

HAMPTON BEACH VILLAGE PRECINCT  
MEETING  
January 14, 2009

Present

Gary Kubik, Chairman & Commissioner  
Chuck Rage, Commissioner  
June White, 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 the update on the website has begun. The page has been expanded to show the entire content. Flash videos will give a more active and updated look. Pictures of food from restaurants and pictures of hotels will be shown. With the sandcastle event coming up, volunteers will be able to put information on the website.

Mr. Kane said the marketing focus this year will be the “value” of Hampton Beach. Free entertainment on a nightly basis, fireworks, the boardwalk, etc. will be emphasized.

Mr. Rage asked if they would be emphasizing the fact that Hampton Beach is the only beach on the Atlantic Seacoast with a five star rating. Mr. Kane replied that it will.

**Fireworks**

Chairman Kubik said last month he brought up the possibility of bringing back rain dates for the fireworks. He said it would be good to have rain dates for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and the Wednesday night shoots. Rain dates would not be necessary for Memorial Day or Labor Day.

Chris Silver, Chief of the Hampton Fire Department, said he was at this meeting to discuss the possibility of rain dates. Chief Silver said a representative from the Police Department had planned to attend the meeting, but had a conflict. He said the Fire Department prepares for the shoots and makes sure there is adequate staffing. If the decisions to stop a shoot due to weather are made early enough in the day, it would be easier to reassign the hours to another night. The Police Department, however, is not so flexible and would not have the staffing for the rain date and to provide it would have a financial impact.

Commissioner Rage said that the alternate nights don't draw as large a crowd so possibly a full staffing would not be necessary. He said they should discuss this with the Police Chief.

Commissioner Rage asked how early the call would have to be made for the Fire Department to reschedule. Chief Silver said no later than 4:00 p.m. Chief Silver suggested setting up a meeting with the Police, Fire, a Precinct Commissioner and Warren Pierce of American Thunder to discuss rain dates. Commissioner Kubik said he would set up the meeting before the next Precinct meeting takes place.

Commissioner Kubik said Commissioner White had talked to him about the possibility of having a fireworks shoot on New Year's Eve. Commissioner White said this would be a way to extend the season. Mr. Pierce said this would be easy to do because there is already the place and everything is basically set up. Chief Silver said he saw no obstacles to a New Year's shoot. Chief Silver said he would like a decision soon so proper permits could be obtained.

**Moved** by Commissioner Kubik, seconded by Commissioner White, that a New Year's Eve shoot on December 31, 2009, at 8:00 p.m. be considered.

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

### **Entertainment**

Jack Knox discussed the entertainment calendar. He has already contacted the armed forces bands. The Air Force Band of Liberty is back from Iraq and there is a possibility of another Tops in Blue concert. The schedule has expanded because of an early start and late end of the season this year.

Mr. Knox said he would like to address parking and asked if there will be the same parking for the entertainers. Doc Noel, Chamber of Commerce, said it will be the same. Mr. Knox said he would recommend some way to identify vehicles and show that they are authorized.

Mr. Knox said he is trying to get larger groups for entertainment as they seem to be very popular.

Commissioner White suggested a movie/play night. Mr. Knox said he didn't feel it would fit in with the venue. Perhaps it could be done on a specialty night, i.e., during Children's Week. Commissioner Rage said he had talked to some theater groups and they are very expensive and don't seem interested. Commissioner White said movies could be shown on the back side of the Sea Shell where it would be geared to families

with children. Mr. Knox said he still felt this did not belong in this venue. Commissioner Kubik said it might be a good idea to look into movies on rainy nights.

Commissioner Kubik thanked Mr. Knox for keeping his budget the same as last year.

### **Beautification**

Geannina Scanlan said the banners have been received. Commissioner White said Unitil will put up the first ones for free. Summer banners will go up now because each time banners are changed in the future, there will be the necessity to hire someone to do it. Ms. Scanlan said that it is important to remember that whoever is hired to change the banners in the future must be approved by Unitil.

### **Old Business**

There was no Old Business.

### **New Business**

Rich Renier, Precinct Moderator, said the Annual Meeting for the Precinct will be on Friday, March 27, 2009, at the Beach Fire Station. He said the candidacy filing period for office is February 11-20. Offices open are one Commissioner, Treasurer, Moderator, Clerk and Supervisor of the Checklist.

Linda Gebhart, Clerk, said that if anyone desires to be a candidate to contact her for an application. She lives at 4 Bailey.

Mr. Renier reminded everyone that even though you are registered to vote in the Town of Hampton, to vote in the Precinct election, you must be a resident of the Precinct and registered to vote in the Precinct.

Ms. Gebhart said she would like to plan a Valentines Day party at the Fire Station. It would be very simple and for people of all ages. She asked for volunteers to help plan this party.

### **Public Comment**

There was no Public Comment.

### **Approval of Minutes**

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**Moved** by Mr. Rage, seconded by Mr. Kubik, to approve the Minutes of December 10, 2008, as amended.

**Vote:** 2 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention (White). Motion passed.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Rice  
Secretary