

**High Bar Harbor Taxpayers Association (HBHTA)**  
**November 2021**  
**Newsletter**

**A Message from High Bar Harbor Taxpayers Association new Acting President:**

Dear Members,

It's my pleasure to introduce myself as your new Acting President. My unanimous appointment was early October by the HBHTA Board of Trustees. The Board also voted to appoint Acting Vice President, Karen Ensslen, Acting Treasurer, Joe DeLuca, Acting Communications Director, Agnes Poltorak-Lewis, and Acting Recording Secretary, Annie Jordan. These positions are temporary and a vote will be held for permanent Officers at the annual HBHTA meeting this summer. The date and time of the annual HBHTA meeting will be announced at a later date.

There are helpful and informative updates to share. Note that we just received access to the email list so we can now start communicating! There is information on our new water and sewer rates, an update on the sounding and soil sampling for lagoon dredging, wind farms, and some holiday ideas (hint: branded HBH UPF performance shirts and hats for family and friends). We are also working on developing a new website that will hold all HBHTA newsletters and other important information.

Please share this email with your HBH friends and neighbors who may not be current members of HBHTA and hopefully they become dues paying members.

Thank you for taking part in our association and for paying your yearly dues. Your dues enable us to continue to make our community a special place. Contact any of the Officers or Trustees with questions or ideas as we're here to listen to you. I hope you find this communique useful and informative.

Best regards,

Joanne Veech  
Acting President  
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**Dredging Update:**

Due to efforts by the board, Long Beach Township (LBT) is scheduling soundings and soil testing on two lagoon entrances off the HBH channel, Apalachee and Anson. Our officers will meet with LBT to evaluate next steps once those soundings and soil tests are complete. The lagoon entrance to Butler and Meadow, Biscayne Lagoon, has been completed and is being led by a Butler Road homeowner.

**Maintenance and Flagpoles:**

Recently, there have been upgrades to the overall look and the maintenance of our community. We have entered into an agreement with On-The-Side Landscaping regarding seasonal planting, maintenance and holiday decoration of the High Bar Harbor welcome sign area.

Earlier this year there was damage sustained by the flagpoles located at the welcome sign as well as the Triangle Park. Contact was made with LBT's Department of Public Works who agreed to re-string both flagpoles at no cost. The work should be completed by the end November and we will be able to hang our flags soon.

### **Newly designed "High Bar Harbor" UV Performance Shirts and Hats:**

Viking Outfitters located at Viking Village will be selling men and women's **high quality** UV performance shirts and hats. The long and short sleeve designs will feature our community's HBH logo and come in navy. We are offering a variety of sizes: Women's XS-XL and Men's S-3XL.

#### [HBH Shirts/Hats Order Form](#)

Your order will be available for pick-up at Viking Outfitters on November 19th. If you are not able to pick up your order between November 19th through November 28th, please call Josh at 609-389-3647 or email him at [vikingouts@gmail.com](mailto:vikingouts@gmail.com) to arrange a day and time to meet him at the store. He is there periodically through the winter. Your online order can also be shipped to you for a fee. When Viking Outfitters reopens full time in the Spring, the remnants from our initial order will be sold at the store and if we have more demand, we'll place another order. **If you order by November 15th, you will receive a 10% discount.**

*These will make great gifts for family and friends this upcoming holiday season and for birthdays. Let's build our HBH community brand!*

### **Joint Council of Taxpayers Association (JCTA) of Long Beach Island:**

The Joint Council of Taxpayers Association for LBI consists of representatives from each community. They meet monthly to discuss and address issues related to LBI's homeowners. Joanne Veech (Acting President) as well as Karen Ensslen (Acting Vice President) will attend the monthly meetings to represent the needs of our community and keep the Board and our members updated on the JCTA's activities. This past month's updates:

#### **1. New Water/Sewer Rates (changes to our rate structure)**

The six members of the LBT Taxpayers Associations (including Joanne Veech) met with Commission Bayard and LBT's Business Administrator Kyle Ominski and discussed the proposed Ordinance laying out the new water and sewer rates. The attached document is a review of that meeting.

#### [Water rates FAQ final final KYLE.pdf](#)

#### **2. Wind Farms:**

This document was created by the JCTA as a public service and first distributed June 2021; an updated version was published October 2021. Its purpose is to present objective information about the wind energy farm to be located east of LBI to assist readers in forming their own opinions about this project. The document is not intended to be a final or all-conclusive report. *Note the visibility section on page 11.*

### **3. Resilient LBI Overview:**

Resilient LBI has a website that is an interactive learning tool: one facet of an emerging and ongoing resiliency dialogue. Learn more about the project at this site:

<https://storymaps.ar-cgis.com/stories/.8270c8d6d42f4783b0a4fcf530a8666a3>

### **4. Sandpaper article on bulkhead heights for new construction and sales:**

<https://www.thesandpaper.net/articles/long-beach-township-mandates-bulkhead-heights-for-new-construction-on-bay-lagoon/>

### **Children's Bayview Park:**

Met with Joseph Mancini (Mayor) and Kyle Ominski (Business Administrator) regarding an update on the equipment that was ordered for the Children's Park. We are awaiting word from the Mayor's office on the timing of equipment installation.

### **Treasure's Update:**

We have a book balance of \$14,359 and are developing the budget for calendar year 2022, which will be reviewed and approved by the Board in early January, 2022. Typically we collect approximately \$5,200 annually from member dues and our largest expenditures are for insurance, landscaping, and community/social events. We usually operate at slightly above breakeven; the cash surplus that we have built over the years is generally from discrete fundraising campaigns such as Flag sales.

### **Community Events:**

We would like to hear from our members regarding ideas for HBH community events. Please do not hesitate to contact any of your Officers or Board members with suggestions or email us directly at [hbhonlbi@gmail.com](mailto:hbhonlbi@gmail.com). We value your input.

### **Annual Meeting Minutes:**

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