

HAMPTON BEACH VILLAGE PRECINCT
MEETING
May 14, 2008

Present

Gary Kubik, Chairman & Commissioner
Chuck Rage, Commissioner
John Gebhart, Treasurer
Rick Griffin, Selectman

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Mr. Kubik introduced the members of the Board.

Mr. Kubik said the new Precinct Coordinator will be Maureen Buckley. She will be working on the sand sculpture and Idol events. Bryan Provencal will work on the volleyball tournament and the fireworks.

Fireworks

Hank Lipe, Chief of the Hampton Fire Department, came forward. Chief Lipe said a coordination meeting had been held with the Fire Department, Police Department, and Brian Warburton from the State Beach. A communications plan for the fireworks was worked out and Chief Lipe said he felt it was an excellent plan. Chief Lipe passed out copies of a Communication Tree which outlines responsibilities as to who notifies whom when decisions have to be made about the shoots.

Deputy Chief Richard Sawyer of the Hampton Police Department came forward. He said that the department coordinates special events and the fireworks shoots. He mentioned the time last year on the 4th of July when not only were the fireworks cancelled due to inclement weather, but there was a fire as well. Deputy Chief Sawyer said that actually things were handled well. The department practices this as a routine. The department coordinates with the state parks and takes care of clearing the beach. Deputy Chief Sawyer said the authority to cancel the fireworks belongs with the Precinct and the Fire and Police Departments. Last year the Chamber of Commerce had to deal with a lot of questions, etc. The Communications Tree will hopefully alleviate much of that.

Mr. Kubik discussed the hotline which is 926-SHOW. This line will be up and running by next week. If you call this number, you will get a recording telling of events and giving details on the fireworks.

Marketing

John Kane said he had just returned from attending the Governor's Council on Tourism. This was like a trade show and gave him the opportunity to talk to his counterparts. One of the biggest concerns this year is the high price of gas. Mr. Kane said he is hoping the close proximity of Hampton Beach to metropolitan areas will keep this problem to a minimum.

Mr. Kane discussed the Handbook for the State of New Hampshire. Hampton Beach is prominent in this edition. This handbook is geared towards travelers from outside the state. There is another publication, the State of New Hampshire Book, in which Hampton Beach has the #1 spot. This book is geared to out of state and international travelers. It contains ads and a page on the sand sculpture event.

Mr. Kane said there is also a great ad for Hampton Beach in Yankee Magazine.

Mr. Kane again invited businesses to contact him if they wish to be listed on the website.

Beautification

Linda Gebhart said there is a new entrance attraction by the harbor. An aluminum boat was donated by Joe Hurley which has now been painted. Vic Lessard dropped the rocks off. Flowers have been planted in the boat and there is a Thunderbird crabtree behind the boat area. Plans are that the plaque will be done by Memorial Day weekend. Ms. Gebhart said the name of the garden will be Mile Long Garden.

Mr. Kubik said everything looks beautiful and thanked Joe Hurley for the boat and Vic Lessard for the rocks.

Ms. Gebhart said the Winnacunnet students will be helping tomorrow to put in two pear trees on the 101 entrance to the beach.

Ms. Gebhart said she, Ms. Scanlon and Mr. Gebhart met with Skip Webb and the new manager of Aquarian. Aquarian is making up signs to encourage people to conserve water.

Entertainment

Jack Knox passed out the calendar of events and said it is complete for the most part. He said Tops in Blue is not going to happen. Doc Noel had approached Unitil for help and they were willing to donate, but it would not be enough to cover all the costs. Perhaps

next year work can be started earlier and the event can be held. This year there will be two events where armed forces bands will be featured.

Mr. Knox discussed several of the acts which have been scheduled. The Jessica Prouty Band is scheduled for August 10. This is an interesting group of teenagers who are ready to release a CD. This will be at the beginning of Children's Week.

Mr. Knox said he has already been receiving calls about Idol. It should be a great competition this year.

Mr. Knox said he wanted to get some clarity on the times the bands can arrive and park. He said it has been disheartening for him because there was a time when the line of communication was much better and the Chamber came out to help his program. Mr. Knox said he thought certain individuals may have been offended by the creation of the Ambassadors. It was at this time that parking for the bands became an issue. Mr. Knox explained that being able to come in early was a perk for the bands because they could enjoy the beach before the performance. It is also important to remember that these individuals would be spending their money at the businesses at the beach.

Doc Noel, Chamber of Commerce, said that the parking is on state property. The State has given the Chamber a Memorandum of Agreement which states that the parking area is controlled by the Chamber. Mr. Noel said he doesn't feel that the Chamber has a problem with the bands coming in early.

Mr. Rage said a meeting should be planned to discuss this problem.

Maureen Buckley said she felt it was time as a Precinct to have something in writing from the State saying "these are the guidelines".

Carol Mantia came forward. She said she had been an Ambassador for three years and it has been confusing. She said the Ambassadors need something in writing that outlines their job.

Mr. Kubik said a meeting will be planned.

Old Business

Mr. Rage said a lot of painting is being done at the children's playground.

New Business

Mr. Kubik said the first fireworks display will be on May 25th at 9:30 p.m. weather permitting.

Minutes

Moved by Mr. Rage, seconded by Mr. Kubik, to approve the Minutes of March 12, 2008.

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

Moved by Mr. Rage, seconded by Mr. Kubik, to approve the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of March 28, 2008.

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

Moved by Mr. Rage, seconded by Mr. Kubik, to approve the Minutes of April 16, 2008.

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

Closing Comments

Maureen Buckley said there will be a presentation tomorrow, Thursday, May 15, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Police Station on the Shell area and the park.

Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Rice
Secretary