

HAMPTON BEACH VILLAGE PRECINCT  
MEETING  
October 14, 2009

Present

Gary Kubik, Chairman & Commissioner  
Chuck Rage, Commissioner  
June White, Commissioner

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.

**Entertainment Report**

Jack Knox presented the final 2009 Summer Entertainment Report. He said the season began on Saturday of Memorial Day weekend and concluded on Sunday night of Labor Day weekend with a total of 80 performance dates including two military bands, a DJ on 9 dates and 3 dates for the Hampton Beach Idol. Two dates were reserved for the UNH performance troupe "Little Red Wagon". There were no rainouts although the weather this past season was less than favorable.

The total budget for the 2009 Summer Entertainment Program was \$90,000. 77.06% was paid directly to performing artists. An additional 8.94% was reserved for special programs like the Idol and the additional performance dates for the DJ. The net commissions paid to KW Entertainment were \$2,650 (2.89% of the budget). In addition KW Entertainment receives a coordinator's fee of \$10,000 to offset the expenses associated with producing and overseeing an entertainment series like the Hampton Beach Sea Shell Stage.

Now in its 5<sup>th</sup> year, the Idol continues to grow in popularity. There were 108 total entries. Everyone was impressed with the overall talent of the artists and the attendance at the event.

Mr. Knox said he would like to thank Kate Lane and Cathy Pepin for all their help during Idol and also Maureen Buckley for her tremendous support for this event and for the entire season. Mr. Knox also extended thanks to Angela West, co-hostess, Judge Ricco Barr and John Kane for all his help. Mr. Knox also thanked Brian Warburton, Division of Parks and Recreation, and Doc Noel, Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Knox said the Hampton Beach Sea Shell Summer Series continues to grow in popularity because of the tremendous support of the Hampton Beach Village District and the Commissioners.

### **Fire Department**

Chris Silver, Chief of the Hampton Fire Department, came forward. He asked the Commissioners if they would approve \$1,000 for roof repairs to the Precinct garage.

**Moved** by Commissioner Rage, seconded by Commissioner White, to approve the sum of \$1,000 for roof repairs to the Precinct garage.

**Vote:** 3-0-0. Motion passed unanimously.

Chief Silver said he would also ask the Commissioners to sign the agreement allowing the conducting of some geotechnical work to determine soil conditions in the beach lots. There would be no cost to the Precinct.

**Moved** by Chairman Kubik, seconded by Commissioner White, to sign the agreement allowing geotechnical work to determine soil conditions in the beach lots.

**Vote:** 3-0-0. Motion passed unanimously.

Chief Silver said there were five sites that were examined for the beach fire station. Some specific criteria were set – response time, easy access to the beach, line of sight, etc. A site selection matrix was then established. Two of the five sites scored very high, the municipal lot and the Precinct lot. There would be advantages to the north side because of the sun, etc. Response time excluded Church Street and Island Path. The Police Station did not meet the important criteria. Five or six years ago the two departments could have shares services, but that is not feasible now.

### **Public Comment – Fire Station**

Dick Paquin, 11 8<sup>th</sup> Street, came forward. He asked about warrant articles going forward this year. Chief Silver replied that what needs to be done first is the construction of a headquarters station on Winnacunnet. A warrant article could go forward for construction of an addition necessary to relocate headquarters to Winnacunnet. A warrant article for the beach sub-station would occur in a subsequent year. Commissioner Rage said he felt no decisions can be made now unless there is a warrant article saying the sub-station will happen within the next five or so years. The space needs to be locked in. Chief Silver said it is necessary to look at both stations at once.

Mr. Paquin said parking would be lost if the site on the north side is used. Chief Silver said approximately 20-27 spaces would be lost. Rick Griffin, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, said any loss of parking will be worked out after an agreement has been

reached. Mr. Paquin expressed concern about more debt service. Dick Nichols, Selectman, said the Selectmen had made an adjustment to the operating budget and everything looks good. For next year's budget, they will try to stay with a 6.2% increase in spending and this is a combination of the operating budget and warrant articles.

John Christianson came forward. He said all the records he has seen give no indication that land was given to the Precinct for a fire station. He said it is necessary to think about values in 40-50 years. Commissioner White said she believes the land was given for any use, not specifically for a fire station.

Linda Gebhart came forward. She asked if it is necessary to have two command centers. She asked if there had been any discussion on this topic. Chief Silver said it is being looked at.

Mike O'Neil asked if anybody had thought about purchasing the Royal property. Mr. Nichols said if land acquisition costs were added, the voters would back away.

Mary-Louise Woolsey, Chairman of the Hampton Budget Committee, came forward. She said one of her highest priorities is an adequate sub-station for the beach. She said the Budget Committee has always been strongly supportive of facilities for both locations. Vehicles are bigger now. Due to lack of space there is no ladder truck and no ambulance at the beach station. Ms. Woolsey said everyone must work together and move forward. She said she was sure a 30-year bond was being planned, unlike the 10-year bond for the Police Station.

Maureen Buckley came forward. She discussed lost parking revenue. She said the Precinct Commissioners and the residents of the Precinct have great respect for Chief Silver.

Mr. Christianson said there has to be a plan that can be presented to the voters that they will accept.

Geannina Scanlan came forward. She said the beach has been waiting far too long for a fire station. There is a need for a change in attitude. It is necessary to think "community".

Michael Pierce, member of the Budget Committee, came forward. Mr. Pierce said it must be conveyed to the voters that both of these projects are imperative.

Chairman Kubik thanked everyone who spoke and said he felt everyone was ready to go forward.

### **Marketing Report**

John Kane said there were a lot of activities at the beach after the Seafood Festival. There were some very successful races and the Autumn Festival. The Festival was a lot of work and a lot of fun. A very successful event.

### **Beautification**

Ms. Gebhart said mums had been planted on the island and the boat. The Committee has also planted daffodil bulbs. Ms. Gebhart said she had asked 12 local artists to donate something for a silent auction at the Autumn Festival, the proceeds of which would hopefully go to beautification.

Ms. Scanlan said the Committee has a plan for the rain garden at the Police Station. This plan will be presented to the Board of Selectmen and the Precinct Commissioners.

### **Hampton Beach Area Commission**

John Nyhan, Chairman of the Hampton Beach Area Commission, came forward. He said he wanted to clarify what the Commission wants in new Commissioners. Commissioners should be hard workers. There will be many different projects. They must be dependable and willing to come to every meeting and willing to spend time working on Commission projects. They must represent the organization that appointed them. Mr. Nyhan said it will be critical to have two Commissioners from the Precinct to work on beach redevelopment activities. The Beach Commission is doing a parking study and wants to work on infrastructure. Beautification needs to be moved to the next level. The streetlights are another goal. Another goal is to upgrade properties and fill in empty lots.

### **Precinct Parking Lot Report (Summer 2009)**

Mike O'Neil, Superintendent of Parking Facilities for Hampton Beach, came forward. He said their gross income was \$82,479. This represents a 13% increase over last year. Ninety spaces operated 94 days from Memorial Day to the Seafood Festival. There were 43 days of rain. Mr. O'Neil said the parking income goes to pay for entertainment at the Sea Shell.

Chairman Kubik thanked Mr. O'Neil for his dedication.

### **Old Business**

Commissioner White discussed the Harvest Moon Fall Festival. She said they accomplished all they had wanted. All the businesses did very well for the weekend.

There were lots of suggestions for next year's Festival. There were very positive comments about the fireworks. Chairman White thanked John Kane for all his help. She also thanked the Gebharts, Christiansons, Greg Grady and the Lessards.

Chairman Kubik thanked Commissioner White for all her work on the Festival.

### **New Business**

Chairman Kubik said it had been decided to change attorneys. He said the candidate decided upon was Stephen H. Roberts of Hoefle, Phoenix, Gormley & Roberts, P.A.

**Moved** by Chairman Kubik, seconded by Commissioner White, to appoint Stephen H. Roberts of Hoefle, Phoenix, Gormley & Roberts, P.A. as counsel for the Hampton Beach Precinct.

**Vote:** 3-0-0. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Public Comment**

There was no Public Comment.

### **Approval of Minutes**

**Moved** by Chairman Kubik, seconded by Commissioner White, to approve the Minutes of September 9, 2009.

**Vote:** 3-0-0. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Appointments to Hampton Beach Area Commission**

**Moved** by Chairman Kubik, seconded by Commissioner Rage, to appoint Geannina Scanlan to the Hampton Beach Area Commission for a 3-year term.

**Vote:** 3-0-0. Motion passed unanimously.

**Moved** by Chairman Kubik, seconded by Commissioner White, to appoint Leonard Paul to the Hampton Beach Area Commission for a 1-year term.

**Vote:** 3-0-0. Motion passed unanimously.

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**Moved** by Chairman Kubik, seconded by Commissioner White, to appoint Linda Gebhart as alternate to the Hampton Beach Area Commission.

**Vote:** 3-0-0. Motion passed unanimously.

**Closing Comments**

There were no closing comments.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Rice