

HAMPTON BEACH VILLAGE PRECINCT
MEETING
April 8, 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.

Election of New Chairman

Moved by Commissioner Rage, seconded by Commissioner White, to appoint Gary Kubik as Chairman of the Hampton Beach Village Precinct Board for the coming year.

Vote: 2-0-1 (Kubik). Motion passed.

Brian Warburton/NH State Parks

Brian Warburton, South Seacoast Superintendent of New Hampshire Division of State Parks, came forward. Mr. Warburton said he was also DRED's representative to the Hampton Beach Area Commission.

Mr. Warburton discussed the upcoming 2009 State Parks Season. Mr. Warburton said it is about relationships making things work. Everything happens with the cooperation of the Precinct, the Chamber and the State.

Several events are coming up in the near future: Earth Day activities will take place April 18-22, and the City Year clean up of Hampton Beach will be April 29-30.

Mr. Warburton discussed other miscellaneous events that are also planned, including:

April 11	State Park staff will open the playground for the season
April 13-18	New Pay Stations Phase 1 for CPA lot installations. Mr. Warburton explained how this new parking procedure will work.
April 24	Hampton RV Park opens for season
April 25	Hampton Rotary 5K-road race
May 1	Parking meters go into effect
May 4-17	Hampton Beach annual regrading

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May 15-17 NH Towing Show
May 23 Hampton State Parks opens for season
May 24 Memorial Weekend entertainment Seashell Stage
June 12-29 Sand Sculpture Competition
June 20-21 Catamaran

Fireworks State Parks Staff/Lifeguards will clear beach each Wednesday and if cancelled, will move to Friday evenings

Monday Night Movie Night in area of Hampton Beach Playground

August 1 Winnacunnet Wrestling Tournament

August Children's Week, Idol Competition

Sept. 11-13 Seafood Festival
Sept. 18-20 Reach the Beach Relay
Sept. 25-27 Granite State wheelman

Mr. Warburton then discussed the Beach rules. No dogs are allowed at any time on state beaches or state parks. Horses are only allowed Oct 1 – April 30. Mr. Warburton said he was not in favor of this and he would like to revisit the subject of horses on the beach. Mr. Warburton reminded everyone that Special Use Permits are required for event use.

Mr. Warburton said they are working diligently on the problems of dog waste and cigarette butts being left on the beach. He showed new signs that will be posted. It was brought up that there is a dog park at the Urban Forestry Center. Mr. Jerry Znoj, Selectman, said the Board of Selectmen is definitely for enforcement of the rule banning dogs on the beach.

Monday Night Movie Night

Mary Durant discussed the Monday Night Movie Night. She said the goal of this project is free family fun.

Sand Sculpture Update

Greg Grady said there will be 12 sculptors plus one giving lessons. Sand will be dropped on June 12th and the competition will be June 18 -20. Voting will be on June 20th from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. with awards being given at 8:00 p.m. Permission has been received to extend the viewing time until June 28th. The sand will be removed on June 29th. Signups for lessons will be at the Chamber office for children 8 years old and above.

There are many fine sculptors participating in this event. Mr. Grady said they are looking for volunteers. To volunteer, go to HamptonBeach.org and go to the Sand Castle link or call Mr. Grady at 929-6301.

Chairman Kubik asked about sponsors. John Kane said the sponsorship is tough. It will be challenging.

Entertainment

Jack Knox said this is a very busy time of the year finalizing events. Mr. Knox said that he had received a call this afternoon from Tops in Blue saying they would not be able to commit for the scheduled weekend. Mr. Knox is waiting for another date. He is also waiting for confirmation from two other Armed Forces bands. This should all be resolved within the next week.

Mr. Knox said he has received a commitment from Rico Barr who has a terrific group. Mr. Barr has offered a prize where the senior winner of the Idol would be offered a date or two to perform with his group and the winner would be paid.

Mr. Knox said Commissioner White has negotiated to bring in a children's production of Mid Summer Night's Dream. He said he would like this to take place during Children's Week, but they cannot commit to that date.

Mr. Knox said the entertainment program has been extended without increasing the cost.

Marketing Update

John Kane said he would like to thank everyone involved in putting together the events for this year. The nice part is that it is all free, so it should be popular during the present economic times. There is no beach fee and Hampton Beach has been voted the fourth best value beach in the country.

Beautification

Linda Gebhart said the Committee is considering having a Spring Tea in May since the Valentine's Day Tea was such a success. She said the Committee has planted the three urns at the top of Ashworth Avenue. The 400 bulbs at the base of the lilac bed are coming up. Next Tuesday the Sierra Club from Winnacunnet High School will be working with the Committee at Centennial Park. Ms. Gebhart said 600 doggie waste bags have been ordered. These bags are biodegradable and will be handed out at the Earth Day Walk.

Ms. Scanlan said that Earth Day is a very important day. The idea is to get people to make a pledge to change their behaviors. The walk will start at Centennial Park, go for one mile, and then return to the Park. There will be seven stations with information.

Ms. Scanlan said that volunteers are needed. If you wish to volunteer, contact her at 926-0015 or Linda Gebhart at 929-3850.

Old Business

There was no Old Business.

New Business

Commissioner White said she talked to Unitil and they have added an addendum regarding the banners. There will be 17 new banners going up in May and Unitil will be putting them up.

Chairman Kubik said a meeting should be called to clarify where the poles are going. He said he was concerned about blockage of business signs.

Public Comment

Maureen Buckley asked if the play was a money saver or just a different experience. Chairman Kubik said the play was not considered for savings, but as an addition to the family experience.

Richard Reniere asked when the Commissioners would be meeting with the Selectmen to discuss the lease on the Fire Station building. Chairman Kubik said they will be meeting on April 13th.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Commissioner White, seconded by Commissioner Rage, to approve the Minutes of March 27, 2009 (Annual Meeting).

Vote: 3-0-0. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Moved by Commissioner Rage, seconded by Chairman Kubik, to approve the Minutes of March 11, 2009.

Vote: 2-0-1 (White). Motion passed.

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Closing Comments

Chairman Kubik thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Rice
Secretary