

## BARNEGAT LIGHT TAXPAYERS' ASSOCIATION

Trustees Meeting Minutes  
January 16, 2016

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### Attending:

John Tennyson, President  
Ed Ebenbach, Vice President  
Bruce Allen, Treasurer  
Kimberly Patterson, Secretary

Bill Chernelich, Trustee  
MaryAnn Crutchlow, Trustee  
Dottie Reynolds, Ex officio  
Barbara Truncellito, Trustee  
(via telephone)

### Excused:

Alan Thomas  
Steve Pines

- I. John Tennyson called the meeting to order at 9:02 am.
    - o Opening remarks: Dottie Reynolds will be presenting a proposal for the BLTA to purchase bicycle racks.
    - o John shared his draft of the President's Letter for review.
    - o Mary Ann Crutchlow shared that Alan Thomas is getting ready to start working on the construction of the "Little Library".
  - II. Approval of minutes from December 2015 meeting. Minutes were unanimously approved.
  - III. Open Issues
    - o Treasurer's Report – Bruce Allen

The YTD December 2015 report was posted online prior to the meeting. The Form 990 has been filed and copies have been distributed. Bruce raised a question of changing the check signers for the BLTA bank account. The current account check signers are: Bruce Allen and John Tennyson. Bruce recommended Ed Ebenbach and Bill Chernelich. John Tennyson motioned to change the check signers as stated. The Board approved unanimously.

Ed shared a bar graph comparing BLTA spending between 2014 and 2015 and pointed out the financial progress. He suggested we share it in the newsletter.

Dottie Reynolds added that in the years she's been attending meetings, Bruce has been doing a wonderful job as the Treasurer of the BLTA.
    - o Membership Report – Ed Ebenbach

Ed reported that we currently have 472 members' vs 475 from last year. We lost 9 lifetime members.
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- Open Space Report – Barbara Truncellito  
Barbara reported there was no new information to share. No additional news on the Coast Guard property. Barbara asked Dottie to confirm if the borough has secured funding. Dottie was not sure.
- JCTA Report – John Tennyson  
There is very little going on. Bill Kuntz, who was a member of Beach Haven Taxpayers Association, passed away last weekend. It will be a loss.
- Borough Council Report - John Tennyson  
John reported that it was a very quiet meeting. Council members will now be able to login to the Borough's website and be able to read, comment and execute upcoming proposals. All of the executable proposals will be able to be viewed by the public. There was announcement suggesting using Nixle as a way to get timely updates.

Dottie made a proposal for the BLTA to donate bicycle racks at the end of beach streets. After quick research Dottie reported that the cost was approximately \$242 plus shipping for a rack that holds 10 bicycles. A total guideline of \$8500 was determined as an acceptable expenditure. A determination can be made this summer as to which streets have the most need. John Tennyson motioned to proceed with the research for the purchase and the Board was unanimously in favor of moving forward.

- Communications – John Tennyson  
John stated that MaryAnn did an excellent job last year – which was her first year -- doing the newsletter.
- Website update – Kimberly Patterson  
Kimberly wants feedback on website navigation. MaryAnn suggested that we include a survey question related to the website to get feedback from members.

#### IV. New Business – Items for Discussion

- Membership Survey – Ed Ebenbach  
Ed distributed a draft of the survey format that was used last year and we discussed the existing questions.
- Voter Registration – John Tennyson  
John asked if we should include a Voter Registration form with the newsletter.
- Digital Communications – John Tennyson  
John brought up using transitioning to web-based membership software. Ed raised the issues of cost, flexibility and making sure the software will do what we need it to do. Kimberly raised the point that software will allow us to scale, stay current and will allow for multiple users. John agreed to reach out to Steve Pines for further feedback.
- Other New Business – John Tennyson  
None



V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:34am

Recorded and submitted by:

**Kimberly Patterson**  
**Recording Secretary**  
**1/18/16**

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