

HAMPTON BEACH VILLAGE PRECINCT
MEETING
January 9, 2008

Present

Maureen Buckley, Chairman & Commissioner
Gary Kubik, Commissioner
Chuck Rage, Commissioner
John Gebhart, Treasurer

Chairman Buckley called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Chairman Buckley introduced the Committee.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Fireworks

Chairman Buckley said a proposal for fireworks had been received from American Thunder. She introduced Warren Pierce of American Thunder.

Mr. Pierce said in the time they have been doing the displays the crowds have grown. The American Thunder shows are specifically designed for the Hampton Beach venue. Changes have been made over the years to provide variety. Mr. Pierce asked the Commissioners if there was anything specific they would like to see in these shows. The Commissioners agreed that they have all received many positive comments. Mr. Kubik said the only thing he would like to see is a little more color.

Mr. Pierce said they have some new pattern shells this year. They are working closely with the Police and Fire Departments and will set up a meeting with them and the Commissioners.

Chairman Buckley said there will be a phone setup at the Chamber to deal with cancellations. Mr. Pierce said he would include that in their report so that it would be common knowledge as to time and method of cancellations.

Mr. Pierce said they had come up with a program to set up fireworks that will encourage people to give them the required space. All members of the crew wear an identifying T-shirt.

Mr. Pierce thanked the Commissioners for the opportunity to provide a group of delightful shows.

Moved by Commissioner Buckley, seconded by Mr. Kubik, to accept American Thunder's proposal for doing the fireworks this year.

Vote: 3 yes, 0 no. Motion passed unanimously.

Entertainment

Jack Knox discussed the entertainment budget for this year. He said they are increasing the budget from \$85,000 to \$90,000. Idol has been expanded to a third day and this causes an increase in expenses. Mr. Knox said approximately \$2,000 of the \$5,000 increase will go for Idol and the other \$3,000 will be spread throughout the other events. Mr. Knox said the object is to get the best entertainment possible.

Mr. Knox said he wanted to make sure that between the Chamber, Precinct and State Park parking requirements and restrictions are identified. Last year there was a policy similar to that done at the State Parks. Mr. Knox said he believed it was important to identify vehicles. Part of an incentive for visiting acts was to allow them to bring their families and come to the beach early. This is a perk.

Commissioner Buckley asked if there was a written agreement between the Precinct and the State regarding parking. John Kane said there was not. There is a written agreement between the Chamber and the State. Chairman Buckley said that perhaps a meeting should be set up regarding this. Mr. Kane suggested contacting Allison McLean. Chairman Buckley agreed to do this.

Mr. Knox read a letter written to him complimenting him and the Continentals on their wonderful shows. Mr. Knox said that the point is that this is part of the heritage and history of Hampton Beach.

Mr. Knox said there will be some new acts this year and he is excited about Idol entering the fourth season.

Mr. Rage said everyone loves these concerts and they are amazed that they are free.

Beautification

Geannina Scanlon said that she and Linda Gebhart have looked at the budget for this year. They have decided to stay within the same budget and will not take out any new programs.

Ms. Scanlon discussed the banner project. They are taking on Stage 1 this year. They will begin with 11 banners (with one extra for any contingency). The cost for the

summer and winter banners and hardware will be \$3,959. Stages 2, 3 and 4 will be addressed later.

Ms. Scanlon said that the money for new gardens is now being used for maintaining existing gardens.

Ms. Scanlon said Ed St. Pierre is handling the bench project.

Mr. Kubik asked about existing banners (i.e. Ashworth Hotel). Ms. Scanlon said they would remain as is.

Ms. Scanlon said they are working on a one-page newsletter which they hope will be mailed by the end of the month. It will include voter registration information, etc.

Advertising

Mr. Kane submitted his proposal for the Marketing Director position.

Mr. Kane thanked everyone on the Beautification Committee for all their hard work. He also thanked Mr. Knox for a great entertainment year. Tops in Blue was outstanding. He said this wonderful entertainment sets Hampton Beach apart from other beaches. It is very unique.

Mr. Kane presented a sample brochure and some corrections were made.

Mr. Rage asked about the Canadian market. Mr. Kane said it was very valuable last year and they will target this market again this year. Mr. Kane is working with the head of the New England Tourism Center who represents Hampton Beach at trade shows in Canada.

Chairman Buckley thanked Mr. Kane for his hard work.

Moved by Chairman Buckley, seconded by Mr. Rage, to accept Mr. Kane's proposal for the position of Marketing Director.

Vote: 3 yes, 0 no. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Warrant Articles were discussed. Mr. Rage said that the Town is proposing that private streets not receive plowing service. The beach has many streets like this that have always had plowing. These streets have been here for 100 years and need Town services. Mr.

Rage said it is important to support the people who live on these streets. This should be included in the newsletter.

The Timeline was discussed. Rich Reniere brought up a conflict in dates. Chairman Buckley said these dates will be checked. Mr. Reniere asked when the Budget Committee would review the Precinct budget. Mr. Kubik said it would be done on February 19th.

The Committee for Lighting was discussed. Mr. Rage said the Commissioners are still taking applications to serve on this committee. Anyone interested should call him at 926-3364.

New Business

There was no New Business.

Minutes

Moved by Mr. Rage, seconded by Mr. Kubik, to approve the Minutes of December 12, 2007.

Vote: 3 yes, 0 no. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

There was no Public Comment.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Chairman Buckley **moved**, seconded by Mr. Kubik, that the meeting be adjourned.

The Meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Rice
Secretary

