

HAMPTON BEACH VILLAGE PRECINCT
MEETING
December 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 introduced the members of the Board.

Marketing Update

John Kane, Marketing Director, said that the flash technique will be used for the web page. This is an ongoing transition and due to start the first of the year.

Fireworks

Dates for fireworks were discussed and decided upon. The dates are as follows: May 24th, June 20th, June 24th, July 1st, July 4th, July 8th, July 15th, July 22nd, July 29th, August 5th, August 12th, August 19th, August 26th, September 2nd and September 6th.

Chairman Kubik discussed rain dates. He said vacationers are very disappointed if a shoot is cancelled and there is no rain date.

Warren Pierce, American Thunder, said rain dates could be set up and there would be no extra charge or penalty. The question is how much notice the Police Department needs. If dates were set up ahead of time, all paperwork could be completed. Chairman Kubik suggested inviting the Fire and Police Departments to the next meeting to discuss this option.

Mr. Pierce said costs have risen, but fuel costs have come down. Their proposed budget is the same as last year - \$3,500 per show. American Thunder is willing to do this because the Commission has been very easy to work with.

Mr. Pierce said they have been looking at new types of shells. They are very beautiful. American Thunder hopes to provide a memorable experience for visitors to Hampton Beach.

Moved by Chairman Kubik, seconded by Commissioner Rage, to approve American Thunder's contract for 2009 for 15 shoots.

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

Beautification

Geannina Scanlon said there are lights on the fire station and on the large tree in back. She thanked the Fire Chief and staff for putting up the lights.

Ms. Scanlon said the Precinct sign on Winnacunnet was blown down by the wind and has now been secured. Mike Scanlon and John Gebhart performed the work. Mr. Gebhart said it would be a good thing to call the sign company to inspect all the signs. Chairman Kubik said it would be wise to have all signs inspected once a year.

Ms. Scanlon said the banners have been ordered. This project began in November of 2007 and through the cooperation of many people, including the state reps, the Precinct finally has the authority to hang the banners. The banners should arrive before Christmas. Unitil has offered to put the banners up the first time so there will be money remaining in the budget. Ms. Scanlon said this money could possibly be used for another set of banners. The initial order was for 12 winter and 12 summer banners. It might be possible to do spring and fall also. Ms. Scanlon said after this initial hanging of banners by Unitil, the Precinct will have to hire a contractor to do the work. Commissioner Rage said he would like to see how the banners look before spending any more money. Chairman Kubik said he would prefer to wait and see how the banners hold up to the weather, etc.

Chairman Kubik extended a special thanks for the beautiful Christmas decorations.

Old Business

Chairman Kubik said the Hampton Area Beach Commission was holding a meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Ashworth to kick off the campaign for the renovation of the Sea Shell. They need monetary support for this.

Moved by Commissioner Rage, seconded by Chairman Kubik, to donate \$1,000 to the Hampton Area Beach Commission fund for promoting and lobbying to the State for the renovation of the Sea Shell.

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

New Business

Brenda Lewis, Sponsorship Coordinator for the Sand Castle event, said work is being done on the 2009 event. Sand will be dropped on June 12th. The competition will be June 18th through June 20th, and there will be viewing until June 25th.

Chairman Kubik said he was asked by the Budget Committee if anybody had contacted the Precinct about the fire station lease. Chairman Kubik said no one has so far and the Precinct will be waiting to hear from the Board of Selectmen as to how they want to proceed.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Commissioner Rage, seconded by Chairman Kubik, to approve the Minutes of November 12, 2008.

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

Closing Comments

There were no closing comments.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Rice
Secretary