

BARNEGAT LIGHT TAXPAYERS' ASSOCIATION
 Trustees Meeting Minutes
 August 11, 2018

<u>Attending:</u>		<u>Excused:</u>	<u>Guest Attendees:</u>
John Tennyson	Mary Ann Crutchlow	Jim Slyfield	Kay McDonnell
Ed Ebenbach	Andy Moutenot	Bill Chnelich	Betsy Aras
Rich Brodman		Philip Kahn	Patty Robinson
Tom Zesk		Jeff Jorda	Virginia Simmons
Barbara Truncellito		Dottie Reynolds	Patty Frankfort
			Jack Byrnes Ann Byrnes

I. President's Opening Comments

- John Tennyson called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. The Trustees approved the minutes from the May 5, 2018 Trustees meeting.

II. Reports

○ Treasurer's Report

The financials that Bill presented at the July 15 General Meeting were posted to the website. There was no update since Bill is still recuperating from his surgery.

○ Membership Report – Ed Ebenbach

Ed presented the latest 2018 membership report. We have 548 members so far in 2018, which is 21 ahead of last year at this time. 44 of our members are new members. We still have 131 prior year members who have not yet renewed, and we will be reaching out to them.

We currently have 851 email addresses, which allows us to provide updates and information to our members and interested parties. In our annual survey, this was one of the primary ways our members like to get information updates.

○ Open Space Committee – Barbara Truncellito and John Tennyson

There has not been a meeting of the Open Space Committee since March. The primary issue to be discussed is the landscaping of the 6th St Coast Guard property.



○ JCTA (Joint Committee of Taxpayers Associations) – Andy Moutenot

Andy attended the August 1 meeting of the JCTA and sent the Trustees a copy of his notes from the meeting. The main issues discussed were beach nourishment of most LBI beaches, bulkhead management (study to be released in 2019), street flooding control, and dredging in the Little Egg inlet and redesign of the Holgate Terminal Groin.

○ Barnegat Light Borough Council Meeting – John Tennyson

John gave a report on the Borough Council meeting. There was a discussion about feeding wildlife, and consideration of an Ordinance to ban feeding and impose a fine. Other issues discussed included the treatment of historic homes, and the rejection of the parking ban on 6th St. It was noted that the Piping Plovers have left Barnegat Light for this year, and that there were 77 ocean rescues in the last month.

○ BLTA Website and Facebook Group – Tom Zesk

Tom updated the group on recent changes to the website and Facebook Group. Our new Special Events section is now updated each week with upcoming events for the next week. The posted articles are more focused on local items and events of interest to Barnegat Light property owners. There are less new articles each week, and they will remain on the home page longer. The Google Analytics showed very strong usage in July, with over 1,200 active sessions.

The Facebook Group has 136 members, an increase of 30 over last year. We generally post 1-2 times per week with upcoming events. There were suggestions to change the opening message and send an email to announce it, and to provide realtors with information on the BLTA and our website and Facebook page.

III. New Business – Items for Discussion

○ September 15 General Meeting – John Tennyson and Rich Brodman

John and Rich updated the Board on the agenda and speakers for the September 15 meeting. The meeting will begin with the changes to the Constitution and By-laws for our updated tax-exempt status, and the election of officers for 2018-2019. Barbara Truncellito is the nominee for President; Rich Brodman is the nominee for Vice President; and Bill Chernelich is the nominee to continue as Treasurer. John will then transition the meeting to Barbara as a 'passing of the torch' and Barbara will emcee the speakers portion of the meeting.

The speakers will be Karter Larson on the Viking Village commercial seaport and it's importance to the town; Steve Kennedy on the pine beetles infestation on LBI; Jim Gutowski on wind farms off the coast and it's impact on the seafood industry, and Mayor Larson.

- Benches for Pavilion – John Tennyson

John reported that backed benches were acquired by the BLTA for the new Pavilion. The Board decided to post one titanium or stainless steel plaque at the Pavilion to commemorate our purchase, in lieu of separate plaques for each bench. John and Rich recommended the titanium plaque, which would fare better in the sea air. The Trustees approved the purchase of one titanium plaque for \$200.

- Bicycle Safety Flyers – Rich Brodman

Rich discussed the production of a bicycle safety flyer, which would be specific for Barnegat Light and would include a mention of the BLTA. This would be similar to the flyer used by the Long Beach Township, only smaller. The Mayor has agreed to distribute them with beach badges next spring. The LBT Police Dept would produce the flyer for a donation. The trustees approved the expenditure of up to \$200 for the production of 2,000 bicycle safety flyers.

- Equipment Purchase– Ed Ebenbach

Ed requested approval for \$50 to purchase new audio equipment, including HDMI cords, and extension cords, to replace items that were borrowed. The Trustees approved the purchases.

- Transition Update – John Tennyson and Barbara Truncellito

John and Barbara gave an update on the transition meetings that they have conducted with Ed and Rich. The main areas of focus have been to insure the continuation of the strong relationship that the BLTA has built with the Borough Council under John and Ed's leadership, and the transition of communication templates and database information and sources. Barbara noted that one of her additional goals will be to expand the Board and establish committees.

- Guest Attendees

A number of guests attended and participated actively in the meeting. In a post-meeting discussion, the guests discussed their areas of interest. The Trustees were very favorably impressed with the skill sets and interests of the guest attendees and encouraged them to continue their participation and to strongly consider joining the Board. John thanked them for their participation.

III. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 pm. The next meeting is the BLTA general meeting on September 15 at the First Aid Building on 10th Street.

Recorded and submitted by:



Tom Zesk
Recording Secretary
September 5, 2018