

HAMPTON BEACH VILLAGE PRECINCT
MEETING
March 12, 2008

Present

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

Chairman Buckley called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

Chairman Buckley said she had visited Diana LaMontagne. She is doing well and wants to thank everyone for their cards and good wishes.

Beautification

Linda Gebhart said that the daffodils planted by the committee last fall are coming out. Spring is on the way!

Ms. Gebhart said the Beautification Committee is showing the DVD "*An Inconvenient Truth*" which is a documentary by Al Gore. This will be this Saturday, March 15, at 6:30 p.m. at the Coffee Break Café. Afterwards there will be a discussion about how we can become part of the solution instead of adding to the problem.

Ms. Gebhart said last week there was a public input session on the Hampton Beach State Park Improvement Plan. She showed an artist's rendering of target areas. There is a survey form that can be sent to the State. April 4th is the deadline. Survey forms can be picked up at the Coffee Break Café and at the annual meeting on March 28th.

Advertising

John Kane, Precinct Marketing Director, discussed the brochures which will be distributed throughout the New England area. These brochures outline all activities for the summer. Brochures can be picked up at the Chamber, or call Mr. Kane at 603-926-1800.

Mr. Kane discussed the bumper sticker. This is the result of a competition held during Children's Week where children actually create stickers. The bumper stickers can also be picked up at the Chamber.

Mr. Kane presented the In State Handbook. This is new this year. This handbook tells you about areas of interest in the State of New Hampshire. The front page is a spread on Hampton Beach. These will be shipped out shortly.

Mr. Kane said the website is being updated. Anyone who resides within the Precinct can be on the website. There is no charge for this.

There will be a big calendar ad. This will be available at the beginning of June.

Entertainment

Mr. Knox said that he had run into some issues with bringing back Tops in Blue. Last year was unique in that the Air Force was celebrating their 60th anniversary. Because of that a lot of money came in from many resources. This is not the case this year. Tops is looking for a minimum of 20 rooms for two nights and meals. This would cost \$4,000-\$6,000. Mr. Knox said he didn't feel the Precinct can afford that this year. Brian Warburton suggested that the community could house the performers. Also, Chris Nevins, the new State Representative, said he would like to help. Another issue is protocol. Mr. Knox said he did not know if it was allowed for Armed Forces to stay in private residences. Mr. Knox said a commitment would have to be made by the end of April.

Mr. Knox discussed the request by the owner of the restaurant "Wings Your Way" to sponsor a show at the Sea Shell. Mr. Knox told the owner that their banner would have to be below and smaller than the Precinct banner and that a radio station would not be considered. Mr. Knox said he had very mixed emotions about doing this. Mr. Kubik said the Precinct represents not only the residents, but also the businesses at the Beach. He said promoting businesses out of the area could offend some merchants. Mr. Kubik said he felt the Chamber, not the commissioners, should be involved in this matter.

Mr. Knox said everything else is moving along on schedule. He has already received calls about Idol.

Chairman Buckley mentioned that last Thursday the Chamber honored Mr. Knox and the cable network for the work they are doing.

At this time LTC Bixler, liaison for Tops in Blue, joined the meeting. She said that members of the Armed Forces cannot stay in private residences. Mr. Knox explained how budgets are down and it would be hard to fund hotel and meals for the performers unless Mr. Nevins can raise the monies. If this doesn't happen, perhaps Tops can come back next year. Mr. Knox asked LTC Bixler if he could have until the 2nd week of April to commit. LTC Bixler said she would check to see if this deadline was alright.

Old Business

June White gave a follow-up on the bridge. She said she spoke with someone at the Attorney General's office and he said he had been contacted just recently. At this point it has not really gone anywhere.

New Business

Chairman Buckley said the Precinct Annual Meeting would be on Friday, March 28, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. Ballots are done and the warrant articles and budgets have been posted.

Mr. Rich Reniere, Moderator, said that voting begins at 1:00 p.m. and ends at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes

Moved by Chairman Buckley, seconded by Mr. Kubik, to approve the Minutes of February 13, 2008.

Vote: 2 yes, 0 no. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

Mr. Reniere said he did not have a business, only a residence at the beach and he is concerned about the possibility of "Wings" sponsoring a show. He said he felt the State probably would not allow a private enterprise to do advertising on its property. It could also set a precedent.

Closing Comments

Chairman Buckley said that since this was her last chaired meeting, she would like to thank everyone she has worked with during the past three years.

Mr. Kane presented a plaque with a flag flown over the Statehouse for the 100th Anniversary. He also presented a plaque with the Declaration.

Mr. Knox thanked Ms. Buckley for her tremendous support.

Adjournment

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

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The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Rice
Secretary