

**Village of Old Field
Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, Oct. 11, 2022, 7:00 P.M.**

Mayor Thomas Pirro-Code Enforcement, Building, Lighthouse Reno Project
Trustee Tom Gulbransen- Environmental Council, Fire & Safety
Trustee Rebecca VanDerBogart -Parks, Building and Street Trees, Lighthouse Reno Project
Trustee Morgan Morrison-Street & Roadside Repairs
Trustee William Schaefer-Special Projects
Anthony Guardino, Village Attorney
Adrienne Kessel, Village Clerk
Andrea Podolsky, Village Treasurer
Joseph Arico, Building Inspector
Dawn McCoy, Building Clerk

Pledge to the Flag

The Mayor led the pledge to the flag and opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

Building

- Building Inspector Joe Arico discussed the delinquent permit renewal list and open permit list; Building Dept. report for Sept., 2022, on file in the Building Dept.
- On a motion by Mayor Pirro, seconded by Trustee Schaefer, the Board approved Hughes, Michael, 10 Blueberry Ridge Rd., SBL 18-3-6, permit #2021-0043, 1st and 2nd floor additions, porch, site plan revision recommended for approval by Village Engineer on Oct. 3, 5-0. (*The site plan approval will cover the entire project; the building permit is for Phase I only. Phase II will include a pool and cabana, and require Board approval for a third accessory building*).
- Pending: Huang, Li, 15 Woodhull Cove Ln., permit #2022-0014, demo and build new family dwelling, site plan revision required as of 05 31 22, and 07 25 2022, by Village Engineer, revised plan submitted 08 25 22

The Mayor asked the Village Clerk on the use policy of the Lighthouse park, due to a large wedding party on the premises on Sat., Oct. 15, observed by the Building Inspector. The park is open to the public, as part of the conditions of ownership when it was deeded to the Village, and is within the Village Code. All persons who notify the Clerk regarding use of the park are informed of any limits, and Code is informed of the date and time. Attorney Guardino said some conditions or limits can be set by the Board. The Clerk requested further clarification, will speak with the Village Attorney.

Environmental Committee-Pending

EC Chair Bruce Feller discussed the tree removal permit for Hughes, 10 Blueberry Ridge Road. The committee recommended approval, citing these are small growth trees and poor material, and considered it a clean-up of the existing over-growth.

- On a motion by Mayor Pirro, seconded by Trustee Schaefer, the Board approved Hughes, Michael, 10 Blueberry Ridge Rd., to remove 67 trees and under growth for future construction project, as recommended by the EC, site plan recommended for approval by the Village Engineer, 5-0.
- On a motion by Mayor Pirro, seconded by Trustee Schaefer, the Board approved Takahashi, Mariko, 52 Crane Neck Rd, to remove 12 trees, 4 shrubs, remove under growth, at the request of the Crane Neck HOA, to improve road visibility on Crane Neck, as recommended by the EC, 5-0.

Village Clerk

- On a motion by Trustee Schaefer, seconded by Mayor Pirro, the Board approved the minutes of Sept. 13, 2022, 4-0. Trustee Gulbransen recused, was not present at that meeting.

Treasurer

- On a motion by Mayor Pirro, seconded by Trustee Gulbransen, the Board approved the warrants and Treasurer’s report as presented for Sept., 2022

Code Report

Sept., 2022, 472 property checks, 1 fire alarm activation, 2 Code violations, 3 information reports, 1 deer removal, 1 emergency, 1 tree on wires, PSE&G and SCPD responded

Action Items

- On a motion by Trustee Schaefer, seconded by Mayor Pirro, the Board approved up to \$1000 for changes to the web site, 5-0.
- **Resolution in support of Creation of the Flax Pond Sanctuary, AS AMENDED**

WHEREAS, the New York State Assembly and New York State Senate have passed companion bills (A.10187/S.9140) establishing the Flax Pond Tidal Wetlands Sanctuary, which would designate 146.162 acres of tidal wetlands and adjoining lands located in the Village of Old Field for ecological preservation and study, and public recreation, and which would prohibit incompatible activities; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Old Field Board of Trustees finds that the Flax Pond Tidal Wetlands area is an invaluable ecological, aesthetic and recreational resource, and as such, should be protected from development and other misuse so that it may be enjoyed by future generations;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Old Field hereby expresses support for A.10187 and S.9140, and authorizes and directs the Mayor to issue a letter to Governor Kathy Hochul urging her to sign the bills into law.

The Board of Trustees adopted the foregoing resolution at a duly noticed public meeting held on October 11, 2022, upon the following vote:

Thomas Pirro, Mayor	Yea
Tom Gulbransen, Trustee	Yea
Morgan Morrison, Trustee	Yea
William Schaefer, Trustee	Yea
Rebecca VanDerBogart, Trustee	Yea

Filed in the Office of the Village Clerk on the 11 day of October, 2022.

Adrienne Kessel
Village Clerk

Old Business

- Final Board approval on the Environmental Committee proposal for an information mail out
- Village Attorney will review the ability to prohibit the use of air brakes within the Village

Public Comment

Christine D’Alessandro asked the Board for final approval for the EC mail out.
Jeff Owen discussed the condition of Old Field Road, and the schedule of further repairs.

Adrienne Owen asked the Board about several older issues, including a Memorandum of Understanding between the Board and the Lighthouse Foundation. Attorney Guardino said it would not be necessary, as it is part of the Articles of Confederation at the time the Foundation was formed.

The Board discussed a more relevant sign for the Whitehall Beach easement, Trustee Schaefer will review options. An incident of several persons trespassing and seen on a security camera on Childs Lane was discussed.

Rob Pace discussed the usefulness, technology, and placement of a license plate reader, with the data used only by law enforcement.

Commissioners Reports:

Mayor Pirro-Code Enforcement, Lighthouse Reno Project, Building, Fire Marshall contact

Code has not been able to fill entire work schedule yet, due to manpower shortage

Trustee Gulbransen- Deputy Mayor, Fire & Safety, Environmental Council, Fire Marshall contact

- Court issues for Environmental violations
- Discussed security camera's ability to capture clear images

Trustee VanDerBogart-Parks, Building & Street Trees, Lighthouse Reno Project

- Lighthouse Reno Project; National Historic Landmark designation
- Arrange meeting with the Board and Walter Sedovic, pending, re: Lighthouse Conditional Survey
- Block Island Lighthouse will share information on their reno project

Trustee Morgan Morrison -Street & Roadside Repairs:

- Discussed Whitehall Beach easement gate solutions, costs and options

Trustee Schaefer-Special Projects, Liaison to the ADA/Court, Fire Marshall contact

- Website review ongoing, will require updating web site platform
- Discussed Childs Lane incident, recommended more information on the website regarding Village issues with SCPD involvement

Executive Session: To discuss personnel issues, legal issue: In: 9:20 Out: 10:22

No actions or resolutions.

Adjourned at 10:22 PM Respectfully submitted, Adrienne Kessel, Village Clerk

Calendar: Work Session, Nov. 3, 2022, 7:00 PM, BOT, Monthly Meeting, Nov. 8, 2022, 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Adrienne Kessel
Village Clerk