

HAMPTON BEACH VILLAGE PRECINCT
MEETING
September 10, 2008

Present

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

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Chairman Kubik said the Commissioners wished to extend their condolences to the family of Norm Grandmaison who recently passed away.

Parking Lot Report

Mike O'Neil said he was happy to report that the summer season is over with the conclusion of the Seafood Festival. There were ups and downs with regards to parking. This was the best pre-season there has ever been. Income was \$4,136 over 2007. Total income was \$74,738 vs. \$70,602 for 2007. This was a surprise because of the rainy summer. The fact that there was an increase in the number of concerts at the Casino added to the revenue. Also work was done with Unutil and new lighting was put in the back parking lot.

In the coming year a new type of sign needs to be built for the front area. There are also drainage problems that affect the parking garage. There is the possibility of repaving the parking area in the garage itself. Also, the Commissioners need to set a rate for winter rentals.

Moved by Chairman Kubik, seconded by Commissioner Rage, to set the rate for winter rentals at \$350 per vehicle for the season. The season will begin next week and go to the beginning of June.

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

Mr. O'Neil said people need to know what happens to the parking garage income. It goes for expenses the Precinct has at the stage and for fireworks.

Commissioner Rage asked about the cost of the sign. Mr. O'Neil said it would be approximately \$2,500.

Commissioner Rage said he did not feel the paving should be done now because it is not known what will become of the property. He said he would prefer to do patching.

Chairman Kubik thanked Mr. O'Neil for all his hard work this year.

Marketing Report

John Kane, Director of Marketing, said they are now reviewing the website hits in conjunction with the ads that were run. Many things can be found out from this review. The advertising going to Canada is working well. Canadians come for a while and are not just day trippers. Mr. Kane said he is working on partnering with the State of New Hampshire for international advertising. More work will be done to update the website. Mr. Kane thanked the Commissioners for their support this year.

Commissioner June White joined the meeting at 5:50 p.m. Chairman Kubik then introduced the members of the Board.

Beautification Report

Linda Gebhart said she would like to thank all the volunteers who have helped with watering. The flowers are doing great except for the four lilacs in the parking lot. The corner flooded with salt water and ruined the plants.

Ms. Gebhart said A.J. Dupree of the Urban Forestry Center will be helping with the donated trees.

Ms. Gebhart said she and Mr. Gebhart volunteered at the recycling booth at the Seafood Festival. People from out of state are more used to recycling. Many said thanks for our effort. Ms. Gebhart said she hoped to get more recycling going next summer.

Ms. Gebhart asked that when people walk the beach they should pick up any plastic that they see. Jellyfish, etc. will eat the plastic. This is a bad thing for the ocean. Seagulls also attack Styrofoam coffee cups and this makes a mess.

Ms. Scanlon said that this was the first year that the Chamber did the recycling. John Nyhan coordinated the effort. Odyssey House, the Beautification Committee, Boy Scouts and students from Winnacunnet High School also helped. On Monday the Town Manager presented a trash ordinance and he wants input.

Ms. Scanlon said the newsletter was well received.

Ms. Scanlon said the Committee met with Scott Wade of Unitil. It was a very positive meeting. The Committee now has a letter from the Department of Transportation to Representative Nancy Stiles indicating that the Precinct banners are not advertisement and will not violate any RSA's. Mr. Wade will run a request through the other

departments at Unitil. Mr. Scott has a concern about the hardware to be used. The Committee is talking to the hardware company regarding this. If all goes well, the flags should be up shortly. Also, the Hampton Beach Area Commission wrote a very positive letter regarding the banners.

Old Business

There was no Old Business.

New Business

There was no New Business.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Commissioner Rage, seconded by Commissioner White, to approve the Minutes of August 13, 2008.

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

Public Comment

Linda Gebhart said that Knitting for Peace will begin again on October 3rd at 6:30 p.m. at the Coffee Break Café. This group makes shawls and gives them to Seacoast Hospice. Knitting lessons are also given.

John Kane said he would like to recognize Jack Knox. He said Mr. Knox has had some health problems over the summer and will be having some surgery. Mr. Kane thanked Mr. Knox for the great job he did this year.

Maureen Buckley said that Mr. Knox is fine and the reason he wasn't at the meeting was because he was preparing the report he will present to the Precinct in October.

Ms. Buckley thanked the sponsors of Tops in Blue and Idol. She said there was very positive feedback from business owners.

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Closing Comments

Chairman Kubik said the Beach had another great season and that he wanted to thank everyone including the Police Department, the Fire Department, the State Parks, etc. for all their great work.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Rice
Secretary