

HAMPTON BEACH VILLAGE PRECINCT  
ANNUAL MEETING  
MARCH 27, 2009

Richard Reniere, Moderator, called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Mr. Reniere led the Pledge of Allegiance. Reverend Dwayne Windemiller gave the invocation. Mr. Reniere asked for a moment of silence honoring residents who passed away during the past year.

Mr. Reniere introduced those at the head table:

Gary Kubik, Precinct Commissioner  
Chuck Rage, Precinct Commissioner  
June White, Precinct Commissioner  
John Gebhart, Treasurer  
Sharon Somers, Precinct Counsel  
Joan Rice, Precinct Secretary

Mr. Reniere recognized the following in the audience:

Rick Griffin, Chairman, Board of Selectman  
Mary Louise Woolsey, Chairman, Budget Committee  
Michael Plouffe, Budget Committee  
Michael Pierce, Budget Committee  
Fred Rice, Hampton Area Beach Commission

Mr. Reniere explained the rules of the meeting.

**Moved** by Mr. Rage, seconded by Ms. White, to allow new residents to address those at the head table.

**Vote:** Passed by unanimous vote.

**Moved** by Mr. Rage, seconded by Mr. Kubik, to allow non-Precinct residents to speak upon recognition by the Moderator.

Amendment **moved** by Andrew Guthrie to allow only non-Precinct residents who are property owners to speak but not to allow anyone who is not a property owner to speak.

Amendment failed for lack of a second.

Mr. Reniere called for a vote on the main motion.

**Vote:** 10 yes, 11 no. Motion failed. Non-Precinct residents may not speak.

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**Vote:** 10 yes, 11 no. Motion failed.

The following warrant articles were considered:

Mr. Reniere said Article I would be addressed at the end of the meeting when all votes were tallied.

### Article II

To see if the District will vote to accept the budget as submitted by the Budget Committee, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$445,600 for District purposes in addition to any amounts that may be approved for special articles.

**Moved** by Mr. Rage, seconded by Mr. Kubik, to approve Article II.

Mr. Skip Windemiller inquired about the amount specified for promotional events. Mr. Gebhart said that includes everything with the exception of advertising, the bands and the fireworks.

Mr. Windemiller asked about the bond payment being eliminated and the addition of interest. Attorney Somers replied that the bond payment will not be due this year. There is a large amount of money left in the unreserved cash fund to make that last payment. There will be an ample amount to cover any interest.

Mr. Rage said in negotiating contracts almost everyone they dealt with gave the District a break on price or kept the cost the same as last year.

Mr. Windemiller asked how the advertising budget is broken down. John Kane replied that it goes to radio, bumper stickers, print media. Mr. Rage said that a lot of business is going to the internet and this brings the cost down.

Mr. Dick Paquin asked about Special Activities. Maureen Buckley said that this was the proposed movie night, plays, etc.

Mr. Paquin asked if anything new is planned to draw more people to the Beach. Ms. White said a Fall Festival is being planned and also fireworks for New Year's Eve.

**Vote:** Article II passed by unanimous vote.

Article III

To see if the Hampton Beach Village District will vote to authorize the Board of Commissioners to lease the District Fire Station on Ashworth Avenue to ensure the continued availability of fire protection services from a location within the District, subject to such terms and conditions which the Commissioners deem to be in the best interest of the Hampton Beach Village District and consistent with the goals set forth in this article, and to authorize the Commissioners to enter into renewals of said lease, all for a period of no more than five years from the passage of this article by the Hampton Beach Village District.

**Moved** by Mr. Rage, seconded by Mr. Kubik, to approve Article III.

Mr. Guthrie said he felt that this article should be amended to say the price will be 20% of the gross parking fees from the Beach parking lot.

Mr. Rage expressed concern that if the Selectmen don't approve this, the fire station could be lost. Mr. Griffin said this would be a motion to vote to authorize and enter into negotiations.

Attorney Somers said there were two possibilities:

1. If it is the goal of the people here to obtain this 20%, language can be added to the Article.
2. This can be segregated out and a sense of a meeting vote can be taken.

Mr. Guthrie said he preferred the first option. Mr. Gebhart said the fact that the Town does not have to pay the \$650,000 for the fire pension, should make it more palatable. The lease payment would be a reserved 20% to go for a future fire station within the Precinct.

Mr. Griffin explained that the Town budget has also been reduced by \$650,000 since it was only included as a contingency to pay for the fire pension.

**Moved** by Mr Guthrie, seconded by Mr. Rage, to amend Article III to read as follows:

To see if the Hampton Beach Village district will vote to authorize the Board of Commissioners to lease the District Fire Station on Ashworth Avenue to ensure the continued availability of fire protection services from a location within the District, subject to such terms and conditions which the Commissioners deem to be in the best interest of

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the Hampton Beach Village District including the goal of having a lease payment of 20% of gross parking revenue from the Beach parking lot to be reserved for construction of a fire station within the District, and consistent with the goals set forth in this article, and to authorize the Commissioners to enter into renewals of said lease, all for a period of no more than five years from the passage of this article by the Hampton Beach Village District.

**Vote:** Article III passed as amended.

Mr. Kane expressed his concern about the infrastructure and lighting and asked what was being done to get this moving.

Mr. Rage said the wording in the Town warrant article authorizing the release of this money was confusing to many voters. These voters believed passing this article would raise taxes. The money is already there and it will be necessary to do a campaign of education.

Mr. Griffin said the Selectmen will be doing more campaigning on warrant articles so the public understands them.

#### Article I

Mr. Reniere announced the results of the election. They are as follows:

Commissioner (3 years)	Gary Kubik
Moderator (1 year)	Richard Reniere
Clerk (1 year)	Linda Gebhart
Supervisor of the Checklist (3 years)	Joe Williams
Treasurer (1 year)	John Gebhart

#### Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Rice  
Secretary

