

HAMPTON BEACH VILLAGE PRECINCT  
MEETING  
November 12, 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 introduced the members of the board.

**Beautification**

Linda Gebhart said action was taken on graffiti removal. Nearly half of the Precinct trashcans had graffiti on them. With the use of a power washer most of it was removed. Two of the store fronts were also taken care of. The State removed graffiti at the Sea Memorial.

The Committee planted three trees at the State Park with the help of Skip Webb. Mr. Webb will be taking over as the Chairman of the Shade Tree Committee following the passing of his wife Elizabeth.

Ms. Gebhart said she spoke to the Fire Chief regarding the department helping with the Christmas lights. Ms. Gebhart asked if the urns would be staying on Ashworth. Chairman Kubik replied that they would. Ms. Gebhart said pine boughs could be placed in them for a Holiday theme.

Ms. Gebhart said she hopes to put on a Halloween party next year for kids 12 and under. If anyone would like to help please contact her.

Chairman Kubik asked if there will be a tree down at the end of Ashworth Avenue. Ms. Gebhart said it could be done, but electricity is an issue. She is looking into the possibility of battery operated lights.

Chairman Kubik said it would be nice to have a tree on the island across from the Ocean Wok.

**Hampton Area Beach Commission**

Fred Rice, outgoing Chairman of the Commission passed out copies of their Annual Report. Hampton Beach Village Precinct

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Mr. Rice outlined participants in the Commission who are:

Fred Rice	Hampton
John Nyhan	Hampton
Tom McGuirk	Hampton Beach Village District
Geannina Scanlan	Hampton Beach Village District
Chuck Rage	Hampton Area Chamber of Commerce
Fran McMahan	Rockingham Planning Commission
Doug DePorter	Department of Transportation
Meghan McPherson	Office of Energy and Planning
Brian Warburton	Dept. of Resources and Economic Development

Mr. Rice explained the functions of the four subcommittees of the Commission. The Community Development Subcommittee provided ongoing assistance to developers by reviewing plans and suggesting possible options for modifying or improving building design and other features. The Beachscape Subcommittee ensures that the Commission is aware of the actions of the Precinct's Beautification Committee. The Zoning and Redevelopment Subcommittee continues to work with the Town Planner, the Planning Board and the Rockingham Planning Commission to recommend revisions and updates throughout the beach area. The Transportation and Parking Subcommittee has actively promoted measures to replace the two-lane Underwood drawbridge over the Hampton River with a four-lane fixed span, rather than rehab the existing structure. This subcommittee has also initiated procedures to seek a grant that would fund a complete revision and update of the Rockingham Planning Commission's Route 1A and 1B Corridor Study.

The Commission was asked by the State Parks Director to participate in interviews to select and recommend an architectural firm to perform the design work for the replacement of the Seashell complex and construction of other improvements. The Commission's unanimous recommendation of Samyn D'Elia Architects was adopted. The project has gone through an extensive public review as part of the design and it is now ready to go before the legislature for funding.

Mr. Rice discussed the Earth Sea and Space Center proposal. The proposal is consistent with the Master Plan, and so the Commission has assisted the non-profit group in gathering information and support for the project.

Mr. Rice said John Nyhan had been unanimously elected Chairman for the next term.

Mr. Rice said he would like to thank the entire Hampton legislative delegation, especially Representative Nancy Stiles and Executive Counselor Bev Hollingworth for their interest, support and assistance on various HBAC projects and efforts.

John Nyhan, newly elected Chairman of the HBAC, gave a report on the banners. He said the Commission has been trying for a long time to persuade Unitil to support the banners. Mr. Nyhan said he and Geannina Scanlan have been working on this issue. A proposal was submitted to Unitil at the end of August and on October 29<sup>th</sup> the Precinct received a letter from Unitil. Looking at this document it does not appear that there is anything that would prevent this project from going forward. Unitil could go into an agreement with the Town of Hampton that would represent the Precinct. Fred Welch, Town Manager, decided to move forward and presented this to the Board of Selectmen, who approved going forward with the project pending approval of the Commission and proof of insurance. Mr. Nyhan said he talked to the insurance agent and has secured the approval to move forward on the insurance. The cost will be \$250 to add the insurance policy. Mr. Nyhan said he had an agreement ready to be signed by the Town Manager if the Precinct Commissioners would approve the \$250 to be paid to Toby Merrill.

**Moved** by Chairman Kubik, seconded by Commissioner Rage, to accept this agreement with Unitil and to pay \$250 to Toby Merrill for the needed insurance.

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

Regarding the Seashell project, there are discussions between DRED and the Governor's office in looking at where the project falls. We are working against a bad economy. The HABC will meet with the Governor in early December. This is a statewide project that will bring revenue back to the state in a short period of time. After that meeting we will then know what the Governor recommends. We will be campaigning with members of the House and Senate to promote this project. The Commission will also be working with business owners and organizations to get their support.

Mr. Nyhan said he would need an individual from the Precinct to work with him on this project. Mr. Nyhan said he would also like the Precinct Commission to co-sponsor a business meeting in early December for all businesses at Hampton Beach. The Chamber could also be involved. Mr. Nyhan said he would like an official letter from the Precinct Commission supporting this effort. Chairman Kubik said the Precinct Commission was 100% behind this effort and Commissioner Rage would be the spokesperson.

### **Marketing**

John Kane, Marketing Director, discussed the website. He said when you click on accommodations, there will be flash photos of each hotel. They plan to do the same with restaurants.

Mr. Kane said he needs to know dates for next year's events because the brochure is done in mid-December.

Mr. Kane said Hampton Beach is also on the state website and in their handbook.

Mr. Kane said bumper stickers have been ordered.

### **Entertainment**

Glen French passed out calendars. He said that Memorial Day will fall early this coming year on May 25<sup>th</sup> and Labor Day is late on September 7<sup>th</sup>. He suggested that the Commissioners review the calendar and decide on event dates.

### **Old Business**

Commissioner Rage said he spoke to Nancy Stiles about Chinese weapons. It might be possible to do something with a warrant article authorizing some kind of a check to make sure a purchaser is not a felon. Commissioner Rage said he will continue to work on this issue.

Maureen Buckley asked how many businesses sell these weapons. Commissioner Rage said about a half dozen and the business owners say the weapons are purchased mostly by collectors.

### **New Business**

Chairman Kubik said the Precinct will be accepting resumes for the Marketing Director position for 2009. Resumes should be sent prior to the second week in December to Post Office Box 6803, Hampton Beach, NH 03843.

### **Public Comment**

Maureen Buckley said the McGinnis family expressed their thanks for the recognition of their parents.

### **Approval of Minutes**

**Moved** by Commissioner Rage, seconded by Chairman Kubik, to approve the Minutes of October 8, 2008.

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

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**Closing Comments**

Chairman Kubik said that apparently children have been playing in the playground when the gates were locked. Mr. Kane said there is a hole in the bars. Chairman Kubik said this is trespassing and the bars need to be fixed. The playground is now closed until the middle of April or beginning of May subject to weather.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Rice  
Secretary