



BARNEGAT LIGHT TAXPAYERS' ASSOCIATION

General Meeting Minutes
July 16, 2016

- I. John Tennyson called the meeting to order at 10:00AM and led the pledge of allegiance.
 - o John thanked everyone for coming and invited all attendees to stay for our light luncheon after the meeting.
 - o John pointed out that Megan Keller was here with T-shirts and other useful information to share.
 - o John brought attention to the two people in the room with portable microphones, so if there were any questions, please wait for the microphone to come to you.
- II. Approval of minutes (posted on the website) from the June 18, 2016 meeting. Minutes were unanimously approved.
- III. Reports
 - o Treasurer's Report – Bill Chernelich
Bill presented numbers as of June 30, 2016: \$25,041 starting cash in the bank; \$8,901 was collected in both dues and contributions. Expenses were \$5,199, mostly printing and postage for newsletter as well as refreshments. Net cash for the year is \$3,702 with an ending balance of \$28,743.
 - o Nominating Report – Jim Slyfield
Jim discussed the openings on the BLTA board – there are 3 officer positions and 4 trustee positions. We have 3 confirmed interests in trustee positions – which are one year positions. Jim asked if anyone was interested in volunteering and 2 attendees raised their hands. Jim will chat with them after the meeting.
 - o Membership Report – Ed Ebenbach
Ed shared that the BLTA has 516 paid and lifetime members, which is 37 more than the end of last year. He also stated that we currently have email addresses for 86% of our members so please be sure that we have yours and that it's current with us. If anyone would like to join the BLTA today, feel free to see him at the table in the back of the room.
 - o Communications – John Tennyson
 - Web Site
John encouraged everyone to check out the website and how it's updated daily. John pointed out Kimberly Patterson, who maintains the website.
 - BLTA Board, Q&A
John answered various questions from the attendees about the BLTA. John also discussed that the free LBI shuttle currently receives a grant. The grant will be



ending (not sure of date) and there is discussion that there may be an increase in the beach badge fee to cover the cost of the shuttle. John did an informal survey (by show of hands) to get an idea of how many people were in favor of raising beach badge fees for the cost of the shuttle. Approximately 3 people raised their hands.

IV. Presentations with Q&A

- James Gutowski, Owner, Operator, Captain and former managing Partner of the Viking Village Commercial Seafood Producers. James spoke on the following topics and answered questions from attendees
 - Fisheries Overview of Barnegat Light
 - Markets and Sale Strategies
 - Fisheries Management 101
 - Resource Responsibility and Sustainability
- Barnegat Light Borough Topics of Interest - Kirk Larson, Mayor of Barnegat Light. Mayor Larson discussed the following topics and answered questions from attendees.
 - Review of Mini-Golf Planning Board review
 - Open space meeting re Coast Guard property
 - Central Ave parking ban
 - Fireworks enforcement
 - Other timely topics – pickle ball on tennis court, disc-golf on the beach

V. Other New Business

None

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:19AM.

VII. Meet and Greet Luncheon

Recorded and submitted by:

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Recording Secretary
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