



**December 22, 2022**

## **2022 ANNUAL REPORT TO THE MEMBERSHIP**

Dear Members:

Thank you for joining LBT10 and for your continuing support!

Since we started representing your interests in August of 2021, we have made progress on a variety of matters. As 2022 comes to a close, we would like to take the opportunity to summarize what we have accomplished from the beginning through 2022, and some of what we plan for 2023.

### **1. Our Actions on Your Priorities from the January 2022 Survey:**

- **“Chronic Flooding”** – We actively participated in the Resilient LBI (“RLBI”) Project, including as a member of the project Advisory Committee through the Joint Council of Taxpayers Associations (“JCTA”). As you may know, the RLBI Project was a two-year effort that has produced a comprehensive analysis of issues and recommended actions to address LBI’s short-term and long-term resilience in response to the risks and challenges presented by increasing development and climate change. Through the JCTA, we provided input to the RLBI Action Plan, which is now available on the RLBI website in draft form. Please refer to the RLBI website at:

<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/8270c8d6d42f4783b0a4fcf530a866a3>

As you may be aware, addressing this critical matter will require significant and sustained commitments and efforts by all levels of government and the community into the future. We will maintain an active role in this matter.

Further, we provided our Members with other considerable material on this and related subjects for their consideration. Please refer to our website at:

<https://lbt10.org/useful-links/>

- **Residential Overbuilding/Zoning Issues** – We have attended the monthly Long Beach Township (“LBT”) Commissioners’ and Land Use Board meetings to keep abreast of developments to assess the impact on our Members and communities. We have come to realize that to be effective in this matter we need to increase our participation in meeting attendance and research.

- **Offshore Wind Farm Development** – Along with the JCTA, we have provided our Members with considerable material on this subject for their consideration. Please refer to our website at:

<https://lbt10.org/useful-links/>

Also, we invited Dr Bob Stern, of Save LBI, to speak on the subject at our September 17, 2022 Membership Meeting. Further, we plan to have speakers from Atlantic Shores, the developer, and Rutgers University regarding the environmental and marine life impacts at our Membership Meetings in 2023.

- **Water/Sewer Charges** - We attended the LBT Commissioners’ Meeting on December 5, 2022, where the water and sewer billing rates for 2023 were proposed, and which were determined based upon the usage data collected during 2022. We will continue to monitor this situation and provide updated information to our Members as it becomes available. The full details of the 2023 arrangements are summarized in an article entitled “How Much Am I Going To Pay for Water and Sewer in 2023” posted on our website at:

<https://lbt10.org/news/>

- **First Responder Support** – We participated in the JCTA efforts to focus community attention on the critical matter of adequate volunteer First Responder support for all of LBI. This effort resulted in an article in the SandPaper, on December 7, 2022, which can be accessed at:

<https://www.thesandpaper.net/articles/jcta-campaigns-to-help-volunteer-first-responders/>

It should be noted that effectively addressing this matter will require a significant and sustained commitment by the community and government into the future.

- **Island–Wide Beach Clean–Up** – We participated in the Island-Wide Beach Clean-Up held on October 22, 2022, sponsored by the Alliance for A Living Ocean. Our 20 volunteers cleaned about 3.3 miles of beach front and collected 4 bags of trash weighing 15 pounds.

## 2. **We Held Four Membership Meetings:** Following are summaries of the Membership Meetings held in 2021 and 2022:

- **October 23, 2021** – Which was an introductory meeting where we presented our mission statement, introduced our Board of Trustees and Officers, described Membership benefits, identified committees, and spoke about key current issues.
- **February 19, 2022** – Where the guest speaker was Mayor Mancini, who addressed chronic flooding remediation projects that are planned, the issue of Offshore Wind Farm development, and led a Q&A session on a number of other issues.

- **June 11, 2022** – Where guest speakers Lt. James Hartmann (LBTPD) spoke about bike and pedestrian safety, and Rick Bushnell spoke about “chronic flooding” causes and remediation.
- **September 17, 2022** – Where guest speaker Dr Bob Stern spoke about the Offshore Wind Farm development project.

To view the agendas, materials, and minutes of these meetings, please refer to our website at:

<https://lbt10.org/meetings/>

### 3. We Developed Communication Channels:

- **Facebook Page** – We launched our Facebook Page and use it for a variety of communications to our Members.
- **Website** – We established our website, which contains a substantial amount of information and external links designed to provide our Members with a comprehensive single source of reference. If you have not yet visited the website, please go to:

<https://lbt10.org>

- **Membership Email Platform** – We established this platform so we can communicate important messages to the entire Membership in a timely and efficient manner.

### 4. We Conducted a Membership Drive:

Between May and August of 2022, we conducted a “door-to-door” canvassing Membership Drive. We handed out informational brochures to residents, or left them at the door, covering 4,000 homes and 60 businesses in our communities. The Drive resulted in 206 new Members joining, which is an increase of 77% over the 269 Members we had at the start of the Drive. We now have 473 Members.

### 5. Some of Our Plans for 2023:

- **Membership Survey** - We plan to conduct another Membership Survey in December 2022 to gauge Member interest priorities to focus on in 2023.
- **Beach Beautification Measures** – We plan to propose to LBT a list of measures that we suggest should be implemented for our beaches, including bike racks, beach access improvements, trash disposal improvements, etc.
- **Residential Overbuilding/Zoning Issues** – As referred to above, we plan to increase our participation in the Commissioners’ and Land Use Board meeting attendance and research.

- **Committee Expansion and Member Support** – We plan to expand our Committees to reflect the interests of our Members, and seek increased participation by our Members in these and other Committees. The new Committees we plan are:
  - Safety Committee
  - Hospitality/Membership Meeting Committee
  - Fund Raising Committee
  - Newsletter Committee
  - Audit Committee

If you are interested in participating on these Committees or any other Committee, please reach out to me at [whmalone@gmail.com](mailto:whmalone@gmail.com), or at 201-615-2603. You can also reach out to any member of our Board of Trustees.

- **Membership Drive** – We plan to conduct a targeted Membership Drive to focus on those areas of our communities which could be better covered than in the 2022 Membership Drive.

We wish you and your family all the joys of the season, and a healthy and prosperous 2023!

Sincerely,

Bill Malone  
Chairperson of the Board of Trustees &  
President