

BEACH HAVEN TAXPAYERS' ASSOCIATION MINUTES

Meeting Date: February 7, 2026

BHTA Board Attendees: John Hailperin, Steve Steiner, Deb Whitcraft, Pat Miller, Jack Gartland and Jim Ciulla

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the meeting of January 3 was approved.

1. Board Membership Recruitment Report

The Board discussed other candidates for consideration, Namely, Meridith Hyland, owner of Fourchette, and Brian Carlin. John distributed the backgrounds of both candidates. Meredith has a financial banking background owning various boutiques on LBI. Brian is a financial executive at UBS bank. The Board unanimously approved the MOTION to add both candidates to the BHTA Board.

Discussion of Pending Candidates-Both James Balbo and Lindsey Ryon Scarperi both declined Board service due to time commitments.

Other Candidates for Consideration-Pat Miller will contact Arlene Gettlin to determine her level of interest in serving on the Board. Karen Rosania is still on winter break. John will follow up in the Spring.

2. **BHTA Board Membership Dues**-The Board agreed unanimously that all Board members should pay 2016 dues in compliance with our bylaws. Steve will send John a report of Board members who have paid their dues.
3. **Website Update.**
John reported that all email contacts via Zeffy will be used to send out the marketing membership recruitment letter. Zeffy will be operational by mid month to receive payments on-line. Other website maintenance updates are in process.
4. **Membership Recruitment Letter**- The Board agreed the marketing letter will come from all individual Board members. Deb suggested we bcc the recipients to keep the email addresses confidential. The Board agreed the email messaging should be kept simple by including a greetings statement, referencing the marketing letter including the 2016 priorities and the link to the BHTA website.
5. **JCTA SRSD Update**-John provided an update on the new legislation-The School Funding Reform Act (SFRA). This included the requirements of a referendum for the town leaving the school district and the town in the receiving district. The first successful case was Sea

Bright which went to the NJ Supreme Court. One of the requirements of the new law was commissioning a feasibility study. As such JCTA recommended that the LBI mayors commission a nonbinding feasibility study (total cost 60-80K). Only LBT agreed to commission the study. Beach Haven declined due to the risk of losing the elementary school or the risk of joining another district like Barnegat Township.

The Board recommended that the LBT taxpayers' association facilitate discussions between Mayor Mancini and Mayor Lambert.

6. **Battery Energy Storage System**-Jim provided a BESS letter to our politicians and local officials for our website including attachments. It was agreed John should present the BESS issue to JCTA for increased awareness.
7. **Old Business**-Jack provided his research to date of increasing awareness of residential teardowns and pool installation. The goal is to address the impervious coverage zoning rules. After much discussion, John agreed to send Jack the Zoning Ordinance with the goal of addressing pervious coverage.
8. **Treasurers Report**
Steve reported we have a \$102 in our checking account.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:30.