

*North Sea Citizens Advisory Committee  
Town of Southampton  
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## MINUTES

June 11, 2012

**Guests.** Liz Seus and John Barone, members of Little Fresh Pond Association

The meeting opened at 8:08 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the May 14th meeting were approved.

### New Business

**Meeting Schedule.** The next meeting will be held on July 9<sup>th</sup> at 8 pm. There will not be a meeting in August.

**Little Fresh Pond Update.** The Southampton Racket Club is advertising on an internet website. They are offering a tennis camp for ages 5-15 from 9am to 3 pm weekdays June 16 through August 28, and either a half or full day program that includes swimming in Little Fresh Pond. They also indicate there is an adult or junior membership fee.

The Town attorney indicated the camp had to open this year or be considered to have abandoned the use. "Dining" was considered an accessory use to the tennis courts. The Town attorney further indicated the owner could apply for a rental permit for the cabins, but said they could not be used as dormitories.

The Co-chair called the Suffolk County Department of Health and learned that if the camp had two activities, it would trigger the requirement to obtain a DOH permit. The DOH said no permit had been applied for, and "if anyone is seen swimming, to call the DOH immediately."

**Balcomie Woods Site.** The Co-chair reported that at least 6 letters were sent to the Housing Authority and the Town Board from residents of Post Lane and the Balcomie Woods development. The co-chair stated that the Housing Authority is a 501(c) 3 corporation and property they own is taken off the tax rolls. If a home is sold, the county gives a one-time stipend, and rentals get a stipend.

The members were interested in knowing how many Housing Authority properties were in each hamlet, or potentially would be in each hamlet. A member stated that

she had three properties rented to “Section 8” tenants and was losing money because the rent was too low.

There was discussion of the affordable houses on Blank Lane that were built about 20 years ago. No one anticipated that people would eventually sell them and “make a fortune”.

A member indicated “we don’t want the problems Hampton Bays has; their heavily populated school district has a lot of special ed students”.

Another member commented that in previous affordable housing lotteries, when enough people didn’t qualify, LIHP didn’t re-advertise and the homes didn’t sell.

### **Town Committee Reports**

**Housing.** The Housing Authority was contacted by the Coast Guard concerning possible purchase of some of their surplus homes. The Housing Authority will shortly be offering nine newly-built affordable homes through a lottery process.

**Sustainable Growth.** The group is currently focusing on recycling efforts.

**Airport Noise Abatement.** Members observed that the helicopter traffic on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays (am) and Sundays (pm) was still a problem. The 2,500 foot rule “isn’t working” and the helicopters aren’t staying over water, as required for a portion of their route. Complaints can be called into **537-LOUD**.

**Unimproved Roads.** John Watson met with thirty-seven concerned homeowners in Hampton Bays who are seeking ways to improve their unimproved roads. A guest who lives on Little Fresh Pond said he was glad to hear of the Committee, as he thought his road was “abandoned” and residents were trying to decide how to deal with it.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.

**Present:** John Clark, Lucille Dunne, Barbara Fair, Dan Gebbia, Stephanie McNamara, Arlene Schroeder, John Watson,

**Excused:** Joan Barra, Mary Beatty, Frank Palmer, Ann Reisman, Mary Topping