village Elections 06/20/25:

The Village Election will be held on Friday, June 20, 2025.

There are two (2) Trustee seats available, each for a four (4) year term. Both Trustee Trimarchi and Trustee Eff are up for re-election.

- Water Safety CPR training this Spring:

Water safety and CPR training will be offered this Spring, organized by resident Nina McGinty. We'll share the date as soon as it is confirmed.

- West End Road Flooding:

After meeting with the Commissioner of Suffolk County's Department of Public Works and the Suffolk County Parks Commissioner, a plan has

been worked out to address the flooding issues at the entrance to Cupsogue Park. They have agreed to install drainage inlets that will channel water into swales, which should greatly reduce or even eliminate the flooding problems.

- NYCOM/AOT Lobby Day 03/04/25:  
The Mayor plans to attend the NYCOM Association of Towns lobby day on March 4, 2025 in Albany.

#### Financial Report:

- The 2023-2024 audit is in the final stages of being completed. Hopefully the audit will be finished by the next board meeting. Right now, we are working on the upcoming budget for the fiscal year of 2025- 2026.

#### Constable's Report:

- Sgt. Hennig discussed resident's concerns about wildfires and the Village's safety measures. He explained that the Village is not within a designated wildfire risk area, and the environment is less conducive to wildfires due to high humidity and limited vegetation.
- Sgt. Hennig also noted that if anyone has neighbors with lights they believe are intruding on their property and may be in violation of the Village's lighting codes, they should contact the Constables. The Constables will forward the concern to the Building Inspector to assess whether it's a violation.
- Lastly, Sgt. Hennig discussed the issue of fireworks during the summer, emphasizing the need for safety, respecting the community and compliance with legal requirements.

#### Trustee Report:

- Trustee Mulhearn discussed proactive measures to protect homes from the impacts of sea level rise and powerful storms. In 2014, the Village established a Beach Preservation Fund as an emergency reserve. Currently, residents contribute \$300 per year to this fund. However, Trustee Mulhearn has proposed increasing the annual beach assessment to \$1,000 per resident for the coming year. The additional funds would be used to hire professionals and begin a comprehensive approach to addressing the issues and developing a Village-wide plan to tackle Bayside flooding concerns.

- Trustee Eff mentioned a potential partnership with Malloy Sustainability, a program administrator to address energy efficiency and sustainability issues.

Resolutions:

Resolution approving the claim vouchers submitted for audit and approval by the Board of Trustees.

Motion by: Trustee Trimarchi  
Seconded by: Trustee Freedman  
All In favor: Yes  
Opposed: None

Resolution waiving the reading of and approving the minutes of the January 9, 2025 Board of Trustees meeting.

Motion by: Trustee Freedman  
Seconded by: Trustee Mulhearn  
All In favor: Yes  
Opposed: None

Resolution creating and appointing a Board of Assessment Review with Members: Robin S Laveman; Marshall Hagen; Lauren Nannariello; Jeff Bookman

Motion by: Trustee Trimarchi  
Seconded by: Trustee Freedman  
All In favor: Yes  
Opposed: None

Resolution creating and appointing a Planning Board with Members

Motion by: Trustee Freedman  
Seconded by: Trustee Mulhearn  
All In favor: Yes  
Opposed: None

Resolution to approve an Inter Municipal Agreement with the Town of Southampton for the purchase of fuel for the Village of West Hampton Dunes vehicles.

Motion by: Mayor Krasnow  
Seconded by: Trustee Mulhearn  
All In favor: Yes  
Opposed: None

Resolution to allow the Mayor to attend the NYCOM/ Association of Towns (NYAOT) Lobby Day in Albany on March 4, 2025.

Motion by: Trustee Freedman

Seconded by: Trustee Mulhearn

All In favor: Yes

Opposed: None

Public Comment:

- Resident Michael Stern from 725 Dune Road expressed concerns about the potential for the Planning Board to become a discretionary review of architecture and land use, which could increase construction costs and time.

Mayor Krasnow clarified that the Planning Board's initial purpose is to approve a pending subdivision, with the aim of expediting the process and not delaying it.

- Resident Michael Craig shared his thoughts on the proposed increase to the Beach Preservation fund. While he agreed that the current amount of \$300 should be raised, he felt that increasing it to \$1000 might be too steep. Additionally, Michael suggested that the board should explore the transfer tax proposal that the previous administration had worked on, as it could be beneficial for supporting the fund.
- Ken Goldberg, a resident from 853 Dune Road, expressed concerns about obstructed access to the bay that he and his neighbors have been facing. He mentioned that the Southampton Trustees recently passed a resolution requiring the removal of a fence, and he is now seeking action from the Mayor or the Village to ensure the fence is removed.

In response, Village attorney Jared Kasschau clarified that the Village does not have jurisdiction on this matter and, as a result, cannot take action. He advised Mr. Goldberg to follow up directly with the Southampton Trustees for further resolution.

- The meeting then ended with the Board closing to enter executive session.

Motion to move to executive session

Motion by: Mayor Krasnow

Seconded by: Trustee Freedman

All In favor: Yes

Opposed: None

Adjourn:

Motion to close the executive session.

Motion by: Mayor Krasnow

Seconded by: Trustee Freedman

All In favor: Yes

Opposed: None

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion by: Trustee Mulhearn

Seconded by: Trustee Freedman

All In favor: Yes

Opposed: None