

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead, N. Y. held at the Town Clerk's Office, Saturday, February 9' 1901 at 10 o'clock A.M.

Present:

- George L. Wells Supervisor
- John Bagshaw Town Clerk.
- Daniel A. Young #
- Geo. A. Buckingham # Justices.
- Wm. H. Taft #

The Town Clerk stated that he had received communication from Town Clerk of Southold Town, together with copy of Resolution adopted by the Town Board of that Town to the effect that a Bill known as the McKeown Bill had been introduced in the Assembly which was to prohibit fishing in Peconic Bay; that a hearing was to be had thereon at Albany, Feby. 12 and requesting that a representative be sent to Albany from this town to protest against the passage of any such measure.

On motion of George A. Buckingham, Town Clerk Bagshaw was appointed to attend the hearing.

The following communication was read.:-

Greenport, Jan. 30, 1901

Dear Sir,

On behalf of Southold Town Board of Trustees, I am

directed to address you in relation to the matter of a proposed amendment to the Shell Fish Act of 1884 which will empower the Board of Supervisors to establish, for purposes of taxation only, boundary lines between town bordering on Gardiner's and Peconic Bays. A draft of an act having that as one of its objects has been submitted to the Supervisors, referred to their Committee on Legislation, and upon it a hearing has been appointed for Monday, Feb. 11. In view of the manifest bearing of such a measure upon the rights and interests of the five towns referred to, the Southold Board direct me to say that they deem it a matter of large public importance to the people of all those towns that another effort should be made to procure, if possible, an agreement among them upon a boundary line which can, when so agreed to, be laid before the Supervisors for their concurrence, and, if approved by that body, can be presented to the Legislature for its ratification and enactment into law, thereby permanently establishing a boundary which can be defined and described and thenceforward would fully cover all the requirements of such a line, both for title and taxation. I am requested to invite your Board to attend, as many of their number as conveniently can, at a meeting to be held in Riverhead

on Saturday, Feb. 9, at 11 A.M., at the Griffin House, to confer respecting such an agreement, and if possible to formulate in outline a bill for presentation to the Supervisors in lieu of the proposed amendment. At this meeting a delegation of one or two from each town can be appointed to attend the hearing on the 11th and make known the conclusions of the conference. Please notify the members of your Board (Trustees or Town Officers) of this invitation and request their acceptance.

Truly Yours,

H. A. Reeves.

Whereupon on motion the meeting adjourned to the Griffin House; after considerable discussion the representatives of this Town withdrew for conference, after which they returned to the meeting and stated that Riverhead Town was not ready to make any agreement.

The Board returned to the Clerk's Office and adjourned.

John Bagshaw
Town Clerk