

HAMPTON BEACH VILLAGE PRECINCT
MEETING
April 16, 2008

Present

Gary Kubik, Acting Chairman & Commissioner
Chuck Rage, Commissioner
June White, Commissioner
John Gebhart, Treasurer

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

Acting Chairman Kubik introduced the Board and welcomed June White, newly elected Commissioner. He then extended the Board's sympathy to the family and friends of Pauline Dwyer, who passed away this week. Ms. Dwyer was a founder of Mothers of Respond, a group concerned with domestic violence, and she was Supervisor of the Checklist for a number of years.

Election

Acting Chairman Kubik asked for nominations for the position of Chairman for 2008-09.

Moved by Mr. Rage, seconded by Ms. White, to appoint Gary Kubik as Chairman of the Hampton Village Precinct Commission for 2008-09.

Vote: 2-0-1 (Kubik). Motion passed.

Rich Reniere, Moderator, came forward to give a report on the annual meeting held on March 28, 2008. He explained that there had been an audio malfunction when this meeting was filmed and he would like to give a brief overview.

Article I – Election of Officers

There were 95 ballots cast. Final results were:

Commissioner	June white	49 votes
Treasurer	John Gebhart	81 votes
Moderator	Rich Reniere	84 votes
Sup. of the Checklist	Mary Durant	13 votes

Article II – Budget

Mr. Reneire said there was quite a bit of discussion on the bond payment under General Government. The final outcome was that \$82,500 was deleted from that line item. The bottom line budget was then \$467,835.

Articles III and IV

These articles were petitioned by June White to have the Village Precinct take over planning and zoning responsibilities. Legal Counsel Sharon Somers said that the District has not obtained authority from the legislature to exercise planning or zoning authority. Based on this legal opinion, it was decided to table both Articles.

Article V

This article was petitioned by June White to see if the Precinct will vote to ban the parking of work trucks and vans on residential streets at the beach from May 15th to October 15th beginning in 2008.

Legal opinion was sought and the opinion was that the Village District has no authority for this issue. This article was tabled.

During the discussion, it was presented that possibly some further investigation would be done to see if the Precinct wants to pursue any legislative action to allow these actions.

Mr. Reniere said the fire station issue was discussed. Richard Nichols, Selectman, said that if everyone works together, it should be possible to resolve this issue.

Chairman Kubik welcomed Rick Griffin, Selectman, to the meeting.

Entertainment

Jack Knox, Entertainment Coordinator, came forward. Mr. Knox handed out tentative scheduled for summer events. Mr. Knox said he had some interesting updates. The Air Force Band of Liberty which normally does two events has been deployed to Iraq. Some other options have been recommended. Mr. Knox said he had contacted the 39th Army Band and they are tentatively scheduled for August 30th.

Regarding Tops in Blue, a gentleman from Unitil spoke to Doc Noel and expressed an interest in sponsoring this event. LTC Bixler will speak with him. Possibly this could cover the cost of rooms.

Disc Jockey dates have not yet been confirmed.

Mr. Knox said in the past bands have come in early in the day so that they and their families can enjoy the beach. They generally charge less because of this perk. Now, however, there is an issue with the state regarding their coming in before 3:00 or 4:00 p.m. Mr. Knox said he would speak with Brian Warburton concerning this.

Mr. Knox said there is still an ongoing discussion with the owner of Wings Your Way. This gentleman has also contacted the Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Knox said the owner was invited to attend this meeting, but did not decide to attend.

Discussion followed and everyone agreed that it would not be a good idea to allow this event. The state would have to be involved, and most of all, it is not fair to the food vendors at the beach to have local and radio advertising of another restaurant which is basically out of the area.

Advertising

John Kane, Marketing Director, came forward. Mr. Kane thanked the Commissioners for recognizing the passing of Pauline Dwyer. Mr. Kane said she was a wonderful woman.

Mr. Kane explained how it was possible to track the effectiveness of our advertising through the Chamber of Commerce and also through various websites.

Mr. Kane said they are still seeking sponsorships for the sand castle event.

Beautification

Linda Gebhart said that last week the Winnacunnet students helped to clean up the whole parking lot in the perimeter of the fire station. Two planters have also been placed by the fire station. Six new lilac bushes will be planted at the corner of the parking lot.

Ms. Gebhart said Vic Lessard will be dropping off two rocks for the Mile Long Bridge Garden.

There will not be a window box day. There are simply not enough people to do this event. The committee will be allocating the money for this event towards the banners.

Ms. Gebhart encouraged people to volunteer to help the committee.

The Beautification Committee and Energy Committee are co-sponsoring an Earth Day event.

Mr. Kane suggested giving awards for best looking flower garden, etc.

Chairman Kubik expressed a special thanks to the Winnacunnet students who volunteer their time.

New Business

Jan Diener came forward. He discussed the Hampton Guide Book. This book provides information about the Town – the history, type of government, library, Dept. of Public Works, schools and all boards and commissions.

This book is finished and is available on the website. They will also be printing 1,500 hard copies. They have received an estimate from the Department of Corrections of \$1 per book which is very reasonable. Mr. Diener said he was asking for financial help for this printing. Pierce Alwood has donated \$500. He said he would like to ask for \$500 from the Precinct.

Moved by Mr. Rage, seconded by Chairman Kubik, to donate \$250 towards the printing of the Hampton Guide Book.

Vote: 3-0-0. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Kubik said that June White will be the Precinct Representative for the Budget Committee. If Ms. White is unavailable, Chairman Kubik will be the alternate. Chairman Kubik will be the Precinct Representative on the Chamber board.

Ms. White said that people have expressed an opinion that events should not stop after the Seafood Festival. Some have volunteered to form a committee to address this. Possibilities include a Fall Festival, BBQ's, etc. September, October and November are beautiful months and it would be nice to have some events. Mr. Knox said that this would appeal to a different market than the summer beach visitors. Children will be back in school and involved with soccer, etc. Seniors would be a good target. Ms. White asked anyone interested in being on this committee to call her.

Rick Griffin said the Board of Selectmen would like to invite the Precinct Commissioners to come to their May 5th meeting. Discussion would center on the fire station.

Public Comment

Mr. Reniere asked when the official date for parking fees would be. Mr. Rage replied it would be May 1st. He said next year there would probably be a new type of meter.

Ms. Gebhart spoke about a meeting she had attended on HB65. HB65 would transfer authority for the Ports (including Hampton) to the Pease Development Authority for oversight of lease contracts rather than Executive Council and place the Director of Ports under the Director of PDA. She said Commissioner White would draft a letter from the Commissioners expressing their deep concerns over HB65. They do not believe this legislation is in the best interests of the residents, fishermen and business owners of the Hampton Beach Village Precinct.

Closing Comments

Chairman Kubik said that Rick Griffin, as the Selectmen's Representative, will be attending the Precinct meetings.

Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Rice
Secretary