

BEACH HAVEN TAXPAYERS' ASSOCIATION MINUTES

Meeting Date: December 6, 2025

BHTA Board Attendees: John Hailperin, Steve Steiner, Deb Whitcraft, Pat Miller, Jeannie Curullo, Jack Gartland (via phone)

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the meeting of November 1 was approved.

1. Board Membership Recruitment Report

John Hailperin reported that Jim Ciulla agreed to join the BHTA Board.

MOTION: A motion was made to approve the nominee of Jim Ciulla to Board service. Motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 7-0.

John reported that Deb Harkness and Bob Jacobson declined accepting nominations for Board service due to time commitments.

The Board discussed other candidates for consideration, Namely, Nicole Baxter, Jamie Boyle (Sea Shell) and Karen Rosario (Mr. Ts owner). Deb will follow up with Nicole Baxter and John will contact the remaining individuals to determine their level of interest in serving.

Jeannie proposed we pursue Chip Miller for Board Service. The Board agreed that Jeannie should contact Chip.

2. Attendance Policy

John proposed that we require Board members to attend three consecutive meetings either in person or via phone. A MOTION was made by John and not seconded. The Board felt it was more important to grow the Board without actions viewed as punitive.

3. Website Update.

John reported that the 2026 calendar will be posted on the website. The mission statement on the website will reflect what is in our bylaws. The current statement is from a 2017 marketing letter. The Board felt the mission statement could be modified at a later point in time once the Board approves the 2026 marketing letter to new members. The Board agreed that an exclusive use of members only tab should be removed since we do not know what is behind the tab and it is viewed as exclusionary. It was agreed that BHTA minutes should be posted. The Board had no information on a newsletter referenced in the members only tab.

4. Email membership drive- John reported that only minutes for the first quarter of 2025, are available. He solicited ideas on how to market BHTA in the membership drive letter in terms of accomplishments. The Board agreed we should focus on 226 priorities- namely, the Battery Energy Storage System in the middle of Beach Haven and the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) renovation. The letter would include positive thinking statements in terms of what we hope to accomplish. Regarding the EOC, Pat indicated we should focus on the lack of a deed restriction and thus allowing housing for lifeguards. Another idea was to provide EMT training for all lifeguards at the facility and maximize all areas including the east structure of the current EOC.

5. Treasurers Report

Steve reported we have a little over \$52 in our checking account.

6. SRSD meeting with Mayor Lambert- Steve met with Mayor Lambert to review the SRSD talking points approved by the JCTA Board. The Mayor supported legislative reform to address tax inequity and LBI representation on the school board. However, she is concerned that the State may regionalize all grade levels (K-12) which will negatively impact the Beach Haven school. The Mayor is also concerned that any regionalization may include Barnegat Township. She agreed that all the mayors on LBI have to meet to come up with a solution.

7. JCTA

The JCTA Summary minutes from November 3 were distributed to the Board. JCTA final version of a FAQ related to NJREAL regulations promulgated by NJDEP is available for the BHTA website.

8. Council Liaison

The Board agreed we should reorganize our Board before we invite a Council representative to join our meetings. Unrelated, Deb suggested our by laws should be amended to expand membership to any individual renting from a taxpayer for a period of 6 months or longer.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:30.