

## BARNEGAT LIGHT TAXPAYERS' ASSOCIATION

Trustees Meeting Minutes  
December 12, 2015

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### Attending:

John Tennyson	Ed Ebenbach
Barbara Truncellito	Bill Chnelich
Bruce Allen	Dottie Reynolds
Kimberly Patterson	Alan Thomas

### Excused:

MaryAnn Crutchlow
Steve Pines

- I. John Tennyson called the meeting to order at 9:07 am.
  - o Opening remarks: Melinda Decker has resigned due to work-related activities. The Board thanks her for the contributions that she has made to the organization.
  - o We would like to extend a sincere "thank you" to Dick Malacrea and his wife, for bringing their annual holiday treats for everyone to enjoy.
- II. Approval of minutes from last meeting. Minutes were unanimously approved.
- III. Open Issues
  - o Treasurer's Report – Bruce Allen  
The YTD October/November 2015 report was posted online prior to the meeting.
  - o Membership Report – Ed Ebenbach  
The BLTA Membership report, dated 12/4/15, was posted online prior to the meeting. Comparison between this year and last year is almost identical. 76 of 95 lifetime members have been verified. We're in one-third of households; there is still plenty of room to increase membership.
  - o Open Space Report – Barbara Truncelitto  
Barbara attended the recent council meeting, still waiting to get word on the financing for the Coast Guard property. Not much information on what is planned; basically there is no definitive new information.
  - o JCTA Report – John Tennyson  
Bill Hutson is the current president. John has been asked to be the recording secretary. He is still undecided. The JCTA held a meeting on Monday December 7<sup>th</sup>, John could not attend.
  - o Borough Council Report - John Tennyson  
Regarding the Coast Guard property, Mayor Larson said he was having difficulty getting demo crew to get quotes on leveling the housing. John indicated that there are many positive changes occurring with personnel changes at Borough Hall.

- Communications – John Tennyson  
John reviewed the information needed for winter newsletter in MaryAnn's absence and collecting articles. Although Melinda Decker has resigned from the board, we may ask her if she would still be interested in submitting the article she was originally scheduled to provide.
- Website update – Kimberly Patterson  
Made some changes to website and looking for feedback. We have to keep it changing with the goal to make it easy to navigate vs. having pages of words.

#### IV. New Business – Items for Discussion

- Resident Suggestions/comments – John Tennyson  
John shared an email from resident, Michelle Ehrich. Michelle suggested 2 ideas on using BLTA funds. The suggestions were: install street sign reminders for walkers and bikers and additional beach walkways not funded in the borough plan. (Current walkways are purchased from Mr. Boardwalk in Lakewood, NJ). They will be discussed in future meetings after the first of the year.
- Committee Assignments/tasks – John Tennyson  
Nomination committee – we all need to be looking for new members and committee people, especially since there is not a designated person to take on this task.
- Membership Survey Questions – Ed Ebenbach  
Voter registration topic – Barbara suggested that we ask about this since there are residents who come to meetings and want change, yet they're not voters in this area.  
  
Discussion and fine tuning of survey questions to go out with newsletter.
- Other New Business – John Tennyson  
LBI school consolidation summarized by Barbara.

#### V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:47am

Recorded and submitted by:

**Kimberly Patterson, Recording Secretary**  
**12/12/15**