

**Tuckerton Beach Association
General Meeting – In Person Meeting Minutes
October 5, 2024 at 9 am**

- Call to Order – Anthony Scaglione
 - Salute to the American Flag.

Intro of the TBA Officers for new attendees by Anthony Scaglione

- **20 of attendees not including board**
 - **Introduce yourselves and street where you live.**

Councilman Brian Martin

Little Egg Harbor spit of land – Jeff Van Drew’s office – living shoreline to extend to 1977 shoreline. Stone walls are going all the way out. Engineers have not designed the plans yet. Need to backfill behind the wall. Hydraulically pumped material from lagoons into that space to back fill. Planting will be done, grass etc. to prevent erosion.

Started process with NOA. Using our own engineer and put out to bid. Hoping we can accomplish a lot more this way. Army Corp of Engineers is very expensive. Completion in about 4 years’ time. Naming it Peter Gioiello Living Shoreline.

Kris Sullivan - Kingfisher - Suggested flying a drone above. Mosquito ditch behind her house, lagoon is circular. Water swirls in the area. Brian advised he flies drones over the area.

Brian, best way to go about is to take this project to Phase 2, to get thru with the Dept of Environmental Protection (DEP)..

Army Corp Tuckerton creek, has had no response. Scheduled during Covid in 2020. Skipped it and did projects in the bay. Anthony S advised we need to get people on those streets involved. Gather info about problem areas along with the Marina’s. How will this be accomplished?

1. **Flooding issues:** If a road gets redone, check valves will be installed.
 - Brian, probably fall under buildings and grounds. Reach out to any of the council.
 - Brian – common sense – roads should be higher. Laws that you must follow if you are using state funding. Road redoes can only go up 4 inches. Water will go onto peoples’ yards. If over bulkhead, no where to water to go. Check Valves will not help with it. Water will sit.
 - i. Kingfisher Lagoon – Brian meets once a month with the Forsyth group. Looking for environmental grants to try to stabilize the marsh. Dredge Kingfisher lagoon to disperse up into the marsh side. Plantings will reduce CO2 in the air.
 - ii. Soil must be tested. Has to be nutrient rich. New samples will be done through Rutgers.
 - iii. Next grant is up next year.
2. **Roads:**
 - **Attendees comment:** How do we get down the roads when they flood.
 - **Anthony S** can we put a berm behind the marsh may help hold water back on LEH. Brian: Borough does not own that land.

Brian –IMPORTANT NOTE: DEP Flood maps. FEMA wrote the bill. Bill on Gov Murphys desk to sign into action. DEP will predict where sea level will be in 75 years in the future. Bill 1044 pages long - Used Chat GTP AI to summarize bill. Document has rules within the newly drawn flood plains. DEP would have a tidal plan for all Tuckerton Beach property. Not allowed to build on impervious ground. You cannot add. A lot of things in this are extremely concerning. Its going to affect every coastal town everywhere. 60 day public review or comments, has been going on for 40 days. This is bigger than the windmill project. Sue had monthly mayors meeting. Mayors are supposed to put into resolution to oppose this bill. Everyone needs to know about this. **New website for the borough, Brian to put it up as a public notice. Will be streamed onto the website from now on. Nancy, we can add to our website and FB Page.**

Councilman Mike Dupuis will discuss Emergency Management for the beach area and evacuation plans as needed

- Emergency Management – where to put your vehicles? If asked to evacuate, please leave your house as it puts first responders at risk. The ball field on Bay Avenue can be used as a parking facility. In a Nor Easter, sign up for parking spots. Will give you a tag to put in your window so we can identify you. I should have at least 100 spots. We do helicopter access here, so we are limited.
- How do you get back after you drop your car. Trolley buses from local businesses, bars?
- Please contact me if you have questions.
- Chris V, can we have a map to know where to park.
- Mike, can park behind old Boro hall, not at the bank. Block captains should assist.
- Parking along Green St can prevent emergency vehicles to get through.
- Nixle alert system will send text message if emergency in town. Brian to add this to the Boro website to sign up for emergency alerts.
- Attendee: Any plans to reopen firehouse? Mike: Firehouse, certifications from state were not followed. State shut down the firehouse. Parkertown is covering Tuckerton.
- Boro does not own firehouse. It is privately owned.
- **Brian:** We are in the process of selling Firetruck and all of the apparatus.

President's Report - Anthony Scaglione – Curlew Rd

- Attending council meetings -1st and Third Monday of the month at 7 pm.
- Environmental commission meets 3rd Thursday of the month at 7
- Bench dedicated to Peter Gioiello at last concert in Green Street Park.

First VP Report – Bunny Baumann – Kingfisher Rd.

- Concerts at Green St Park were a huge success. Donated almost \$2k to pantry. They love gift cards. Not getting as much from government.
- Plan for concerts next year.
- Block Captains updates – which streets still need BC's.
 - Block captains dispersed cards to neighbors who are not members to introduce themselves, the group and solicit memberships.
- Jingle Mingle is Nov 30th, Saturday at 4 pm this year at American Legion on Radio Road in Little Egg. Get tickets now as this will be capped at 80 # of people. How to purchase tickets.
- \$30 per person and \$15 for children. Cut off for the tickets is 80 people for Members and family/friends.
- All new benches in the cove.
- Bench painting at Green Steet Park – John at Boro said ok to paint. schedule?

Secretary's Report – Nancy Elwert – Flamingo Rd

- Meeting minutes approval from July - Tom motion – Elin 2nd motion.

Treasurer's Report – Anthony Pinho – Dolphin Rd (Anthony not in attendance) Covered by Bunny Bauman.

- a) **Bank balance as of 09/30/2024 is: \$8348.97**
 - (1) Income: 1 Membership at \$25.
 - (2) Expenses: Paid \$500 for band at concert in August.
- b) New Membership: Total 250 with no change since last month.

Old Business:

- Previous Meeting: Angela Rosato: Looked into Constant Contact –Get information existing members thru email. Track responses thru dashboard. 60 day free trial. \$12 a month per user, targeting existing and renewals. Upload all email addresses.
- Direct Mail – for those who are not members. Partner of US Postal Service, mailing with card. Do printing and mailing. Pricing, printing and postage .87 per mailing. \$434 cost. There are 690 residents in Tuckerton Beach.

- Increase Membership Rates for 2025:
 - Vote to increase rates passed last meeting to \$30. Approved.
 - Renee's committee for beautification: Chris V, Chris A, Cris M, Bunny B.
- Mickeys has agreed to do \$10% discount per Nancy
- Spit of Land update – Guaranteed 4.6 million for spit of land project. Approved 3/09/24. Public law No 118-42. May take a couple of years. It will go out to 1977 tide lines.
- Benches replaced at Green St Park which were donated benches from Public Works Dept. Memorial Bench created for Peter Gioiello.
- Caroline Keene said only new Roads will get check valves on the sewage drains.
- Recycle cans with lids are not provided by the town.
- Roads: Dolphin road, replaced pipe draining into road after Anthony P brought to attention of the town. Storm drains were removed on LEHB.

New Business:

1. Membership:

- a. Discuss options for getting members signed up for 2025 at new rate of \$30.
- b. **Membership Card updates** - Still need to discuss which businesses to target. Nancy has secured 10% discount from Mickeys. **Will need volunteers to go to businesses.**
- c. **Kris - How do we justify raising the dues \$5.**

2. Social Media update: Website and Facebook page. Cris Mayor

- a. Discuss how to do large Microsoft Meetings with the TBA Teams account.
- b. Block Captains using this to keep in touch with their neighbors.

3. Do we still have access to the Borough Garage next to Tuckerton Food Pantry? Bunny we do have access. John Bethanis has a key. Superintendent of Public works. Tents, and things we put on signs and old records. Do we know if anything in there? Do we have accounting of TBA items stored there.

4. Camera's in Green Street Park in lieu of vandalism caused to the Clam the Bay tanks?.

5. Brian - No internet to hook up to attach.

6. Gate does not get shut at night. Brian working with CFO to add to next years budget to have a dedicated hot spot. It's a liability issue for the town. He will present to the CFO.

Upcoming Events:

- **Pride and Celebration to have a Bon Fire on Halloween 6 to 9 pm.**
- **Ye Old Christmas Dec 7th – vendor lining main street, horse and carriage rides, Santa Claus. Oceaneer's at 3 pm male**
 - **Christmas tree lighting on the lake.**
- Jingle Mingle – Saturday, November 30 at American Legion on Radio Rd in Little Egg.
- Concerts are scheduled for next year all at Green Street Park.

Next General Meeting will convene in January 2025