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LARRY CANTWELL

1. Do you support the laws and regulations as currently written pertaining to the use of and access to the beaches of East Hampton? If No, what would you change and why?

Yes

2. Do you support beach driving as a use of, and means of access to, East Hampton beaches? If No, how would you change the current laws and uses related to beach driving and why?

Yes

3. What actions would you take to better enforce all current beach laws and regulations? (i.e. littering, beach fires, access)

We have been and will continue to improve funding for marine patrol, police, code enforcement.

4. Do you support the current LWRP as currently written? If no, how would you change it, and why? What information would form the basis for your proposed changes? (i.e. personal experience, professional consultation, or education)

Yes. The Town is currently doing a coastal resiliency study that will utilize coastal experts and the community to address the issues of sea level rise and the impacts on our shoreline.

5. Do you support a hard approach (revetments, groins) or a soft approach (sand replenishment, natural dunes) as a means of erosion control along the shoreline? Please explain briefly.

No, I oppose the use of rock revetments and groins. There are exceptions in the LWRP subject to the review of the Zoning Board of Appeals. I think this review process works effectively and the ZBA has performed well in reviewing and where appropriate denying new hard structures where they have been unwise.

6. Do you support the use of condemnation as a means of protecting public beach access in Napeague, should the town lose the current lawsuit? If no, why and what would you like to see happen to the beaches named in the lawsuits?

Yes the town board has already voted to begin this process should it become necessary. Condemnation is a process that must be weighed carefully and all the facts must be presented at a public hearing so the community understands and has the opportunity to voice their opinion.

7. In the event of condemnation of the beach in Napeague, do you support a joint management agreement between the Town Board and the Town Trustees for this beach? If no, why and what would you propose for these beaches? Would you apply the same principals to any potential beach condemnations in the future?

Yes and yes

8. Do you support parking in the road right of way on Dolphin Drive as a means of access to the public preserve/beach South Flora? If yes, please explain your proposal. If no, how would you provide access to this public land?

There is a four-wheel drive beach access which we have protected, there is a public parking lot within one block of South Flora which will be cleaned up to add parking spaces, and there are two outparcels adjacent to South Flora that can accommodate additional parking if necessary.

9. Which East Hampton beaches do you enjoy? How do you use those beaches? (i.e. swim, fish, surf)

I have enjoyed every beach in our town for fishing, boating, and swimming and I will continue to work hard to preserve and protect this important asset for the people of our community.

10. If elected, what actions would you take or support to protect public access and ownership of the town's beaches?

We must continue to increase access to our beaches and waters. Through the use of the Community Preservation Fund the current Town Board has acquired additional waterfront properties on Lake Montauk, Accabonac Harbor, Hog Creek, Three Mile Harbor, and Northwest Creek. Each of these parcels present opportunities to provide additional public access. This must be a continuing goal of the Town.

TOM KNOBEL

1. Do you support the laws and regulations as currently written pertaining to the use of and access to the beaches of East Hampton? If No, what would you change and why?

I support the existing laws for the use of and access to East Hampton's beaches. Greater consistency of the regulations throughout the Town would make enforcement and understanding easier.

2. Do you support beach driving as a use of, and means of access to, East Hampton beaches? If No, how would you change the current laws and uses related to beach driving and why?

I support beach driving as a means to use and access the beach.

3. What actions would you take to better enforce all current beach laws and regulations? (i.e. littering, beach fires, access)

Better understanding of the laws would help, as would having enforcement personnel clamp down on specific problems before problems grow out of control. Easier access to beach driving information on the Town website would be helpful.

4. Do you support the current LWRP as currently written? If no, how would you change it, and why? What information would form the basis for your proposed changes? (i.e. personal experience, professional consultation, or education)

The LWRP is a fairly old document that needs revision to current standards. It has numerous anti-beach driving statements contained within it, and disagrees with currently held Trustee positions in many portions of the document, and perpetrates misconceptions about the harm beach driving does. It is outdated (refers to Gerard Drive Culvert as needing study before

installation) and should be reviewed. I agree with the soft erosion control approach that it favors with the exception of downtown Montauk.

5. Do you support a hard approach (revetments, groins) or a soft approach (sand replenishment, natural dunes) as a means of erosion control along the shoreline? Please explain briefly.

I favor a soft approach (as stated above) with rare exceptions such as inlet stabilization and downtown Montauk.

6. Do you support the use of condemnation as a means of protecting public beach access in Napeague, should the town lose the current lawsuit? If no, why and what would you like to see happen to the beaches named in the lawsuits?

If the Town loses the current lawsuit, I would resort to condemnation as a last resort to ensure public access to the beaches.

7. In the event of condemnation of the beach in Napeague, do you support a joint management agreement between the Town Board and the Town Trustees for this beach? If no, why and what would you propose for these beaches? Would you apply the same principals to any potential beach condemnations in the future?

As Supervisor I would seek co-operative joint management of the beaches with the Trustees for any acquired beaches contiguous with Trustee beaches.

8. Do you support parking in the road right of way on Dolphin Drive as a means of access to the public preserve/beach South Flora? If yes, please explain your proposal. If no, how would you provide access to this public land?

I vehemently support parking and access to this large publically held parcel, purchased for over eight million dollars. The Nature Preserve Committee's proposed plan provides some access and should be implemented. It is unfortunate that when the South Flora parcel was placed into preserve status that no plan for access was considered.

9. Which East Hampton beaches do you enjoy? How do you use those beaches? (i.e. swim, fish, surf)

I favor beaches in Accabonac Harbor, Napeague Harbor and Three Mile Harbor for clamming, and Gerard Drive for fishing. In the Fall, I enjoy surfcasting on the ocean beaches.

10. If elected, what actions would you take or support to protect public access and ownership of the town's beaches?

I would support the existing laws that provide access and I would make public access a priority with newly acquired properties. The Town would be diligent in removing obstructions to access.

LISA MULHERN-LARSEN

1. Do you support the laws and regulations as currently written pertaining to the use of and access to the beaches of East Hampton? If No, what would you change and why?

I support the existing laws as written, although I think they should be more consistent and better explained.

2. Do you support beach driving as a use of, and means of access to, East Hampton beaches? If No, how would you change the current laws and uses related to beach driving and why?

I do support driving on the beach for use and as access to.

3. What actions would you take to better enforce all current beach laws and regulations? (i.e. littering, beach fires, access)

I would hire more part time seasonal officers to enforce the laws, and provide education to the public regarding town regulations. Also, all permit holders should be up to date on current laws.

4. Do you support the current LWRP as currently written? If no, how would you change it, and why? What information would form the basis for your proposed changes? (i.e. personal experience, professional consultation, or education)

The LWRP seems to have opposing views than that of the Town Trustees in regard to beach driving. The document should be updated. I also agree with the soft approach to erosion control with the exception of downtown Montauk. My conclusion comes from reading the document and what I've seen to date.

5. Do you support a hard approach (revetments, groins) or a soft approach (sand replenishment, natural dunes) as a means of erosion control along the shoreline? Please explain briefly.

I am in favor of a soft approach to erosion control with the exception of downtown Montauk as stated above. The businesses are too valuable to lose.

6. Do you support the use of condemnation as a means of protecting public beach access in Napeague, should the town lose the current lawsuit? If no, why and what would you like to see happen to the beaches named in the lawsuits?

Yes, if the Town loses the lawsuit, I would support condemnation.

7. In the event of condemnation of the beach in Napeague, do you support a joint management agreement between the Town Board and the Town Trustees for this beach? If no, why and what would you propose for these beaches? Would you apply the same principals to any potential beach condemnations in the future?

Yes, I would support a joint management agreement. And yes, I would apply the same principals on the future.

8. Do you support parking in the road right of way on Dolphin Drive as a means of access to the public preserve/beach South Flora? If yes, please explain your proposal. If no, how would you provide access to this public land?

Yes, I support parking and am in agreement with the Nature Preserve Committees plan.

9. Which East Hampton beaches do you enjoy? How do you use those beaches? (i.e. swim, fish, surf)

I enjoy swimming and relaxing at Main Beach, Wyborgs and Georgica Beaches. My children go to Indian Wells, Georgica and Ditch Plains to swim and surf.

10. If elected, what actions would you take or support to protect public access and ownership of the town's beaches?

If elected, I would make access a priority. I'd work with the trustees and also with the state parks to come up with an agreement to allow residents to use state parks beaches with ease.

SYLVIA OVERBY

1. Do you support the laws and regulations as currently written pertaining to the use of and access to the beaches of East Hampton? If No, what would you change and why?

Yes

2. Do you support beach driving as a use of, and means of access to, East Hampton beaches? If No, how would you change the current laws and uses related to beach driving and why?

Yes

3. What actions would you take to better enforce all current beach laws and regulations? (i.e. littering, beach fires, access)

Marine Patrol has been very helpful in being proactive in protecting the beaches from littering and beach fire requirements. The Town Board is holding a public hearing on raising littering fines and making them consistent throughout the East Hampton Town code and the board passed legislation requiring metal containers for beach fires starting next year.

4. Do you support the current LWRP as currently written? If no, how would you change it, and why? What information would form the basis for your proposed changes? (i.e. personal experience, professional consultation, or education)

I support the LWRP, but as with most documents updating is needed to address changes that may have occurred. For instance, has erosion taken place in locations beyond what was expected as well as how to deal with increasing intensity of storms and their impacts.

5. Do you support a hard approach (revetments, groins) or a soft approach (sand replenishment, natural dunes) as a means of erosion control along the shoreline? Please explain briefly.

Sand replenishment only on our south facing shoreline and consideration for bulkheads on the bays, although I feel strongly that hard structures will and do scour the beach so there may be none for public to enjoy. This is the balancing act between climate change, protecting personal properties and public use and enjoyment of our beaches.

6. Do you support the use of condemnation as a means of protecting public beach access in Napeague, should the town lose the current lawsuit? If no, why and what would you like to see happen to the beaches named in the lawsuits?

Yes

7. In the event of condemnation of the beach in Napeague, do you support a joint management agreement between the Town Board and the Town Trustees for this beach? If no, why and what would you propose for these beaches? Would you apply the same principals to any potential beach condemnations in the future?

There may be different needs, different problems for each incident of condemnation.

8. Do you support parking in the road right of way on Dolphin Drive as a means of access to the public preserve/beach South Flora? If yes, please explain your proposal. If no, how would you provide access to this public land?

I would like to have a recommendation from the Nature Preserve Committee about using one of the small disturbed outparcels near Lunch for parking which would be safer (not on 27) and not impact a neighborhood that has had legal "no parking" for many, many years. The parking lot just to the west of South Flora is also available as well as the already open beach driving access. I would consider making all parking lots associated with South Flora, permitted parking only. Public roads cannot have that designation.

9. Which East Hampton beaches do you enjoy? How do you use those beaches? (i.e. swim, fish, surf)

Barns Landing, Atlantic, Indian Wells and between Atlantic and Big House. We use the beaches for swimming, body surfing, reading, and a place to relax and have dinner with a glass of wine. We also enjoy an occasional beach fire with friends and family.

10. If elected, what actions would you take or support to protect public access and ownership of the town's beaches?

Any necessary.

MARGARET TURNER

1. Do you support the laws and regulations as currently written pertaining to the use of and access to the beaches of East Hampton? If No, what would you change and why?

Yes. It might be helpful and less confusing to have more consistency in them.

2. Do you support beach driving as a use of, and means of access to, East Hampton beaches? If No, how would you change the current laws and uses related to beach driving and why?

Yes

3. What actions would you take to better enforce all current beach laws and regulations? (i.e. littering, beach fires, access)

Littering is a pet peeve of mine and the increase in littering is alarming. I would like the Town to test a "carry in carry out" type of program at one of our local beaches, as done successfully in New England. Until that time beaches should have recycle receptacles for trash. The town recently passed a container law for beach fires but did not specify what should be done with the container. Time will tell if the containers become a problem and require amendments to the law.

4. Do you support the current LWRP as currently written? If no, how would you change it, and why? What information would form the basis for your proposed changes? (i.e. personal experience, professional consultation, or education)

The LWRP should be updated as some of the information (Gerard Drive culvert) and conditions have changed. There are anti beach driving comments in sections that should be

reviewed. I would involve professionals, the Trustees and Natural Resource Department in any decisions.

5. Do you support a hard approach (revetments, groins) or a soft approach (sand replenishment, natural dunes) as a means of erosion control along the shoreline? Please explain briefly.

I support using natural environmental protection systems like dunes, trees and grasses. However, I do support geotubes in the cast of the downtown Montauk stabilization plan because this area is too valuable, and critical to the survival of the entire east end.

6. Do you support the use of condemnation as a means of protecting public beach access in Napeague, should the town lose the current lawsuit? If no, why and what would you like to see happen to the beaches named in the lawsuits?

My preference would have been for the Trustees to have ownership of this beach. However, the town should exhaust all litigation first, to gain ownership. As a last resort I would support condemnation to protect access for all.

7. In the event of condemnation of the beach in Napeague, do you support a joint management agreement between the Town Board and the Town Trustees for this beach? If no, why and what would you propose for these beaches? Would you apply the same principals to any potential beach condemnations in the future?

Yes, I would support a joint management agreement with the Trustees. This would also help with consistency.

8. Do you support parking in the road right of way on Dolphin Drive as a means of access to the public preserve/beach South Flora? If yes, please explain your proposal. If no, how would you provide access to this public land?

Yes I do support parking along Dolphin Drive. The town should accept and implement the Nature Preserve Committee's recommended plan. The South Flora Preserve is owned by town residents and all should have access to it!

9. Which East Hampton beaches do you enjoy? How do you use those beaches? (i.e. swim, fish, surf)

Sammy's Beach is "my beach". I run to it and along it, I enjoy a daily walk to say hello and love bringing the dogs to play and swim. It's my piece of heaven on earth.

10. If elected, what actions would you take or support to protect public access and ownership of the town's beaches?

I would encourage working relationships with the Trustees, CPF and Nature Preserve committees to develop management plans that enhances beach access and ownership. Also, with State parks so residents would have an easier time using those beaches.

PETER VAN SCOYOC

1. Do you support the laws and regulations as currently written pertaining to the use of and access to the beaches of East Hampton? If No, what would you change and why?

Yes!

2. Do you support beach driving as a use of, and means of access to, East Hampton beaches? If No, how would you change the current laws and uses related to beach driving and why?

Yes. I am a surfcaster and clammer and use my truck for access on our beaches.

3. What actions would you take to better enforce all current beach laws and regulations? (i.e. littering, beach fires, access)

I supported additional patrols this year and hiring more enforcement personnel in the 2016 budget, passed a fire container law and ordered additional garbage pickups at beach road ends.

4. Do you support the current LWRP as currently written? If no, how would you change it, and why? What information would form the basis for your proposed changes? (i.e. personal experience, professional consultation, or education)

I do support the current LWRP but recognize that with the latest predictions of sea level rise as well as that of more violent storms, we need to become more resilient. Part of that process will mean giving natural shorelines and dunes room to exist. We applied for and received \$250,000 grant for Coastal Assessment and Resiliency Planning (C.A.R.P.). In addition, partnering with Dewberry, we have received \$185,000 in grant funding to scientifically measure and catalogue coastal processes and coastline change creating planning tools and data to inform us as to vulnerabilities and how to deal with them.

5. Do you support a hard approach (revetments, groins) or a soft approach (sand replenishment, natural dunes) as a means of erosion control along the shoreline? Please explain briefly.

I support preserving our natural shorelines and allowing room for natural coastal processes. In areas where this is not currently possible, I support beach replenishment or soft solutions. I do not favor revetments and groins as a viable way to protect our beaches.

6. Do you support the use of condemnation as a means of protecting public beach access in Napeague, should the town lose the current lawsuit? If no, why and what would you like to see happen to the beaches named in the lawsuits?

Yes. We voted to retain council to initiate condemnation proceedings in the above mentioned case.

7. In the event of condemnation of the beach in Napeague, do you support a joint management agreement between the Town Board and the Town Trustees for this beach? If no, why and what would you propose for these beaches? Would you apply the same principals to any potential beach condemnations in the future?

I would support the Town managing condemned beach property using current access principals.

8. Do you support parking in the road right of way on Dolphin Drive as a means of access to the public preserve/beach South Flora? If yes, please explain your proposal. If no, how would you provide access to this public land?

Currently this property may be accessed directly by 4 wheel drive vehicles with permits at Dolphin Drive, by the adjacent pedestrian access, or from the existing Town parking lot at Atlantic Drive, which is 800 feet to the West. I would consider limited parking on the Dolphin Drive right of way, provided that it was designated as Parking by Resident Permit only.

9. Which East Hampton beaches do you enjoy? How do you use those beaches? (i.e. swim, fish, surf)

When I have the time, I fish at beaches all over town. I use beaches in Northwest Harbor, Indian Wells, Beach Lane, and Montauk for gathering with family and friends.

10. If elected, what actions would you take or support to protect public access and ownership of the town's beaches?

If I am re-elected to the Town Board, I will continue to acquire properties for public access to our waters. During my term we have purchased waterfront properties in Lake Montauk, Napeague, Accabonac Harbor, Three Mile Harbor, N.W. Creek, Hog Creek, and prevented the sale of the only Town owned access to Fort Pond. I have supported condemnation as a tool to ensure public access.

Public access to our beaches and waters is among our most cherished rights and proudest traditions and I intend to vigorously support and defend it.

I hope CfAR and its members will endorse my candidacy for re-election to the Town Board.

TYLER ARMSTRONG

1. Do you support the laws and regulations as currently written pertaining to the use of and access to the beaches of East Hampton? If No, what would you change and why?

I do support the current laws on use and beach access. My philosophical standpoint is that private ownership of a beach goes against the very character of what a beach is; a boundary of land and water in constant flux, belonging only to nature. I would never support privately owned beaches.

2. Do you support beach driving as a use of, and means of access to, East Hampton beaches? If No, how would you change the current laws and uses related to beach driving and why?

Yes, driving on beaches is fine for people who live here as long as individuals are responsible about it.

3. What actions would you take to better enforce all current beach laws and regulations? (i.e. littering, beach fires, access)

As a Trustee: Better education, and recommendations for better enforcement. I'd like to see the Trustees do more public outreach in general, and a campaign about responsible use of beaches would be crucial in protecting them for the public. The Trustees should recommend better enforcement to other agencies because they can offer firsthand knowledge of specific areas and issues.

4. Do you support the current LWRP as currently written? If no, how would you change it, and why? What information would form the basis for your proposed changes? (i.e. personal experience, professional consultation, or education)

I think our LWRP is excellently written and Rameshwar did a thorough job. Based on my personal experience with our beaches and my education in natural sciences, I agree with the documents recommendations on avoiding hard structures, repairing the damage caused by existing jetties and groins, and keeping all currently public bottomlands in the

hands of the public. We have to see how sea level rise will affect us in the future and be open to new technologies, but I think this current framework could stand the test of time.

5. Do you support a hard approach (revetments, groins) or a soft approach (sand replenishment, natural dunes) as a means of erosion control along the shoreline? Please explain briefly.

A soft approach only. A beach is made of sand and plants, that's it. In the face of sea level rise, a hard approach will never work as a lasting solution, and ultimately does more harm than good.

6. Do you support the use of condemnation as a means of protecting public beach access in Napeague, should the town lose the current lawsuit? If no, why and what would you like to see happen to the beaches named in the lawsuits?

I think the lawsuits are mostly unnecessary and that energy could be better spend elsewhere. I support condemnation as an option if litigation is not easily brought to an end.

7. In the event of condemnation of the beach in Napeague, do you support a joint management agreement between the Town Board and the Town Trustees for this beach? If no, why and what would you propose for these beaches? Would you apply the same principals to any potential beach condemnations in the future?

I plan to bring a needed dose of cooperation to the Trustees, and hope to work with the Town Board on many things. If a cooperative relationship is established, joint management would be appropriate, and would also be appropriate for similar future situations.

8. Do you support parking in the road right of way on Dolphin Drive as a means of access to the public preserve/beach South Flora? If yes, please explain your proposal. If no, how would you provide access to this public land?

Yes, I think allowing parking in the current right of way is appropriate. If that isn't enough parking, there is other parking within walking distance. I would like to see this become more accessible while preserving its character; a better trail is needed for one thing.

9. Which East Hampton beaches do you enjoy? How do you use those beaches? (i.e. swim, fish, surf)

I enjoy the bay beaches in particular nowadays for their biodiversity, and I currently live near Barnes Landing. As a kid I always went to the ocean at Indian Wells and Atlantic because they were closest to my parent's house, and I still use them. I used to surf when I was younger, and boogie board or body surf before that, I will swim, body surf, and enjoy the humbling power of the waves. I study nature and science and write poetry, so I use the beaches most often for those purposes. The Walking Dunes is one of my favorite places in the world. I harvest clams and scallops for food when I feel inclined, in season of course.

10. If elected, what actions would you take or support to protect public access and ownership of the town's beaches?

I have a passion for and a background in education, and I would spearhead an education campaign about responsible use of and access to beaches. I would move to post Trustee meeting agendas online well before meetings, and supply the public with official emails for each individual Trustee to increase communication and transparency. I will make recommendations to other boards and agencies to increase enforcement and its efficiency in needed areas. I think the Trustees have a unique ability to be local eyes and ears of our

waters and beaches to assist in enforcement for public benefit. Environmental protection is best left in local hands; as inhabitants of our environment we have firsthand knowledge of its needs and changes. The Trustees can offer a lot in this regard.

JOE BLOECKER

1. Do you support the laws and regulations as currently written pertaining to the use of and access to the beaches of East Hampton? If No, what would you change and why?

Yes

2. Do you support beach driving as a use of, and means of access to, East Hampton beaches? If No, how would you change the current laws and uses related to beach driving and why?

Yes

3. What actions would you take to better enforce all current beach laws and regulations? (i.e. littering, beach fires, access)

Garbage cans, wash tubs for fires

4. Do you support the current LWRP as currently written? If no, how would you change it, and why? What information would form the basis for your proposed changes? (i.e. personal experience, professional consultation, or education)

LWRP had no Trustee input. Should be shelved.

5. Do you support a hard approach (revetments, groins) or a soft approach (sand replenishment, natural dunes) as a means of erosion control along the shoreline? Please explain briefly.

Depending on where, both.

6. Do you support the use of condemnation as a means of protecting public beach access in Napeague, should the town lose the current lawsuit? If no, why and what would you like to see happen to the beaches named in the lawsuits?

Yes

7. In the event of condemnation of the beach in Napeague, do you support a joint management agreement between the Town Board and the Town Trustees for this beach? If no, why and what would you propose for these beaches? Would you apply the same principals to any potential beach condemnations in the future?

Yes

8. Do you support parking in the road right of way on Dolphin Drive as a means of access to the public preserve/beach South Flora? If yes, please explain your proposal. If no, how would you provide access to this public land?

Yes, I would support a gravel parking lot on the Town right of way.

9. Which East Hampton beaches do you enjoy? How do you use those beaches? (i.e. swim, fish, surf)

I'm a harbor guy. I like to clam, fish and scallop.

10. If elected, what actions would you take or support to protect public access and ownership of the town's beaches?

I would support current Trustee policy.

FRANCIS BOCK

1. Do you support the laws and regulations as currently written pertaining to the use of and access to the beaches of East Hampton? If No, what would you change and why?

I do support the rules and regulations as currently written. There is however one change I would like to see. I believe beach-driving permits should be reissued every year. This will keep permit ownership current with the vehicle ownership. Perhaps this can also prevent some out-of-town drivers from avoiding non-resident status, after buying local used vehicles.

2. Do you support beach driving as a use of, and means of access to, East Hampton beaches? If No, how would you change the current laws and uses related to beach driving and why?

Absolutely support. I have been driving our beaches for the past 41 years and intend to continue.

3. What actions would you take to better enforce all current beach laws and regulations? (i.e. littering, beach fires, access)

I would like to see the Trustees possibly employ their own constable. This person may or may not be able to enforce laws, but certainly can patrol and report any major infractions. Their mere presence should be a deterrent to abuses. This person can also periodically patrol the harbors and ponds from the water to check mooring locations, look for illegal structures, etc.

4. Do you support the current LWRP as currently written? If no, how would you change it, and why? What information would form the basis for your proposed changes? (i.e. personal experience, professional consultation, or education)

I support the LWRP as written. I believe it needs to be properly implemented to see how well it works before any changes may be made. To date, it has not been properly upheld. I understand that it may not be completely finalized with the State, creating a loophole.

5. Do you support a hard approach (revetments, groins) or a soft approach (sand replenishment, natural dunes) as a means of erosion control along the shoreline? Please explain briefly.

I support a soft approach such as sand replenishment to erosion management. Clearly, with hard structures we lose the beaches in front of the structure. I also would like to investigate a way to permanently remove the broken wooden groins that litter the Town's bay front beaches.

6. Do you support the use of condemnation as a means of protecting public beach access in Napeague, should the town lose the current lawsuit? If no, why and what would you like to see happen to the beaches named in the lawsuits?

I encourage the Town to immediately begin the condemnation process to make sure the Napeague beach remains in the public ownership.

7. In the event of condemnation of the beach in Napeague, do you support a joint management agreement between the Town Board and the Town Trustees for this beach? If no, why and what would you propose for these beaches? Would you apply the same principals to any potential beach condemnations in the future?

A joint management agreement between the Town and the Trustees would be a wonderful thing, however, continued public access of that beach by any means is priority.

8. Do you support parking in the road right of way on Dolphin Drive as a means of access to the public preserve/beach South Flora? If yes, please explain your proposal. If no, how would you provide access to this public land?

I support limited roadside parking on Dolphin Drive, as well as road end access by vehicles and pedestrians. All CPF purchases should be accessible to the public.

9. Which East Hampton beaches do you enjoy? How do you use those beaches? (i.e. swim, fish, surf)

I enjoy all East Hampton beaches. Swimming, picnic, family gatherings, leisurely drive, watching the sunsets. I've not been surfcasting in the past few years but hope to get back to it soon.

10. If elected, what actions would you take or support to protect public access and ownership of the town's beaches?

I believe that all Trustee records need to be thoroughly reviewed by professionals to find any beaches/lands that may have been relinquished by previous Boards. The Trustees need to know exactly where they are vulnerable and plan accordingly. When necessary, condemnation must be implemented to keep all of our beaches in public ownership and accessible.

TIM BOCK

1. Do you support the laws and regulations as currently written pertaining to the use of and access to the beaches of East Hampton? If No, what would you change and why?

Yes

2. Do you support beach driving as a use of, and means of access to, East Hampton beaches? If No, how would you change the current laws and uses related to beach driving and why?

Absolutely

3. What actions would you take to better enforce all current beach laws and regulations? (i.e. littering, beach fires, access)

I would like to see Bay Constables come back as they were in the past.

4. Do you support the current LWRP as currently written? If no, how would you change it, and why? What information would form the basis for your proposed changes? (i.e. personal experience, professional consultation, or education)

No, as it does not provide adequate protection for public access. After serving as a Trustee for the last 10 years, my personal experience has been that the LWRP is against public access as a whole and needs to be repealed and rewritten in its entirety.

5. Do you support a hard approach (revetments, groins) or a soft approach (sand replenishment, natural dunes) as a means of erosion control along the shoreline? Please explain briefly.

I always support a soft approach as that is the most natural way to protect our beaches. Has anyone seen a beach in front of a revetment? No.

6. Do you support the use of condemnation as a means of protecting public beach access in Napeague, should the town lose the current lawsuit? If no, why and what would you like to see happen to the beaches named in the lawsuits?

Yes

7. In the event of condemnation of the beach in Napeague, do you support a joint management agreement between the Town Board and the Town Trustees for this beach? If no, why and what would you propose for these beaches? Would you apply the same principals to any potential beach condemnations in the future?

Yes, so long as there is equal control between the two entities.

8. Do you support parking in the road right of way on Dolphin Drive as a means of access to the public preserve/beach South Flora? If yes, please explain your proposal. If no, how would you provide access to this public land?

Yes. No proposal is necessary. Dolphin Drive is a public road and therefore the public is entitled to beach access.

9. Which East Hampton beaches do you enjoy? How do you use those beaches? (i.e. swim, fish, surf)

I spend a few hours each day in the summer at Indian Wells with my grandchildren, ages 12 and 13. The sunsets at Maidstone are beautiful and enjoy taking my youngest grandchild there to swim. I enjoy taking walks at Alberts and Fresh Pond, and nothing beats watching my grandson surf at Napeague.

10. If elected, what actions would you take or support to protect public access and ownership of the town's beaches?

I will continue to take the same actions as the former Town Trustees have for the past 350 years and protect the public's access to their beaches. I certainly wouldn't invite the DEC to come in and sign over control of our beaches to the federal government as some of the other candidates have proposed.

I will never vote NO to public access. Access for all, Bub!

BRIAN BRYNES

1. Do you support the laws and regulations as currently written pertaining to the use of and access to the beaches of East Hampton? If No, what would you change and why?

Yes

2. Do you support beach driving as a use of, and means of access to, East Hampton beaches? If No, how would you change the current laws and uses related to beach driving and why?

Yes

3. What actions would you take to better enforce all current beach laws and regulations? (i.e. littering, beach fires, access)

More police/code enforcement

4. Do you support the current LWRP as currently written? If no, how would you change it, and why? What information would form the basis for your proposed changes? (i.e. personal experience, professional consultation, or education)
5. Do you support a hard approach (revetments, groins) or a soft approach (sand replenishment, natural dunes) as a means of erosion control along the shoreline? Please explain briefly.

Soft. Hard will remove bluff east and west of hard structure.

6. Do you support the use of condemnation as a means of protecting public beach access in Napeague, should the town lose the current lawsuit? If no, why and what would you like to see happen to the beaches named in the lawsuits?

Yes

7. In the event of condemnation of the beach in Napeague, do you support a joint management agreement between the Town Board and the Town Trustees for this beach? If no, why and what would you propose for these beaches? Would you apply the same principals to any potential beach condemnations in the future?

Yes

8. Do you support parking in the road right of way on Dolphin Drive as a means of access to the public preserve/beach South Flora? If yes, please explain your proposal. If no, how would you provide access to this public land?

Not a Trustee issue. Town board needs to figure out what's fair re: parking.

9. Which East Hampton beaches do you enjoy? How do you use those beaches? (i.e. swim, fish, surf)

All

10. If elected, what actions would you take or support to protect public access and ownership of the town's beaches?

I like the rules and regulations we have now.

ZACHARY COHEN

1. Do you support the laws and regulations as currently written pertaining to the use of and access to the beaches of East Hampton? If No, what would you change and why?

Yes, as further nuanced by any answers that follow.

2. Do you support beach driving as a use of, and means of access to, East Hampton beaches? If No, how would you change the current laws and uses related to beach driving and why?

I support the driving and parking of vehicles on the beach as described in the town code.

3. What actions would you take to better enforce all current beach laws and regulations? (i.e. littering, beach fires, access)

The Trustees should take more responsibility for enforcement. I believe that they have the right, even though it is not mentioned in Chapter 91 of the Town Code, to hire, at their expense, unarmed enforcement officers. These individuals probably could not write violation tickets, but they could patrol Trustee lands and influence users of those lands to observe the regulations. They would have phone contact with officers who could write violations. It would be even better if the Trustees could hire or direct individuals who could write violation tickets.

4. Do you support the current LWRP as currently written? If no, how would you change it, and why? What information would form the basis for your proposed changes? (i.e. personal experience, professional consultation, or education)

In my work writing or assisting with the writing of management plans of waterfront properties, I have probably consulted about one third of the pages of the LWRP. In general, for the sections of which I am familiar, I am in agreement. In some of the more controversial areas, such as the discussion of beach driving, the LWRP does recognize that the Trustees hold differing views from some of those stated within the policies.

The LWRP needs review at reasonable intervals. The recently appointed town committee to serve that function is a good start but it is an oversight that the Trustees do not have even one seat on the five member committee. The LWRP contains many recommendations that have been forgotten. For example, for the Assembly of God parcel (midway between South Flora and Beach Plum Ct. in Napeague), it recommends the construction of a bathing beach (my position is that first we need to establish the need for another bathing beach, but this is a possible location). The LWRP speaks strongly about public access including the provision of adequate and safe parking. See for example the public access Policy 19 of Chapter VII stated in all caps on page VII-70 and the discussion of parking on page VII-73 as well as Policy 20 on page VII-73. The LWRP statements on public access are too often forgotten by people who only cherry-pick quotes on the environment as a means to block access to those who do not live within walking distance of a beach.

5. Do you support a hard approach (revetments, groins) or a soft approach (sand replenishment, natural dunes) as a means of erosion control along the shoreline? Please explain briefly.

This is hard to answer in general and needs an answer by sections of town, as in the manner of the LWRP, or in even smaller sections of town where bulkheads and hard protections are allowed either long term or for short periods. However, in general, I start with a preference for soft solutions and would not be easily swayed to do otherwise in any area in which hard structures are normally prohibited. We do need to continue investigating which technologies work best from coir log bulkheads to those technologies being developed in modern beach resiliency studies (but I trust the Dutch engineers more than I trust our Army Corps of Engineers).

6. Do you support the use of condemnation as a means of protecting public beach access in Napeague, should the town lose the current lawsuit? If no, why and what would you like to see happen to the beaches named in the lawsuits?

I wrote about this issue when I ran for Supervisor in 2011. At that time, I said that I “will fully support the Trustees, and never put pressure on the Trustees to compromise their fight to protect public access to all our beaches.” That promise included the recognition that the Trustees owned the beaches and that any condemnation action should return ownership to them as specified in Chapter 91 of the Town Code. Thus, while I have always supported condemnation, I do have concerns about when it is used, and how it is used.

7. In the event of condemnation of the beach in Napeague, do you support a joint management agreement between the Town Board and the Town Trustees for this beach? If no, why and what would you propose for these beaches? Would you apply the same principals to any potential beach condemnations in the future?

I think this question incorrectly assumes that condemnation must change the ownership and management of the beaches. I disagree with that assumption. One of the main reasons that I am seeking election as a Trustee is to help the Trustees, and the Town, develop legal and financial strategy. As I stated in the previous question, my current view is that both the Town and Trustees should honor the existing ownership and management understandings that are stated in the Chapter 91 in the Town Code. If both elected bodies work together, then we can accomplish that goal.

8. Do you support parking in the road right of way on Dolphin Drive as a means of access to the public preserve/beach South Flora? If yes, please explain your proposal. If no, how would you provide access to this public land?

Some parking spaces within the highway right of way on the east side of Dolphin Drive is the only readily achievable and safe way to provide the general public with adequate access to the two existing access points to the beach and the preserve. Most or all of the parking can be placed in areas that are covered in Japanese Black Pines, a non-native species that should be removed.

9. Which East Hampton beaches do you enjoy? How do you use those beaches? (i.e. swim, fish, surf)

I almost exclusively use beaches that abut preserves and I use them for contemplative strolling. My favorites are Louse Point and South Flora. I also visit some small beaches as destinations or turn-around-points on my hikes or mountain bike rides, such as those found at Boys and Girls Harbor and the waterfront on or near the Grace Estate.

10. If elected, what actions would you take or support to protect public access and ownership of the town's beaches?

First, I would politely show how the LWRP, CPF law, management plans for preserves, and other documents strongly support beach access and public use. I would demonstrate from my work on Nature Preserves and CPF Open Space that access and preservation are compatible goals. I would also point to the fact that every trail on a preserve can be used by all users, including hikers, runners, mountain bikers, and horses, to show that multiple types of users can and should co-exist on public land.

RICK DREW

1. Do you support the laws and regulations as currently written pertaining to the use of and access to the beaches of East Hampton? If No, what would you change and why?

Yes

2. Do you support beach driving as a use of, and means of access to, East Hampton beaches? If No, how would you change the current laws and uses related to beach driving and why?

Yes

3. What actions would you take to better enforce all current beach laws and regulations? (i.e. littering, beach fires, access)

It is important to provide better education about our beaches, laws and regulations. The trustee website and a related facebook page could be utilized. Also, trustee participation in CFAR meetings would be opportunities to share ideas and facilitate communication with beach users.

4. Do you support the current LWRP as currently written? If no, how would you change it, and why? What information would form the basis for your proposed changes? (i.e. personal experience, professional consultation, or education)

I basically support the LWRP as it is written. However, with issues as dynamic as climate change and sea level rise facing us, we need to be open to new ideas and thinking which could necessitate future changes to the LWRP.

5. Do you support a hard approach (revetments, groins) or a soft approach (sand replenishment, natural dunes) as a means of erosion control along the shoreline? Please explain briefly.

I personally favor a soft approach to erosion control along our shoreline. Sand farming can be an effective means of restoring beaches. It can require annual replenishment projects but keeps the beaches in their natural state.

6. Do you support the use of condemnation as a means of protecting public beach access in Napeague, should the town lose the current lawsuit? If no, why and what would you like to see happen to the beaches named in the lawsuits?

Condemnation should be considered as a means of protecting public beach access in our beloved East Hampton. We should be looking at all options available to protect access to our beaches. It is who we are as a community.

7. In the event of condemnation of the beach in Napeague, do you support a joint management agreement between the Town Board and the Town Trustees for this beach? If no, why and what would you propose for these beaches? Would you apply the same principals to any potential beach condemnations in the future?

I favor cooperation between the Town Board and the Town Trustees as each plays an important role in our town government. The issues associated with beach access may vary from location to location. Therefore, each beach access issue must be carefully evaluated so that the best possible course of action may be undertaken.

8. Do you support parking in the road right of way on Dolphin Drive as a means of access to the public preserve/beach South Flora? If yes, please explain your proposal. If no, how would you provide access to this public land?

Given the parking is safe and would not impede access to the local community I would favor use of the right of way. Also, I would favor responsible development of a small parking lot and hiking trail to the beach on the South Flora preserve.

9. Which East Hampton beaches do you enjoy? How do you use those beaches? (i.e. swim, fish, surf)

I enjoy beaches in East Hampton from Barcelona Neck in Western East Hampton (NW Harbor) out to Montauk Point (north side) and then from Montauk Point to Town Line Road along the (south side) ocean beaches. I am an avid water sportsman and surfcaster. I spend upwards of 200 days a year on our beaches and waterways.

10. If elected, what actions would you take or support to protect public access and ownership of the town's beaches?

- 1. Improve documentation and record keeping pertaining to Trustee property ownership titles, access rights and surveys.**
- 2. Review and discuss all pending lawsuits pertaining to beach access and ensure the best possible course of action is being taken.**
- 3. Meet with community groups around town to ensure that beach access and usage is being managed in the safest and most effective manner possible.**
- 4. Attend all Trustee meetings so that I am informed and doing the job of Trustee to the very best of my ability.**

RONA KLOPPMAN

1. Do you support the laws and regulations as currently written pertaining to the use of and access to the beaches of East Hampton? If No, what would you change and why?

Yes

2. Do you support beach driving as a use of, and means of access to, East Hampton beaches? If No, how would you change the current laws and uses related to beach driving and why?

I support beach driving.

3. What actions would you take to better enforce all current beach laws and regulations? (i.e. littering, beach fires, access)

I went before the Town Board to support adding a container to the existing beach fire law, which was passed unanimously and added to the law recently. I, as President of Amagansett East Association a beach community of 350 homes, try to educate the community on keeping our beaches clean. I post information on bulletin boards at each beach access. We have doggy bags at each of three walkways and garbage cans to encourage litter pick-up.

Education is a very important part of keeping our beaches pristine.

4. Do you support the current LWRP as currently written? If no, how would you change it, and why? What information would form the basis for your proposed changes? (i.e. personal experience, professional consultation, or education)

Yes. The LWRP is important to our community and should be respected. It should be evaluated as climate change and sea level rise change the need to protect our coastline.

5. Do you support a hard approach (revetments, groins) or a soft approach (sand replenishment, natural dunes) as a means of erosion control along the shoreline? Please explain briefly.

I don't believe that hard structures should be used on our beaches. I support sand replenishment and taking sand from the ocean bottom to protect our beaches. Living on the beach I know how important our coastline sand replenishment is.

6. Do you support the use of condemnation as a means of protecting public beach access in Napeague, should the town lose the current lawsuit? If no, why and what would you like to see happen to the beaches named in the lawsuits?

Yes! We must keep our beaches open to the public and this is a way to achieve this if the Town loses the current lawsuit. Access to our beaches is extremely important to all.

7. In the event of condemnation of the beach in Napeague, do you support a joint management agreement between the Town Board and the Town Trustees for this beach? If no, why and what would you propose for these beaches? Would you apply the same principals to any potential beach condemnations in the future?

I believe there has to be cooperation between the Trustees and the Town Board for all beaches. It is supposed to be that way as both are vital to the preservation of our beaches for the public use and I support that.

8. Do you support parking in the road right of way on Dolphin Drive as a means of access to the public preserve/beach South Flora? If yes, please explain your proposal. If no, how would you provide access to this public land?

I have been visiting that site and there already exists public access to the beach and a small parking area on Atlantic. I am in favor of public access and suggested a bike beach as the Town does not have one and there is a bike path on Montauk Highway. Biking would cut down on car traffic and pollution. The Town Board is currently looking into another area close by Dolphin Drive to park cars for beach access. I will continue to keep an open mind.

9. Which East Hampton beaches do you enjoy? How do you use those beaches? (i.e. swim, fish, surf)

Living on the beach I am able to walk in both directions towards Napeague, Atlantic, as well as Indian Wells beaches. I go swimming, walking and just enjoy the sight and smell of the ocean.

10. If elected, what actions would you take or support to protect public access and ownership of the town's beaches?

I support the rights of the public to have free access to beaches and protect citizen rights to enjoy what makes our community special. As an elected Trustee I would have an opportunity to support and protect our rights to use our beaches.

DEB KLUGHERS

1. Do you support the laws and regulations as currently written pertaining to the use of and access to the beaches of East Hampton? If No, what would you change and why?

I support the laws as written, with a few exceptions. I have been an outspoken advocate against the Village of East Hampton's decision to install and maintain garbage pails on Trustee beaches, which are adjacent to Village property. There were about 30 pails placed between the shoreline and the parking areas this summer, which led to an accumulation of bags of garbage and other trash next to the cans, with wildlife ripping into the bags at night and strewing the contents across the beach. Many people complained about the early morning mess they came upon prior to the village people picking up the trash each morning. Although not a written law, this must change, and I hope the Village of EH does not place trash receptacles on the beaches next year. I also believe that mass gatherings should be charged a fee, especially if it is a catered event. I believe a gathering of 25 or more people should require a permit, not 50 people as currently written. The fee should include the cost of trash from the beach and actually places it IN the garbage pails, the taxpayers have to pay to have it carted to the Recycling Center and then hauled out of town. This requires workers, and machinery, and a hefty tipping fee. This is all paid for by taxpayers, and I believe the Town and Village (the Village also brings their garbage to the East Hampton Recycling Center) should mandate a mass gathering fee that includes a charge for garbage removal. The push back I heard was the fear that the permit holder would leave their garbage at the beach or by the pails if we levied a "garbage fee". Currently, they are supposed to take their trash with them. If you look at the contents of the trash left in and around the garbage pails after many of these gatherings, you can surmise that some, or most of the revelers trash is left for the Town/Village to dispose of. We do not have a garbage police to enforce that mass gatherings take away their trash. SO, I'd propose a mass gathering fee that would include the cost of garbage disposal, but also state that the permit holders are supposed to remove their trash. This way, the town (and taxpayers) would be covered for the costs of disposal either way. It is unfair and wrong that taxpayers should be made to pay to dispose or trash generated by these gatherings. Also, some sort of fee for use by commercial operations that use our beaches to operate their business should be implemented and enforced. There are many businesses operating off of our beaches, from fitness classes to massages, to dog walking, and surfing or swimming lessons. Many are great for the kids, community, business, and tourists, but this type of use has expanded greatly, and the public resource is being utilized with little or no oversight, and with no reimbursement to the public, the taxpayers and owners of the beaches! Perhaps the revenue generated could help pay for more code enforcement.

2. Do you support beach driving as a use of, and means of access to, East Hampton beaches? If No, how would you change the current laws and uses related to beach driving and why?

I support beach access in all forms, including vehicles! Always have, always will. All four of my children have enjoyed driving on the beach, and it is a traditional form of access for our fishers and community. Small groups of people would like to see beach driving gone on certain beaches, and it would be a very bad precedent to set to restrict vehicular access to one or more of these areas, as I believe that could set the state to restrict access to other beaches, which is unacceptable.

3. What actions would you take to better enforce all current beach laws and regulations? (i.e. littering, beach fires, access)

We need more code enforcement to enforce the laws we currently have. A Bay Constable, or officers who work exclusively for the Trustees would be a good way to deter illegal activity and/or ticket the offenders. These officers could help enforce shellfish regulations as well as

monitor and protect the Trustee scallop and eelgrass sanctuaries. Having an extra set of eyes (or two) on dredging and/or bottomland excavation activities, Trustee roads and mooring fields, and Trustee permitted activities (rebuilding of bulkheads, docks, dune repair/restoration...) could help move projects along swiftly as well as halt any projects that are not permitted or heading in the wrong direction.

My fellow Trustees and myself, along with the EH Recycling and Litter Committee have been active in attempting to inform the public about littering have attempting to alleviate some of the littering issues we face by asking the Town Board to increase littering fines on our beaches (currently \$100) to match or raise littering fines in other areas of town, as well as define some of the terms in the code as it pertains to littering and dumping. A presentation by a town attorney to the Town Board at a recent Town Board meeting was favorably received, as was the information presented to the Trustees. I assume there will be holding a public hearing in the near future to adopt the proposed changes. That said, we still need increased code enforcement to ticket or deter offenders.

Three large gatherings over the summer left their post-party debris on the beach after their event. The offenders were identified, contacted, and two were told to not do it again. I'm not sure of the outcome of the third, but as the law stands, the fee for littering on the beach is \$100. If they are/were charged with leaving a fire unattended (fires were found smoldering), glass on the beach (all had left glass containers)...perhaps the fine could/would have been higher, but no one was ticketed for the first two parties, and the third??? As for beach fires, the new ordinance that requires metal containers for all beach fires is a good idea. The Village requires metal containers on Trustee beaches, and has been managing the beach fire section of their code well. The Town should look to the village protocol on beach fires and implement what they can to effectively apply and enforce the new law.

4. Do you support the current LWRP as currently written? If no, how would you change it, and why? What information would form the basis for your proposed changes? (i.e. personal experience, professional consultation, or education)

I must apologize for the brevity of my response to this question, as I only received this questionnaire this afternoon, with a due date tomorrow (electronic glitch!). A response requires study onto the lengthy document, but time crunch...so here you go! The LWRP is a good document that took many people years of hard work to complete. I do not support a few areas, because of the potential encroachment onto Trustee jurisdiction. The document could use some updating, such as semantics and defining terminology, and including new technology and science since it was written. I have a masters degree in Marine Conservation and Policy, and a bachelors degree in Environmental Studies, with minors in both marine science and sustainability studies. During the course of my educational career, I studied coastal management and processes. I researched the effects of hard structures on beaches, and have also learned through experience, studying and exploring beaches throughout the world. When I see rocks, groins, revetments, bulkheads...I see no beach. Rocks-no beach. Where there are dunes, beach-grass, slowly sloping shorelines...we typically have beaches. Another solution to examine is off shore reef systems. There are many, from submerged aquatic vegetation (natural and synthetic), to tube shaped structures filled with sand, to huge cement systems, and even decommissioned surplus army vehicles or train cars. The goal of offshore reefs is to attenuate wave action thereby reducing shoreline erosion and adding to coastal resiliency. An added bonus is the creating of structures that can provide habitat for marine life. This could increase fisheries, and tourism by adding SCUBA diving and fishing opportunities.

5. Do you support a hard approach (revetments, groins) or a soft approach (sand replenishment, natural dunes) as a means of erosion control along the shoreline? Please explain briefly.

My two terms as a Trustee demonstrates my strong opposition to hard structures on our shorelines. Rebuilding of a dune at Napeague, spearheaded by Trustee Miller and myself, shows that a soft approach can, and does work. I have gathered peer-reviewed, scientific journal articles, approved by the current board. They've been used to support the Trustee stance on shoreline protection, which sees hardened structures as detrimental to beaches and the natural processes that sustain them.

6. Do you support the use of condemnation as a means of protecting public beach access in Napeague, should the town lose the current lawsuit? If no, why and what would you like to see happen to the beaches named in the lawsuits?

Yes, I support the use of condemnation as a means of protecting public beach access in Napeague, if it is the best option to protect the public beach.

7. In the event of condemnation of the beach in Napeague, do you support a joint management agreement between the Town Board and the Town Trustees for this beach? If no, why and what would you propose for these beaches? Would you apply the same principals to any potential beach condemnations in the future?

Yes, I would support a joint management agreement between the Town Board and the Town Trustees for the beach, if that is in the best interest of the public and no other options are available. I'd rather the Trustees own and manage the land much like at Lazy Point, where the Trustees decide on management...As for potential condemnations, the public interest would predominate my decision making for each situation.

8. Do you support parking in the road right of way on Dolphin Drive as a means of access to the public preserve/beach South Flora? If yes, please explain your proposal. If no, how would you provide access to this public land?

I have been an outspoken advocate for parking at Dolphin Drive, and still am! Ten to twelve parking spaces could easily fit along the road next to the preserve. During and after parking access is installed, caution should be taken to reduce disturbances to the preserve and surrounding areas. I'd like to see resident only parking, or if necessary, parking by permit only. The management plan written by the Town Nature Preserve Committee is a good plan.

9. Which East Hampton beaches do you enjoy? How do you use those beaches? (i.e. swim, fish, surf)

I enjoy all beaches in East Hampton, and elsewhere! It's hard to pick a favorite in East Hampton. Sammy's beach is spectacularly still, yet wide open. Northwest seems far away, but close too. My favorite road is Gerard Drive, with all of Accabonac...Love the ocean beaches. There's a great secret spot out in Montauk, and Napeague is so quiet. Lots of friends at Atlantic and Wells, and the village. Beach Lane beach. Great name, great beach! I swim and fish and catch scallops. Sometimes I walk or sit or hop on a boat. I take lots of pictures, and since I'm a Trustee, beaches are often my office. I haven't learned to surf yet, and no 4-wheeling lately, but there's always tomorrow.

10. If elected, what actions would you take or support to protect public access and ownership of the town's beaches?

If reelected, I will continue to protect, promote, and expand access to public lands! One example of recent action is the opening of an unnamed Trustee road in order to provide public access to Napeague Bay. I have and will safeguard our commonlands, and protect and defend the public's interest and Trustee jurisdiction from those who wish to reduce, restrict, or prohibit the Trustees and/or public to any and all rights that they are entitled to as freeholders and commonalty of East Hampton.

PAT MANSIR

1. Do you support the laws and regulations as currently written pertaining to the use of and access to the beaches of East Hampton? If No, what would you change and why?

As far as I have seen, the laws seem to be ok. I would try to eliminate the constant worry of being thrown off the area at the end of Beach Hampton. I do believe that should remain accessible to SUV use and parking.

2. Do you support beach driving as a use of, and means of access to, East Hampton beaches? If No, how would you change the current laws and uses related to beach driving and why?

I have always had a 4 wheel drive vehicle and intent to continue to have one. I defy anyone to stop me. I was crabbing two years ago and Georgica called Marine Patrol on me, first Officer Lascari helped me air down, then he re-informed the Georgica Asso of the law. I worked hard to write and pass this law. Anyone with crabbing equipment can pass on the Ocean to get to Georgica.

3. What actions would you take to better enforce all current beach laws and regulations? (i.e. littering, beach fires, access)

Government is doing a good job. Fire, litter etc.

4. Do you support the current LWRP as currently written? If no, how would you change it, and why? What information would form the basis for your proposed changes? (i.e. personal experience, professional consultation, or education)

5. Do you support a hard approach (revetments, groins) or a soft approach (sand replenishment, natural dunes) as a means of erosion control along the shoreline? Please explain briefly.

It boils down to revetment or retreat. If there is a revetment and the water comes up to it, then there can be no room for beach driving. If they cover the area with groins or geotubes, the areas to drive will be impeded. If they stop the geotubes just short of the breakwater, trucks will sink in the soft sand. This remains the hardest question before the entire east coast. And the real answer will be multifaceted. I know this answer sounds evasive, but when solutions get closer, I'll be involved as well as you and we will be on the same side.

6. Do you support the use of condemnation as a means of protecting public beach access in Napeague, should the town lose the current lawsuit? If no, why and what would you like to see happen to the beaches named in the lawsuits?

The beach should remain in the hands of the people as it was before the houses were there. We went down there as scout troops and as families, and before that to just hide, etc.

7. In the event of condemnation of the beach in Napeague, do you support a joint management agreement between the Town Board and the Town Trustees for this beach? If no, why and what would you propose for these beaches? Would you apply the same principals to any potential beach condemnations in the future?

Agreements have to be codified so no new board can come along and change the rules. What I am seeing now is for the politicians to say they feel ok to beach driving, but they actually hate it.

8. Do you support parking in the road right of way on Dolphin Drive as a means of access to the public preserve/beach South Flora? If yes, please explain your proposal. If no, how would you provide access to this public land?

I was on the board that bought that land. The proposal was for a beach. There was a plan to swap parking property with Andrew Terry of Lobster Roll, now the accusation refers to paving the beach, and that is nonsense. Create an area at end of Dolphin for 4 wheel access and a system of parking places and walkways for cars just off the highway.

9. Which East Hampton beaches do you enjoy? How do you use those beaches? (i.e. swim, fish, surf)

Attempts to crab, fish and swim. End of Sammis beach by vehicle, Maidstone 'baby beach' as access to swim for the kids or fish over the jetty. And Ocean access when the mood strikes.

10. If elected, what actions would you take or support to protect public access and ownership of the town's beaches?

Whatever it takes!

SEAN MCCAFFREY

1. Do you support the laws and regulations as currently written pertaining to the use of and access to the beaches of East Hampton? If No, what would you change and why?

Yes, I do support the current regulations and laws regarding beach access. For instance, I believe that improved enforcement of the current regulations regarding mass gathering permits at and around our beaches would help prevent conflict.

2. Do you support beach driving as a use of, and means of access to, East Hampton beaches? If No, how would you change the current laws and uses related to beach driving and why?

Yes, I support the current beach access regulations. Again, I would like to see more enforcement of the current laws.

3. What actions would you take to better enforce all current beach laws and regulations? (i.e. littering, beach fires, access)

There needs to be more money in the town's budget dedicated to hiring people to act upon violations of the current laws. Individuals that are breaking these laws need to be held accountable, and our town court needs to follow through as well.

4. Do you support the current LWRP as currently written? If no, how would you change it, and why? What information would form the basis for your proposed changes? (i.e. personal experience, professional consultation, or education)

No, I don't support the current document as written. Based on personal experience and education during my time as a Trustee, I believe the document places too much blame for coastal erosion on the backs of beach-riders. Better education of beach-drivers and enforcement of current regulations would help mitigate any damage drivers might be causing.

5. Do you support a hard approach (revetments, groins) or a soft approach (sand replenishment, natural dunes) as a means of erosion control along the shoreline? Please explain briefly.

I support a soft approach with beach grass replenishment and sand-fencing at the toe of the dune. I would also encourage permitting to allow, in some situations, sand to be pushed up from the beach to the dune. Revetments and groins have been found to be detrimental to the natural replenishment of beaches over time.

6. Do you support the use of condemnation as a means of protecting public beach access in Napeague, should the town lose the current lawsuit? If no, why and what would you like to see happen to the beaches named in the lawsuits?

Yes I support condemnation of the beach. We have to do what we can to keep open access to the beach; we need to keep it open to the public.

7. In the event of condemnation of the beach in Napeague, do you support a joint management agreement between the Town Board and the Town Trustees for this beach? If no, why and what would you propose for these beaches? Would you apply the same principals to any potential beach condemnations in the future?

Yes, I would support a joint management agreement between the Trustees and the Town Board, with hopes that they can work together to ensure public access, at Napeague. I would consider condemnation in other instances, as well.

8. Do you support parking in the road right of way on Dolphin Drive as a means of access to the public preserve/beach South Flora? If yes, please explain your proposal. If no, how would you provide access to this public land?

Yes, I support parking on Dolphin Drive. I have always supported legal parking along roads to a beach access. There is plenty of room on the east side of the road for parking, either parallel or on the diagonal.

9. Which East Hampton beaches do you enjoy? How do you use those beaches? (i.e. swim, fish, surf)

I enjoy just about all the beaches of East Hampton Town. I am an avid hunter and fisherman and I love to go clamming and fishing, swimming and tubing and dinner on the beach with my family, so I spend a lot of time at both the bay and ocean beaches. I would say that Beach Lane and Flaggy Hole Road/Maidstone Park are my family's favorite beaches.

10. If elected, what actions would you take or support to protect public access and ownership of the town's beaches?

If re-elected I would like to continue to try to improve the relationship between the Trustees and the Town Board. We, as boards, need to understand and respect each other's

jurisdictions and work together to do what needs to be done to protect the access of our town's people to the beaches that are so dear to our hearts.

DIANE MCNALLY

1. Do you support the laws and regulations as currently written pertaining to the use of and access to the beaches of East Hampton? If No, what would you change and why?

Yes, I support the laws and regulations as currently written, especially as I participated in drafting them. I believe they adequately address the needs of user groups for access.

2. Do you support beach driving as a use of, and means of access to, East Hampton beaches? If No, how would you change the current laws and uses related to beach driving and why?

Yes I support use of and access to the beaches of East Hampton by vehicles.

3. What actions would you take to better enforce all current beach laws and regulations? (i.e. littering, beach fires, access)

I believe there are not enough Harbormasters to adequately patrol all the areas they've been charged with. In addition to the beaches, they also enforce the Waterways and Shellfish laws. However, they can be pulled from those duties to assist the Town for accidents, traffic issues, mass assembles, or whatever. More enforcement personnel is needed for East Hampton to allow Harbormasters to do their job.

4. Do you support the current LWRP as currently written? If no, how would you change it, and why? What information would form the basis for your proposed changes? (i.e. personal experience, professional consultation, or education)

The LWRP, as written, does not recognize Trustee jurisdiction or policy. Therefore, Trustee properties have been exempted from the LWRP. Additionally, the most significant benefit the LWRP was to bring to the residents; the removal of the necessity for both a town and DEC permit, has not occurred. Therefore I do not support the LWRP. Based on my experience, until the Town recognizes the importance and capabilities of the Trustees and demands the State do so also, there's no sense having a LWRP.

5. Do you support a hard approach (revetments, groins) or a soft approach (sand replenishment, natural dunes) as a means of erosion control along the shoreline? Please explain briefly.

I support a soft approach to erosion control and shoreline stabilization. It's been well documented that hard structures will eventually cause the loss of beach seaward of them, basically permanently taking away the public property of residents. Shoreline property owners need to be educated to the fact that placement of sand can be an annual cost to their ability to reside near the water.

6. Do you support the use of condemnation as a means of protecting public beach access in Napeague, should the town lose the current lawsuit? If no, why and what would you like to see happen to the beaches named in the lawsuits?

I support the use of condemnation to protect the public beach along Napeague, with the condition a management plan with the Board of Trustees be in place with the Town. Without

securing the public rights to this beach as has been customary for people, animals and vehicles, condemnation alone will not protect access.

7. In the event of condemnation of the beach in Napeague, do you support a joint management agreement between the Town Board and the Town Trustees for this beach? If no, why and what would you propose for these beaches? Would you apply the same principals to any potential beach condemnations in the future?

As I stated in answering question 6; it's imperative a joint management plan be in place for this beach area should condemnation be pursued. And yes, the principle desire to ensure all user groups have adequate access to the beaches we've established in the past must be applied for any future condemnation.

8. Do you support parking in the road right of way on Dolphin Drive as a means of access to the public preserve/beach South Flora? If yes, please explain your proposal. If no, how would you provide access to this public land?

I support parking on Dolphin Drive as a means of access to the South Flora Nature Preserve, knowing there is the added benefit it will also allow for additional pedestrian access to this particular beach area. I hope the public understands both a pedestrian and vehicular access already exist through the Nature Preserve to the beach at the end of Dolphin Drive and that the beach seaward of the preserved area purchased by the Town remains under the jurisdiction of the Trustees for the public.

9. Which East Hampton beaches do you enjoy? How do you use those beaches? (i.e. swim, fish, surf)

I enjoy the ocean beach along Napeague during the summer months to spend time with family and friends.

10. If elected, what actions would you take or support to protect public access and ownership of the town's beaches?

As I have been doing, I will defend the public rights to all beaches, bottom lands and land parcels within the jurisdiction of the Trustees from any and all individuals or entities that try to take them from use by residents. This includes publicly speaking and/writing in opposition to regulations proposed not in the publics best interest, as well as taking any challenges to the court if necessary.

NAT MILLER

1. Do you support the laws and regulations as currently written pertaining to the use of and access to the beaches of East Hampton? If No, what would you change and why?

Yes, and they should be used more, i.e. any handicapped person may drive at any beach at any time to access that beach.

2. Do you support beach driving as a use of, and means of access to, East Hampton beaches? If No, how would you change the current laws and uses related to beach driving and why?

Yes

3. What actions would you take to better enforce all current beach laws and regulations? (i.e. littering, beach fires, access)

Make sure the judge doesn't throw out the tickets and a bay constable to enforce trustee laws, not town board policies

4. Do you support the current LWRP as currently written? If no, how would you change it, and why? What information would form the basis for your proposed changes? (i.e. personal experience, professional consultation, or education)

It was written without the trustees to pertain to trustee or the Freeholders property. Hmmm. See a pattern...

5. Do you support a hard approach (revetments, groins) or a soft approach (sand replenishment, natural dunes) as a means of erosion control along the shoreline? Please explain briefly.

No!!! It destroys the beaches. Look at any place with hard structures = no beach

6. Do you support the use of condemnation as a means of protecting public beach access in Napeague, should the town lose the current lawsuit? If no, why and what would you like to see happen to the beaches named in the lawsuits?

Yes but be careful because the town will kick some people off the beach. Maybe not this board but further along! Look at this town's history with Dolphin Drive!

7. In the event of condemnation of the beach in Napeague, do you support a joint management agreement between the Town Board and the Town Trustees for this beach? If no, why and what would you propose for these beaches? Would you apply the same principals to any potential beach condemnations in the future?

Yes, only chance we got

8. Do you support parking in the road right of way on Dolphin Drive as a means of access to the public preserve/beach South Flora? If yes, please explain your proposal. If no, how would you provide access to this public land?

Yes, very angry. 60 feet of public right of way on either side of the road and only the home owners driveways and their cars can park. We should protest and all that \$ for a nature preserve that no one that payed for can go to? See why I'm afraid of condemnation! Park on the road!

9. Which East Hampton beaches do you enjoy? How do you use those beaches? (i.e. swim, fish, surf)

Haha, seriously

10. If elected, what actions would you take or support to protect public access and ownership of the town's beaches?

Try to take the money out of politics or just be a real trustee and do what's right. You know my track record and what I believe in.

We do not want to recognize the state. They issue blanket permits and allow structure at the beach. The Department of Environment Conservation does not conserve st**

BILL TAYLOR

1. Do you support the laws and regulations as currently written pertaining to the use of and access to the beaches of East Hampton? If No, what would you change and why?

Yes I support current laws. They were developed, after extraordinary deliberation, by a joint Trustee/Town Board effort. They have been effective for twenty-five years.

2. Do you support beach driving as a use of, and means of access to, East Hampton beaches? If No, how would you change the current laws and uses related to beach driving and why?

Yes I support beach driving. I drive on the beach all year long. I have had a beach driving permit for as long as they have been issued. The old jimmy, the old jeep and now the Xterra.

3. What actions would you take to better enforce all current beach laws and regulations? (i.e. littering, beach fires, access)

I would support more education about and enforcement of our existing laws.

4. Do you support the current LWRP as currently written? If no, how would you change it, and why? What information would form the basis for your proposed changes? (i.e. personal experience, professional consultation, or education)

I was an ex-officio member of the Waterfront Advisory Committee that developed the LWRP and I have first hand knowledge of the incredible time and effort that went into producing it. The LWRP is still valid as written. Having said that the LWRP is designed to be a living document and new information must be considered.

5. Do you support a hard approach (revetments, groins) or a soft approach (sand replenishment, natural dunes) as a means of erosion control along the shoreline? Please explain briefly.

I am strongly against hard structures, they do great harm to the beach. I support sand replenishment. The bigger the better. In Montauk dredging sand from offshore areas deeper than 30 feet and building a feeder beach by downtown Montauk and to the east of sufficient size would provide protection from storms without wrecking the beach.

6. Do you support the use of condemnation as a means of protecting public beach access in Napeague, should the town lose the current lawsuit? If no, why and what would you like to see happen to the beaches named in the lawsuits?

I support condemnation of the beach in Napeague as the best and surest way to keep the beach in public ownership. Keeping the beach public is vital.

7. In the event of condemnation of the beach in Napeague, do you support a joint management agreement between the Town Board and the Town Trustees for this beach? If no, why and what would you propose for these beaches? Would you apply the same principals to any potential beach condemnations in the future?

I want to see the beaches remain just the way they are. Because the current beach regulations pertaining to beach access and driving on the Napeague beaches cannot be changed without written permission of both the Town Board and the Trustees a joint management agreement is not vital.

8. Do you support parking in the road right of way on Dolphin Drive as a means of access to the public preserve/beach South Flora? If yes, please explain your proposal. If no, how would you provide access to this public land?

There is room for a reasonable amount (8-10 cars) of parking without disturbing any important vegetation in the existing right of way. This could supplement access to the beach in addition to the existing four wheel drive access road and the existing pedestrian access path.

9. Which East Hampton beaches do you enjoy? How do you use those beaches? (i.e. swim, fish, surf)

I love them all and use them all.

10. If elected, what actions would you take or support to protect public access and ownership of the town's beaches?

I will, as I have for the past 27 years, support and protect the rights of the Freeholders and Commonality of East Hampton to enjoy the beaches and waters of the Town.