

BEACH HAVEN TAXPAYERS' ASSOCIATION MINUTES AS AMENDED

Meeting Date: April 7, 2026

BHTA Board Attendees: John Hailperin, Steve Steiner, Deb Whitcraft, Pat Miller, Jack Gartland Jim Ciulla, Jeannie Carullo, Meridith Hyland (via phone)

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the meeting of March 7 was approved.

1. Board Membership Recruitment Report

The Board discussed candidate Marsia Mason for consideration. John read a summary of her background for the record. Her priorities are maintaining impervious coverage rules and public safety related to the Battery Energy Storage System. The Board unanimously approved the MOTION to add Marsia Mason to the BHTA Board.

Discussion of Pending Candidate-Gerry Genna declined Board service due to commitments to the Land Use Board. Karen Rosania declined Board service due to her commitments to her business Mr. Ts.

Other Candidates for Consideration-The Board agreed with a full compliment of 11 Board members, we have an adequate number for a functional Board.

- 2. BHTA Board Membership Dues-**John reminded that in accordance with our bylaws all Board members should pay 2026 dues. At 90% compliant, John will follow up with the one Board member who has yet to pay dues.

- 3. Website Update.**

John reported that the website is is updated for the Sandpaper SRSD article "Equity of Island Representation questioned as approved by the Board in March.

The Board approved creating an Emergency Operations Center (EOC) link to the website that would include the Deed, memo from the Borough attorney Maley regarding the deed, and EOC assessment cost estimates.

It was agreed that the BHFD Beer and Truck Festival and the NJMM Fund Raiser both on May 2 would be advertised on our website.

- 4. EOC Letter-**John distributed a draft EOC letter for review and comment. It was agreed that the letter would be sent to the Sandpaper as a commentary. It was agreed that the letter would be signed by the BHTA Board of Directors. A MOTION was passed unanimously that the EOC letter would be submitted to the Sandpaper as a commentary.

5. **Membership Recruitment Letter**- John reported that roughly 335 emails were sent referencing the marketing letter including the 2016 priorities, the link to the BHTA website and the membership form. 17 payments were received via Zeffy and 20 payments were received via mail. Please refer to the Treasury Report.

We discussed dropping off membership forms to business establishments. The Library and Lavish Salon has agreed to accept the form to date. Steve will get back to us if the SurfFlight Board will allow us leaving forms in their lobby. It was agreed we should not distribute to any other business establishments.

6. **Treasurers Report**

Steve reported our checking account balance is now \$1154.17 in large part to our membership drive. The Board passed a MOTION we can now pay JCTA dues owed of \$200.

7. **JCTA Minutes Summary**-John reported that minutes summaries had been posted on our website which was not in accordance with JCTA “rules”. It was agreed we would remove them from our website and provide them for BHTA Board “eyes only”.

8. **Battery Energy Storage System**- John reported to JCTA the Battery Energy Storage System issue and reference them to our website. In this way all of the TA will have all the documentation for increased awareness. We agreed it is an island wide public safety issue. It was agreed we would make an OPRA request to Sherry Mason to release the assessment safety study related to BESS.

Jim provided a letter to DEP for Board review only. Letter suggested that issue may go back to LUB for remand.

9. **SRSD**-John distributed a letter related to SRSD funding submitted by JCTA President

10. **NJReal**- John provided 3 links related to opposition to NJReal regulations from NJDEP. The Board agreed to add this to the BHTA website.

11. **New E-Bike Summary**. Ebike rules summary effective July 19, 2026 distributed.

12. **Old Business**-Increasing awareness of residential teardowns and pool installation. The goal is to address the impervious coverage zoning rules. After reviewing the Zoning Ordinance, Jack and Jeannie will issue a recommendation addressing pervious coverage. It was agreed that this is a code and enforcement issue related to the process of enforcement of impervious coverage regulation.

13. **Open Discussion**-Steve addresses an article in the Sandpaper entitled Governor Sherrill’s Ocean County Rep Hears Concern”. Steve asked John to research contact for the State’s Division of Intergovernmental Affairs to begin a dialogue.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:15.