



JOINT COUNCIL OF TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATIONS OF LBI MEETING MINUTES MAY 2, 2022

ATTENDEES

Ann Barkey	Loveladies	Kathleen Ries	Harvey Cedars
Karen Ensslen	High Bar Harbor	Ben Tonti	Brant Beach
John Fiore	Brant Beach	Joanne Veech	High Bar Harbor
Ron Fiore	Surf City	Pete Williams	Consultant
Bill Malone	LBT10		

The meeting was held in-person in the main hall of St. Thomas de Villanova Church in Surf City. Thanks to Bill Malone, the key master, and to St. Francis Parrish for allowing us to use the space for our meeting.

In this document:

- 1) "Town" refers to any town, township, borough, or neighborhood, regardless of its official designation;
- 2) Island towns are frequently referenced only by their initials;
- 3) TA is the abbreviation for taxpayers and property owners associations;
- 4) The term "extended JCTA" refers to all JCTA voting representatives, alternates who regularly show up, Bill H and Pete; and
- 5) Follow-up items *are highlighted in red* so they do not get lost in the flurry of words.

► **Call To Order** (Kathleen)

JCTA Treasurer Kathleen Ries called the meeting to order at 6:58 pm. VP John Hailperin is on vacation.

► **Secretary's report** (Ann)

• **Motion to accept the minutes of the March 7, 2022 meeting.** Ann announced that there were no minutes from April because we had a gathering to honor Barbara Truncellito instead of our regular business meeting. She stated that there were no material changes to the March minutes, which she had previously distributed via email to the extended JCTA. John F made a motion to accept the minutes; Joanne seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

• **Voting Representative from BLTA.** Ann reported that she has been in touch with Rich Brodman, Barnegat Light TA's VP. Rich advised that they value BLTA's membership in JCTA, but the board members have not been able to focus on whom to send to the meetings. He hopes to have a representative designated by the June JCTA meeting.

Ann reviewed our collective, unanimous decision about *not* sharing JCTA minutes outside the extended JCTA and stated that she had so advised Rich during their recent conversation. Ann reported that Rich said he understood and agreed not to do so. She advised that Rich took her up on her offer to send him a copy of the written summary of highlights from our meetings that she prepares and sends to her LTA board. Rich said he would only share this summary with the members of the BLTA board.

Per Ron's request, Ann said she will also provide that summary to him after each JCTA meeting so he can share it with the SCTA board.

• **Open items from the March 2022 meeting not included in this month's agenda:**

1) **Rand asked all JCTA colleagues to advise him where there are beach problems in our towns**, e.g., erosion; damaged or cut back dunes; difficulty with beach access; access compromised at high tide. TONIGHT: In Rand's absence, this point was not discussed.

2) **Kathleen said she would email information about two pieces of legislation currently making their way through legislative committees that pertain to regionalizing NJ schools**. TONIGHT: Kathleen said she will ask the HCTA board member who spoke with us last year about the school situation to provide her with this information so it can be distributed to the extended JCTA.

► **Treasurer's report** (Kathleen)

Current balance in the TD Bank account: \$3,670

Kathleen reported that there have been no recent transactions and no bills are due. In response to a question about what bills JCTA as an organization pays, Kathleen mentioned the fee for our post office box and the insurance. She said that special projects are funded as the need arises – such as the purchase of the giant presentation check – and speculated that the priority committees may require some funding in the future.

Venmo: [**NOTE:** *In a previous meeting we had collectively wondered if using Venmo or PayPal to pay the annual JCTA dues was a viable option.*] Kathleen presented the following facts:

- TD Bank is connected to Venmo and Zelle. Money sent to Venmo stays there until it is pulled into another account. There is no fee to either receive money through Venmo or to pull it into another account, which takes one to three days for the transfer to complete
- Money can be sent to an email address. Ann and Kathleen's personal email addresses are attached to our TD Bank account and sending money to their personal email addresses for JCTA could get a little messy. In response to a question, Kathleen offered advice on how to attach an email address to a personal account.
- We could, however, create our own JCTA email address.
- Venmo is free; PayPal charges a fee for every use. Bill M said that LBT10 uses Venmo successfully and confirmed that there is no cost.

We discussed and decided that using Venmo was not worth the trouble for eleven checks per year.

Honoring our friend Barbara Truncellito Kathleen wondered how we would feel about JCTA making a contribution to St Francis Parrish, the organization designated by Barbara's family to receive memorial gifts in her name.

We discussed what the right amount should be and did not reach any conclusion. Several ideas were mentioned, including buying a commemorative bench or brick or buying mass card(s), particularly around special days like her birthday.¹ We agreed that was a nice idea because her faith and the church were very important to Barbara.

¹ November 9

Bill M volunteered to speak with someone at St. Francis about buying a mass card as well finding out if there are other things that could be done for the Parrish that would appropriately memorialize and honor Barbara.

► **Update on May 7 Island-wide Clean Up Day** (Karen E & John F)

Karen said that all that is left to do is hope for good weather, although the assembled group was not optimistic. **[NOTE:** *Unfortunately, our hopes were dashed by the forecast of the pending nor-easter, which is anticipated to slam through on Saturday. Rescheduled date pending.*]

Karen summarized the actions that have been done to date in support of this island-wide effort: a colorful informative flyer was prepared and distributed to local businesses; various towns have posted mention of it on their websites and on social media; the calendar in the May 4 edition of *The Sandpaper* includes this event and an article is also scheduled to appear in that issue; Alliance For A Living Ocean and the Southern Chamber of Commerce posted information on their websites; and there will be one to four electronic signs in LBT on the Boulevard.

John F praised Karen and said she did all the heavy lifting to get this event off the ground. We agreed that we should all take photographs so we have them for possible use in a follow-up article. Kathleen announced that HCTA will have food available for participants in Sunset Park when the event concludes at noon.

► **Vacant JCTA president's position** (All)

[NOTE: *In two emails sent prior to this meeting to the extended JCTA, Ann attached the current by-laws that included the minor tweaks suggested in March by the By-laws Committee. That version of the by-laws is included in these minutes as Addendum #1.*]

Ann introduced this discussion by summarizing what the by-laws say about filling a vacant officer's position. She said that she was personally uncomfortable having the remaining three officers appoint someone to fill the remaining term of the president's position². She stated that when that paragraph was written into the by-laws, most likely no one anticipated that it would be the president's position that would be vacant.

Joanne opined that everyone in the whole group should have a voice in this decision and everyone agreed. We also all agreed that we would follow the protocols established during the last election cycle and appoint a Nominating Committee.

Ann made a motion that Barbara Bishop, Bill Malone and Bill Walsh be appointed as members of the Nominating Committee and they should present the slate of candidates to fill the remainder of the president's term at the June meeting and we would vote in the July meeting. John F seconded and the conversation continued about this topic.

We discussed what the JCTA president does; Ron briefly described how SCTA runs successfully without a designated president. JCTA members who have served for a while described how the president's position has evolved as JCTA has become more visible and has garnered more attention and press coverage. This evolution is a recent development and a direct result of all JCTA members relaying information on a regular basis to their boards and to their members about what JCTA is doing, how it benefits members and how it affects everyone on LBI.

² Ann is referring to Article II Section 3 in the JCTA by-laws

John F agreed, saying that two years ago, no one knew what JCTA was, but now, every month, more people are aware that there is an umbrella group on the island that includes all of the TAs. John F said that people understand that we are the only all-island organization on LBI (and many have wondered why government does not follow that model).

Pete stated that it is helpful to have a designated spokesperson for the organization and we all agreed that it would logically be the president.

Speaking of communication, we transitioned into a discussion about two other communication opportunities: 1) We are all agreed that the priority committee chairs should be the ones writing content for articles or being interviewed about the subjects on which their committees focus. It is fine to ask for editing assistance when writing, if necessary, but they and their committee members are the subject experts and can write about and speak about the topic the most effectively; and 2) If there were ever to be a need for the JCTA to reach out to town mayors, commissioners or councils, the JCTA president would be the one to do that.

No one could remember a time when that happened, but John F described a first-ever meeting that happened in 2021: Representatives of all six TAs in LBT met with the appropriate LBT commissioner and the business administrator to talk about the new water/sewer billing structure. That meeting turned out to be very productive and changes were made for the better as a result.

We voted on the motion and it passed unanimously.

► **Be Bright campaign 2022** (Barbara B)

Unexpectedly, Barbara was not able to attend tonight's meeting, so Ann said she would **include this topic on the June agenda**. [**NOTE:** *The Chamber's sponsor letter was attached to the two emails with the agenda for this meeting. It will be resent with the June agenda.*]

► **Proposed changes to the by-laws³**(Ann)

In the absence of the other two members of the By-Laws Committee,⁴ Ann summarized the proposed changes, describing them as minor: change the title of the past president to president emeritus; adjust the beginning of officers' terms so they coincide with the October meeting in which the voting occurs and memorialize at a high level our election procedure for officers. She stated that the nitty-gritty details about how we run our elections are memorialized in the October 2021 minutes.

Because we did not have a meeting in April, Ann said she was hoping that we could adopt those changes formally at tonight's meeting. Kathleen made a motion to accept all the changes as proposed; Joanne seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor.

► **Reports from the priority committees** (Committee Chairs)

☆ **Beach Erosion / Replenishment** (Rand) In Rand's absence, Ann read his report sent via email earlier today:

³ *The proposed changes had been previously circulated and discussed with the extended JCTA: A one-page document summarizing the proposed changes was attached to the two emails with the agenda for the March 7th meeting and the changes were mentioned at that meeting. In preparation for the previously announced vote at the April meeting, a document containing the full by-laws with the changes highlighted in red was sent to the extended JCTA on March 26.*

⁴ *John H and Rand*

A draft one-page document that would empower LBI residents to lobby their Congressional representatives has been prepared and was sent to Peter Trainor for review. He was the person who originally suggested this approach.

We continue to work on a complementary document that will help educate people, particularly new owners and summer renters, about the need to properly care for the dunes.

Pete mentioned that with no funding in place for periodic replenishment of LBI beaches in 2022, SC officials adopted Resolution 2022-79 at their last meeting, which asks the U.S. House of Representatives to approve \$32 million in special funding for the project. He produced a copy of an article about this resolution, which appeared on page 34 of the April 20, 2022 edition of *The Sandpaper*.

Ron and Pete suggested that Rand should incorporate information about that resolution in his committee's draft and wondered if some of the work that this committee hopes to inspire might already have been done or is currently being done. [**NOTE:** Ann advised Rand May 2.]

☆ **Bicycle / Pedestrian Safety** (Pete) Co-chair Karen Drucker (SBTA)did not attend tonight's meeting.

Pete said the committee is off to a very good start. It was decided that the committee would survey all the chiefs of police on the island to learn what is currently being done in this area. In preparation for those meetings, a list of questions was created by the committee members and there were good discussions about how to proceed.

Pete reported that there have been two meetings with police chiefs: 1) In HC with Chief Robert Burnaford and Anne Pollen; and 2) In SB with Chief Jon Potter, conducted by Karen D and Barbara Bishop. Pete said that both meetings went very well and the people involved were terrific. He asked Kathleen to pass along his praise to Anne Pollen.

Kathleen said there was follow up in HC after the meeting and it is moving along.

Pete said that both chiefs were very welcoming and engaged in the discussion. Pete, Barbara and Karen made sure the chiefs understood that they were meeting to gather information, not to tell the chiefs what to do. Both chiefs are very security conscious and even though they have different ways of doing a few things, they appeared pleased to be able to discuss this topic with someone. Both chiefs talked about electric signing and said they felt they could do more in this area. "They were terrific," said Pete and mentioned that Chief Burnaford HC had invited Anne Pollen to "give me a nudge if things aren't going the way they should."

NEXT STEPS: Pete said that all the ideas gleaned from these meetings will be pulled together into one document that will be circulated among the chiefs so good ideas that are working can be shared. The committee is planning on meeting with all the chiefs and scheduling these meetings with individual police chiefs is the goal. He stated that it was not the desire of the committee to get invited to the monthly meeting in which all the chiefs meet together.

☆ **First Responder Support** (John F)

John F reported that Kathleen and he met with members of the Barnegat Light First Aid Squad and found out that they do some very interesting things that other towns do not do in an effort to recruit volunteers, e.g., summer-only members; weekend volunteers. In addition, members of this squad have specialized skills and are called upon to do things that others don't have to do, such as extract people from the rocks.

John F emphasized several times that staffing is a big issue for them, as it is for every such first responder organization locally and in the state and in the nation. He said the local funding is there, but getting volunteers to staff the organization is the challenge. While the squad members were not concerned about being able to answer calls in the BL primary area, they were concerned that if anything really serious happened, there could be issues.

John F mentioned that many programs exist that try to address the volunteer shortage, e.g., the county has training programs (but, unfortunately, they are only offered during the day and not on the weekends); Boards of Education are looking at the type of education and training needed to fulfill these positions as mandatory classes that must be taken to graduate from high school; some squads are taking 16-year-olds as junior members in training. As support personnel, there are all kinds of jobs – cleaning, fixing, doing inventory -- that they can and should be doing instead of someone trained to go out on a call.

John F opined that this serious problem cannot be fixed by everyone doing their own thing independently. He stressed that everyone has to be in the same room at the same time to fix it. We all agreed that these conversations about recruiting should include fire companies and volunteer opportunities in police departments as well.

NEXT STEPS: Kathleen will reach out to more squads and to make appointments to meet.

We discussed again how fire companies are very competitive in recruiting and fund-raising, but all that goes away when the fire whistle blows. Karen E said it would help people become aware about how they could help if the fire companies (and other first responder organizations) advertised for what they need. Kathleen said that part of their strategy is exactly that – to raise the public’s awareness.

In that spirit, John F noted that SB Volunteer Fire Company will be at the BBTA spring meeting in full uniform with a truck outside.

☆ **Flooding** (John H)

In John H’s absence, Ann reminded everyone that the minutes from the most recent meeting of the Flooding Committee were attached to the two emails with tonight’s agenda. She suggested that any questions should be directed to John H. John H’s minutes are included below in Addendum #2.

☆ **Offshore Wind Farms** (Ann)

Ann said that over the past few months, it became increasingly apparent that duplicating the offshore wind farms FAQ that was produced last year by a dedicated group of researchers and writers was going to be impossible.

Consequently, she said that the committee plans to produce The Offshore Wind Farm Round-Up on a monthly basis. Every issue would include 4 - 5 new links to credible research on topics that people are talking about. All of the studies have executive summaries and portions of those are copied and pasted into the Round-Up, so the committee is reporting, not interpreting.

NEXT STEPS: Ann said she would be sending the pdf of the first Round-Up to the extended JCTA within the next few days. The first issue includes links to studies and information about the cost of electricity, the impact of noise on marine life and the Cold Pool; daytime visibility of the turbines and the lawsuit filed by Bob Stern’s group. Please distribute as you see fit to your members and community. The committee welcomes your feedback and suggestions.

Joanne noted that the new HBHTA website is up and running. There were 800 hits in April, with the most accessed link being “Wind Turbines on LBI.” Karen and Joanne reported that 100 members have signed up so far.

☆ **Taxes** (Joanne) [**NOTE:** *Originally, Barbara T and Joanne had volunteered to co-chair.*]

Joanne reported that she is now basically a committee of one because no one had volunteered to work with them. Consequently, there has not been much forward movement and the committee’s efforts never really got off the ground.

She mentioned that John H has been producing a lot of letters about the tax situation in the Southern Regional School District (“SRSD”). She opined that his effort is probably a good start and he is clearly focused and running with it. It was noted that the numbers quoted in the letter were provided by LBT, which speaks to the fact that all towns are involved in this issue.

Kathleen reminded us that that HC launched the effort to make changes in the SRSD tax situation and HC resident and former HCTA board member Bob Danna has all the data from years back. She stated, however, that he would be unwilling to be involved as chair of the committee or to devote himself to this issue full-time. We agreed that no one has the time to delve into any of the tax issues in ways that would be comprehensive and appropriate.

Bottom line: Joanne said she is not willing to go it alone, but she is happy to share her knowledge about how municipalities run, drawing on her experience as a councilperson in Randolph (and soon to be mayor again).

In our discussion, we acknowledged that the topic of taxes goes well beyond just SRSD, e.g., the impact of the Long Beach Island Consolidated School District’s budget and construction plans; and the amount of taxes we all pay to Ocean County, the largest portion of our tax bills.

There was a brief discussion about frustrations with the county’s response time, allocation of funds to municipalities and failure to follow-through. The recent re-evaluation of property values was also discussed. Joanne stated that this process is required by law and when it is complete, the distribution of funds is realigned so that it all evens out and the cost of the re-evaluation process is taken care of.

There was no resolution about the future of the tax committee.

► **Quick Hits**

❖ *JCTA tab on the Southern Ocean Chamber of Commerce’s (“SOCC”) website?* (Ann) Ann mentioned that SOCC has offered to include a JCTA tab on its website and we discussed what our page would look like. We agreed that it would include links to the websites of all JCTA member TAs and to appropriate shared information such as The Offshore Wind Farm Round Up. **Ann said she would reach out to SOCC to see what the next steps are.**

❖ *Press Release BH stormwater pump station project* (John H) In John H’s absence, Ann said that this press release was provided as an FYI only because it is mentioned in the minutes from the most recent meeting of the Flooding Committee.

❖ *Insidernj.com* (Joanne) Joanne recommended signing up to receive news from this source about all the political and legislative activities going on. She said that she has found it very interesting and noted that it features no advertising and it is “very left-leaning.”

The End Joanne made a motion to adjourn and Karen seconded. There were no dissenting votes; we adjourned at 8:29 pm.

The next JCTA meeting is scheduled for Monday June 6, 2022 at 7 pm in-person at St. Francis **in Brant Beach**. Ann will find out exactly where we will be meeting in the Community Center and advise.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Ann Barkey, JCTA Secretary

ADDENDUM #1

NOTE: *The current versions of the constitution and by-laws are below. Changes proposed by the By-Laws Committee in March are in red.*

The Joint Council of Taxpayers' Associations of Long Beach Island (JCTA) is made up of representatives from each participating taxpayer organization. The principal contact in each participating organization is the president, who may participate in meetings and/or may assign one or two delegates to participate in meetings and/or committees.

MISSION STATEMENT

A collaborative effort by multiple Long Beach Island taxpayer associations to identify and address the issues that mutually affect all property values and life experiences on Long Beach Island.

TERMS USED THROUGHOUT THIS DOCUMENT

Joint Council, the Joint Council of Taxpayers' Associations of Long Beach Island and JCTA are the same organization.

Municipality stands for the five boroughs and one township on Long Beach Island New Jersey: Barnegat Light, Beach Haven, Harvey Cedars, Long Beach Township, Ship Bottom and Surf City.

Officially recognized geographic sections within Long Beach Township are Brant Beach, High Bar Harbor, Holgate, LBT10, Loveladies and North Beach.

Taxpayer refers to all who pay taxes on Long Beach Island as well as primary residents even if they are tenants. Residents are represented by the taxpayer associations in their borough or municipality.

Taxpayer Association & Taxpayer Organization are umbrella terms and include all taxpayer associations and property owner associations.

CONSTITUTION

(Adopted 1986, unless amended as stated)

Article I Organization and Objectives

Section 1 This organization shall be known as the JOINT COUNCIL OF TAXPAYERS' ASSOCIATIONS OF LONG BEACH ISLAND, INC.

Section 2 Its purposes shall be as follows:

- a. To preserve and promote the quality of life of the residents and taxpayers of Long Beach Island;

- b. To study and make recommendations on matters of common concern to each participating taxpayer organizations;
- c. To promote efficiency in government at all levels including, but not limited to, economic, cultural and environmental matters of common concern;
- d. To foster public interest in all government operations pertinent to Long Beach Island;
- e. To represent the member taxpayer associations before the Municipal, County, State, Federal and other public and quasi-public bodies on matters of common concern to the member taxpayer associations;
- f. To assist and advise as a land use advisory group for the development of Long Beach Island and other areas where development may have an impact on Long Beach Island;
- g. To assist member taxpayer organizations with issues affecting common interests and which are consistent with the objectives set forth above. Such assistance or action by the Joint Council shall in no way restrict independent action by a member taxpayer organization, and
- h. To encourage communications between member taxpayer organization

Article II Membership

Section 1 An organization to be eligible for membership shall be:

- a. A taxpayer association which represents the concerns of the owner/residents of each municipality or of an officially recognized geographical section within a municipality on Long Beach Island;
- b. Formally organized to the extent that it has regularly scheduled meetings; and
- c. One in which officers have been designated to represent it.

Section 2 A member taxpayer organization in good standing shall be one which has paid the annual dues to the Joint Council and shall have complied with such other requirements as approved by the Joint Council.

Section 3 A member taxpayer organization in good standing is eligible to vote with one vote per taxpayer association and to participate in activities of the Joint Council (amended 10/7/19)

Section 4 Upon written notice to the Secretary, any member taxpayer organization may withdraw from the Joint Council. Such notice shall be deemed to take effect immediately.

Section 5 If a representative from a taxpayer association fails to attend three consecutive meetings or three meetings in one calendar year, then an officer of JCTA shall contact the president or another officer of the taxpayer association and advise him/her of the absence.

If the representative is no longer interested in attending, then the JCTA officer shall request that a new representative to the JCTA be appointed.

Section 6 If a situation arises which creates a conflict of interest that cannot be resolved between a representative from a member taxpayer association and the objectives of the Joint Council, an officer of the JCTA shall contact the president or another officer of the taxpayer

association, advise him/her of the conflict of interest and request that a replacement representative from that taxpayer association be appointed.

Article III Membership of Past Presidents

Section 1 All past presidents of the JCTA shall have the title of **President Emeritus**, entitled to attend meetings and participate in the business of this organization, but they shall not be entitled to vote.

NOTE: The only change proposed in this entire section is changing the title from “honorary past president” to President Emeritus. Everything else is the same.

In the event that a president emeritus is duly appointed as a voting representative or alternate from a member organization, then the president emeritus shall be a delegate representing that member organization, provided the member taxpayer organization is in good standing.

Article IV Meetings

Section 1 Regular meetings shall be held periodically no less than six times per calendar year on a schedule set forth by the officers of the organization. (*amended 8/3/20*)

Section 2 Special meetings may be called by the president and/or duly elected officers upon notification to the members in writing or otherwise with a least 24 hours’ notice, if possible. (*amended 9/19/90*)

Section 3 At the regular meeting in August, the president shall appoint a Nominating Committee, which shall nominate officers for the year starting in October. The committee shall report at the September meeting and present its roster of nominees to the Joint Council. (*amended 8/3/20*)

Section 4 At the October meeting, the new slate of officers proposed by the Nominating Committee will be put in nomination by a member of that committee and put to a vote.

NOTE: This entire next paragraph is new. It memorializes our election process at the summary level:

All voting is done by secret ballot; the secretary is responsible for conducting the election, counting the votes and announcing the winner. If the secretary is on the ballot and not running unopposed, the vice president will conduct the election, count the votes and announce the winner.

All taxpayer member organizations shall cast one vote for its choice of each officer in person at the October meeting. If the voting representative and alternate will both be absent at that meeting, however, the voting representative may make prior arrangements with the Joint Council’s secretary, who will mark a ballot per the instructions of the voting member and include the ballot in the final count at the October meeting.

NOTE: The part in red above is a change. The former version allowed absent members to vote via conference call, which does not maintain confidentiality. This procedure described in red above was followed in the October 2021 election and it worked very well.

NOTE: An entirely new paragraph is inserted below. We are not recommending that the by-laws include how the election should be conducted because that process may be tweaked over time. Rather, the by-laws should point members

in the right direction in a way that does not require an up-date to the by-laws every year.

See Addendum #1 for the procedures followed in the annual election cycle on October 4, 2021. Subsequent minutes for October meetings should include a summary of the procedures followed during that election cycle.

To be elected, a nominee must be affirmed by no less than 50% of all the Joint Council members. *(amended 8/3/20)*

If there are three or more nominees for an officer position, there will be a vote on the officer position with all candidates. If a candidate fails to receive the majority vote during the first ballot, then there will be a run-off vote between the two top candidates until one candidate receives at least 50% of the votes of all the Joint Council members. *(amended 8/3/20)*

The newly elected officers shall take office immediately. An officer's term is two years and it can be renewed. All officers' terms begin in October.

The current terms of the president and secretary expire **at the adjournment of the October meeting** in odd years; the terms of the vice president and treasurer expire **at the adjournment of the October meeting** in even years.

NOTE: In the previous version, the terms expired September 30, which created a gap in which, technically, that officer's position was vacant. This change eliminates that gap.

Each member taxpayer organization shall be represented by not more than two delegates appointed by the officers of the member taxpayer organization or, in their absence, their alternates. *(amended 9/19/90)*

Article V Changes to the Constitution and Adoption and Changes to By-Laws

Section 1 The Constitution may be amended after a proposed amendment has been given due notice and JCTA members have had two subsequent opportunities to consider the change. The amendment shall be adopted after ratification by no less than two-thirds of the member taxpayer organizations.

All member taxpayer organizations shall cast one vote. Votes may be made in person or, if the voting representative and alternate will both be absent at the meeting in which the vote is to be taken, the voting representative may cast a vote by making prior arrangements with the Joint Council's secretary.

Section 2 By-laws for the Joint Council may be adopted or amended after a proposed by-law or amendment has been given due notice and JCTA members have had one subsequent opportunity to consider the change.

The by-law or amendment shall be adopted after ratification by at least two-thirds of the member taxpayer organizations.

All member taxpayer organizations shall cast one vote. Votes may be made in person or, if the voting representative and alternate will both be absent at the meeting in which the vote is to be taken, the voting representative may cast a vote by making prior arrangements with the Joint Council's secretary.

BY - LAWS

Article I Dues

Section 1 Annual membership dues shall be in the amount of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) or such amount as approved by at least 50% of member taxpayer associations and shall be payable to the Treasurer by **no later than January 15 for the ensuing year**. (amended 1/19/94 & pending 4/4/22)

NOTE: Previously the dues were payable by January 1st. Several member organizations, however, want to send a check during the year for which the dues are being paid, which is fine.

Article II Officers

NOTE: We have been advised by our insurance broker not to refer to ourselves as "Trustees" so this word has been removed throughout the document. We are voting representatives or alternates for the organizations who send us.

Section 1 The officers shall consist of the following:

- a. **President:** Presides at all meetings and is an ex-officio member of all committees and the designated spokesperson for the Joint Council;
- b. **Vice President:** Presides at all meetings in the absence of the president and manages projects and initiatives as requested by the president;
- c. **Treasurer:** Maintains custody and manages the Joint Council funds and perform all functions usual to that office; and
- d. **Secretary:** Prepares and keeps a written record of all regular and special meetings, maintains accurate records regarding JCTA membership and contact information for voting representatives and alternates and performs other functions usual to that office.

Section 2 The duly elected officers shall serve together as members of the Joint Council Executive Committee. Any member of the Executive Committee may be authorized by the president to be a designated spokesperson for the Joint Council for a particular issue.

Section 3 The officers may serve on committees and perform such functions consistent with responsibilities and objectives of the Joint Council.

In the event of the inability of any officer to continue in office for the term for which he or she is elected, the remaining officers have the authority, by a simple majority, to appoint any delegate to fill the unexpired term.

Article III Committees

Section 1 The president shall have the authority at any time during his or her term of office to appoint committees and to assign any matter for study and action to the standing or ad hoc committees deemed most appropriate.

Section 2 The president shall appoint an Audit Committee from the delegates for the purpose of auditing the books of the Joint Council at such times as seems advisable, but at least once per year.

Section 3 The following shall be standing committees:

- a. *Audit Committee*
- b. *Nominating Committee*

NOTE: The Public Affairs Committee has been eliminated.

Section 4 Members of committees included in Article III Section 3 above shall be appointed to the committee by the president and shall serve on the committee at the discretion of the president.

Article IV Meetings

Section 1 At the regular meetings, the following order shall be observed:

- a. Approval of the Minutes
- b. Reports of officers
- c. Reports of committees
- d. Old business
- e. New business
- f. Election of officers (when applicable)
- g. Adjournment

Section 2 At all meetings, a quorum shall consist of representation not less than 50% of the member taxpayer organizations in good standing

ADDENDUM #2

JCTA FLOODING COMMITTEE

APRIL 20, 2022

5:00 PM

(LBI Historical Museum)

Attendees: John Hailperin, Chair
Denise Cleveland
Christophe Arbet-Engels
Mary Ann Crutchlow
Steve Salvati
Elizabeth Beyer on behalf of Angela Anderson

Guest: Frank Little, Engineer

Background Flooding Committee

Many of the Island's streets, intersections, and neighborhoods flood, especially after heavy storms. This causes damage to homes and commercial properties. This type of flooding is called "nuisance" flooding, but when does this nuisance flooding become severe? John presented the Committee's 4 goals and 6 objectives for review.

This meeting began to address Goal 1 and Objective 1 as follows:

Goal 1- Communicate to the public about current, relevant research on tactics to mitigate flooding in shore communities

Objective 1 – Communicate to the public about current, relevant research on tactics to mitigate flooding in shore communities.

Frank Little,, Chief Engineer for LBT and Beach Haven spoke and shared what was being done to the Goal and Objective articulated above.

Beach Haven

- A nuisance flood study by Stockton University between July 2018 and July 2019 revealed 186 nuisance flooding events whereby 98 were considered nuisance with no precipitation and 88 were considered storm events. Based upon the study the Borough of Beach Haven passed an Ordinance to install 3 pumping stations.
- Bids for the three pumping stations were awarded in April of this year. The pumping stations have a capacity of 2,000 gallons per minute according to Stockton. Please refer to the attached Press Release for the location of the pumping stations. In addition to the locations of the pumping stations, flood mitigation will impact Engleside, Coral and Amber streets.
- The pump stations only work when the water reaches a certain level to start to pump. However, once the level exceeds the bulkheads due to major storms, the pumping stations will stop.

LBT and other island wide measures:

- Bulkheads are being raised to a maximum of 7’ south of the island, and 6’ north of the island.
- LBT is also installing pumping stations around Maryland Avenue, 13th and 27th Street and 81st Street . Other locations are 28th and Central in Ship Bottom.
- In some municipalities properties are being raised 16 to 20 inches west of Long Beach Boulevard for new development and improvements greater than 50% of assessed value.
- Restrictions on the use of impervious coverage – In Beach Haven it is 60% impervious and for other communities, the percentages used are 75%. Some communities are looking into impervious pavers. There is no distinction between the use of stone or lawn in the impervious coverage percentage. There is movement to 60% impervious.
- Other areas include living shorelines (500’), and the use of tidal valves. Beach Haven, LBT and Ship Bottom has implemented tidal valves to funnel water away during high tides through a company called WAPRO
- Most communities are looking at adding more pump stations.
- The new access to Ship Bottom is being addressed with putting in new water / sewer lines from the bay to the Blvd.
- The left lane on 9th street is closed to install main pipelines.

LBT 10 Taxpayers Association drafted a “Chronic Flooding Proposal” in February 2022, based on one of the suggested committees from JCTA. The objectives of the proposal were to:

1. Identify the causes of chronic flooding.
2. Explain the measures that are being pursued to address the issue.
3. Describe the steps that will be taken.
4. Pass on the information gathered from the proposal.

LBT10 TA reported that there has not been any further update to the proposal.

Resilient LBI questions from the committee:

- ✓ The Resilient LBI Project team have been working for several years.
- ✓ The team had shared with participants at an in-person meeting last October a to-do list of what could be done if you lived bayside or oceanside as well as addressing transportation on and off the island.
- ✓ At the last meeting in March, the team provided a list of three scenarios labeled, “outside-in”, “inside-out”, and “on-off”.
- ✓ The team created a survey addressing the three scenarios for us to prioritize each scenario,
- ✓ Our committee felt that choosing just one would not be appropriate.
- ✓ Concerns were raised about the report from the Army Corps of Engineers as to who is supposed to execute their recommendations.
- ✓ Concerns were also discussed about new construction, pools, pavers, raised streets, storm water management, and we felt that we need to find preventive measures not just to react to them that involved the engagement of elected officials and engineering experts.

Finally, the committee agreed to table the discussion until after we attend the next Resilient LBI meeting in May.

Action Items

John is going to call Allison at Frank’s office for any additional information related to Resilient LBI.

Denise is going to research individual municipalities and review any ordinances already in place that cover flooding.

The Committee will communicate with each TA related to its findings.

The Committee will communicate with Resilient LBI regarding current LBI Projects, and federal funding may be dependent upon what projects have been completed to date.

Next meeting: 3rd Wednesday – **May 18, 2022**, at 5:00 at the LBI Historical Museum.