



SUMMARY OF THE MEETING OF THE
JOINT COUNCIL OF TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATIONS OF LBI
MONDAY JANUARY 9, 2023

▶ **Insurance Coverage for Taxpayer/Property Owners Associations (“TAs”)**

Recent conversations among JCTA members revealed that there is not a lot of consistency among the TAs in the amount of insurance coverage carried and premiums paid.

We agreed that it would be beneficial to invite an insurance agent to speak with us about what kinds of coverage we should have and answer other questions. One of our members, an insurance agent and broker himself, will ask Dave Wrysch, an agent and owner of the Van Dyk Agency, to meet with us at our February 6 meeting on Zoom.

TA board members who are responsible for their boards’ insurance decisions may attend the portion of the JCTA meeting in which Dave speaks. The JCTA representatives from each TA will reach out to that person with details as soon as Dave’s presence at the next meeting is confirmed.

▶ **Future JCTA/Alliance for a Living Ocean (“ALO”) Partnership**

The all-island clean-up effort on October 22, 2022 co-sponsored by JCTA and ALO was very successful, e.g., enthusiastic participation; an impressive volume of trash hauled away; engagement by many towns and all age groups.

We agreed to proceed with another event in partnership with ALO in 2023 and selected Saturday September 9, 2023 as the date.

▶ **JCTA Windmill Survey**

A quick survey yielded the following answers to the question, “Is your TA going to participate in the JCTA windmill survey?”

NO Brant Beach, Loveladies, Ship Bottom (3)

YES Barnegat Light, Beach Haven, Harvey Cedars, High Bar Harbor, Holgate, LBT10, North Beach, Surf City (8)

After further discussion, a motion was made to distribute the windmill survey to all TAs who are interested in making the survey available to their members. The motion passed 9 - 2. The original timeline is being revised to suggest an early February distribution of the survey to TAs, who will in turn make it available to their organization’s members during a specific window of time.

▶ **Reports From The Priority Committees**

☆ **Beach Erosion/Replenishment** It was reported that LBT Mayor Mancini has confirmed that the \$32M has been approved for LBI beach replenishment as part of the omnibus bill. Accordingly, the committee, which had been focusing on crafting a petition to secure this funding, will discontinue that effort but continue their ever-vigilant attention to the erosion situation island-wide.

☆ **Bicycle/Pedestrian Safety** The committee's activities will resume closer to season.

☆ **First Responder Support** Through the efforts of this committee, the LBI first responders are receiving more press and, thus, becoming more visible to the public, a key objective of this committee. The first responders are very appreciative of these efforts.

The committee's campaign began last August with a full-page educational presentation in The Sandpaper designed to raise awareness of who these organizations are and what they do. A follow-up article in The Sandpaper ran December 7, complete with a map to help readers understand what fire companies and emergency medical squads cover their areas. The January 4 article in The Sandpaper about a rescue in Barnegat Light included links to the JCTA article and other related reporting.

Two articles in the January 11 issue of The Sandpaper put a spotlight on LBI's first responders with a mention of JCTA's support of our fire companies and emergency medical squads: an article about the Sandy Blows anniversary celebration and the Speak Easy column. A commentary column specifically about the LBI first responders is expected to run in The Sandpaper January 18, unless the schedule changes again.

The committee plans to continue to move forward by reaching out to the appropriate county officials to talk about the possibility of offering first responder training in high schools and other ideas designed to increase the number of qualified emergency personnel.

☆ **Flooding** Science Saturdays begin January 14 at the Long Beach Island Foundation of the Arts & Sciences. Island flooding and resilience will be two of several topics addressed. Science Saturdays run January 14 – March 18. Check the Foundation's website for details.

☆ **Offshore Wind Farms** Issue #9 of The Offshore Wind Farm Round-Up has been sent to JCTA members for distribution to the TAs' memberships, as each TA sees fit. The next issue of the Round Up will be ready for distribution in March because the committee is taking a short break.