

# HIGH BAR HARBOR TAXPAYER ASSOCIATION



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## Long Beach Township (LBT) Caucus & Public Meetings Monday September 9, 2024

### HIGHLIGHTS

- ❖ **Beach Replenishment for LBI** has been scheduled! The project begins in October and, when completed, will cover four areas: Beach Haven is first, followed by Holgate, concluding sometime in December. Harvey Cedars is next, followed by Loveladies, which is expected to be finished by the end of February 2025.
- ❖ **Safety.** Mayor Mancini continues to vigorously remind everyone to be careful when they are out walking or biking on the roads. “Respect the traffic,” he cautioned, mentioning that the proliferation of electric bikes, e-scooters and other such fast-moving devices (often being operated by novice users) has increased the probability of accidents and injuries.
- ❖ **LBI Shuttle.** Commissioner Lattanzi confirmed that the LBI Shuttle will be running on weekends through October 12. That is important news because that means that taking the LBI Shuttle to what used to be called Chowderfest and to the LBI FLY International Kite Festival will be a viable alternative to driving to two of the most popular events on the island and trying to find parking.

Kyle Ominski, LBT’s Business Administrator, said that the hours of operation would be 10 am – 11 pm on the weekend, but keep checking the LBT website for the most up-to-date information <https://www.longbeachtownship.com/lbi-shuttle/>

- ❖ **Traffic Lights & Speed Limits.** It is not fully Fall until you hear more than one person wonder out loud within a 24-hour period about when the traffic lights will be shut off and the speed limits will go back to 45 mph on the island. Then, and only then, do you realize that the summer is officially over.

Typically, the mayor said, the second week in October is the target date for both of those changes to happen. Having said that, however, it should be noted that crews dispatched from Ocean County to make those changes – Long Beach Boulevard is a county road – often appear earlier or later and THAT is probably the most accurate prediction around timing that you are going to get.

- ❖ **Trash & Recycling Schedules.** The winter schedule for both kicked in September 9. In Loveladies, trash pick-up goes back to one day per week – Tuesdays – and Thursdays



are the pick-up days for single stream recycling (i.e., all the recyclables are placed in one container, not separated).

## ORDINANCES

❖ Proposed On First Reading. *Links to the proposed new ordinances are included in the newsletter to which this summary is attached.*

24-27C Revises the local design flood elevation within specific FEMA-designated zones, but only the zone designation is changed, not the elevation required.

The ordinance mentions VE 13. The FEMA website defines Zone VE and V 1-30 as “Coastal areas with a 1% or greater chance of flooding and an additional hazard associated with storm waves. These areas have a 26% chance of flooding over the life of a 30-year mortgage.”

The proposed ordinance also updates a reference to another section in the code.

24-28C Revises the permitted impervious lot coverage from 60% in any yard set-back area to 75% of any yard set-back area adjacent to a paved roadway.

Eliminates the size of curb cuts based on lot frontage and permits lots of any size to have one depressed curb cut with a maximum width of 27'. Corner lots may also have one depressed curb cut per street with the total maximum combined width of 30'.

Mayor Mancini explained that the intent of this ordinance is to provide more opportunities for cars to be parked in driveways on private property, not on the street.

❖ Passed On Second Reading

24-23C Allows fines to be charged for more than one false alarm occurring during one calendar year on the same property and prohibits alarms with external lights and sirens.

24-24C Clarifies what area on properties is considered a front yard. Existing regulations prohibit the location of pools in the front yard

24-25C Establishes that only crushed shells, stones and grass are permitted in any area that is 10' from a roadway or easement.

The public comment period was lively. In answering questions, the mayor made the following points:

- This ordinance targets safety issues caused by existing landscaping that blocks sight lines and/or landscaping that blocks access by emergency medical/fire/utility personnel. The mayor also highlighted the fact that the Township's existing regulations already grant easements that cover the first 8' – 10' on all properties to the Township.
- Property owners who currently have plantings within the 10' zone are not going to be asked to change their landscaping at this time, unless existing vegetation



creates a sight triangle problem (i.e., the overgrown vegetation prevents drivers who are exiting the roadway from seeing pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles on the Boulevard or street onto which the drivers are turning).

- Generally, this ordinance is not going to be enforced on private right-of-ways, only on the Boulevard and on public streets. The exception to that statement would be if garbage trucks, emergency medical vehicles or fire trucks are unable to appropriately access a private right-of-way, then follow-up action would be warranted.
- The impetus for this ordinance is public safety. Ignoring sight triangle problems can be dangerous and the proliferation of traffic, electric vehicles, bikes and walkers in the Township makes it necessary for people to either squeeze into the limited space on the shoulders of roadways or to walk in the streets. The issue is particularly acute in the Township's southern communities where there are examples of vegetation growing into bike/walk lanes.

24-26C This ordinance covers two nuisance noise situations:

- 1) Requires that when electric power from a commercial provider is not available at a construction site, a temporary electrical service pole must be installed and connected to the commercial electricity provider prior to the issuance of a construction permit.

More than two gas-powered generators running at the same time at any construction site are prohibited.

- 2) Establishes what criteria a responding police officer should use to determine if neighborly noise is too loud and constitutes a violation.

