

HAMPTON BEACH VILLAGE PRECINCT
MEETING
June 10, 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

Chris Silver, Chief, Hampton Fire Department

Chief Silver expressed his thanks to the Commissioners for successfully negotiating a new lease for the Precinct Fire Station.

Chief Silver gave an update on the work being done to eventually build new fire stations. He said he had received 15 statements of qualification from engineers and architects and out of those 7 have been invited to submit cost proposals. These proposals will be back on June 18th. Chief Silver said he hopes to negotiate a final contract by the end of the month.

Chairman Kubik thanked Chief Silver for his presentation.

Sand Sculpture Event

Greg Grady said he felt this event would have a banner year. Sponsorship, volunteers, etc. are all falling into place. If anyone would like to volunteer, please call Maureen Buckley at 396-6225. Mr. Grady showed this year's T-shirt. It is a 5-Star Ocean theme. All sculptors are flying in right now. Awards will be presented at 8:00 p.m. on June 20th. The event will be lighted through June 28th.

Chairman Kubik asked about the security person. Mr. Grady said he has someone set for the 13th, 14th and 15th. Commissioner Rage said the Precinct would fill in for whatever other time is needed. Chairman Kubik asked if this person would be a Precinct employee. Mr. Grady replied that he would be a Precinct employee. Mr. Grady said the security person would also be available for the 18th, 19th and 20th if needed.

Parking Garage

Mike O'Neil said the parking facilities opened on Memorial Day weekend. A new drain was installed out in front and hopefully this will prevent flooding. A meeting was held to discuss new signage for the building. A full staff is in place and everything is ready to go.

Chairman Kubik discussed the section in the garage which needs to be repaved. A quote has been received for \$4,600. Chairman Kubik said this is more than what the Precinct might want to spend at this time. This situation is not serious enough that it cannot wait until next year. Chairman Rage said he would prefer to wait until next year. Chairman Kubik said the Commissioners will monitor the situation and if there is an issue, it can be discussed again.

Mr. O'Neil said overnight parking is \$15, weekly parking is \$75 and the weekend special is \$50.

Entertainment

Jack Knox said scheduling is consistent with no changes. Regarding Idol, 20 to 30 applications have already been received. This is encouraging for this time of year.

Memorial Day weekend went very well. Verbal announcements are being done by the entertainers to emphasize new events as well as promoting patronizing beach businesses.

Marketing Update

John Kane said he wanted to thank a lot of people he has been working with – Greg Grady, Maureen Buckley and the marketing people. 200 press releases have been sent out. The Sand Sculpture brochures are being dropped off at the Chamber. Sponsorship is coming along nicely. There is a new beverage sponsor who will be giving out 5 oz. cups of their beverage and T-shirts.

Events are being advertised on boston.com and with the State of New Hampshire. Everything is going great. The only concern is weather. Once some of the events are completed, promotion will be done for the New Year's Eve event.

Beautification

Linda Gebhart said there has been some vandalism of the crabapple tree on M Street. She said she believes it is done by skateboarders. The broken branches have been trimmed and a tree guard will be purchased.

Ms. Gebhart said that thanks to efforts by Geannina Scanlan and Skip Webb there is free water service for the Mile Long Garden and Bicentennial Park. This is part of Aquarian's Community Outreach.

Ms. Gebhart thanked Hampton Public Works Department for transporting the urns from her residence to the statue. She also thanked Greg Grady for the "nose job" on the statue.

Ms. Gebhart said many people have commented on the wild daisies on 101.

Ms. Scanlon said she is working with the Hampton Garden Club to have a Hampton Bloom contest. The judging will be held on August 1st. Participants can enter the contest up to July 17th. The goal of the contest is to showcase and celebrate the efforts put in by the residents. Categories will be: Residential Curb Appeal, Business Curb Appeal, Porch or Deck, Church or Business Spaces and Window Box. Registration can be downloaded from the Town website.

Ms. Scanlon said the Beautification Committee will be doing the rain garden at the Police Station on August 15th.

New Business

Commissioner Rage said he has been receiving calls about the playground. There has been a lot of vandalism. Repairs are being made and hopefully the police will take more notice. New signs are coming and will be posted all around the playground.

Commissioner White said someone removed one of the banners and the clips on L Street. Another banner has been ordered.

Old Business

There was no Old Business.

Public Comment

Richard Reniere, 29 Highland Avenue, said there is a sign at the entrance to the playground saying "Deposit Cigarette Butts Here", but nothing is there. Chairman Kubik said Brian Warburton will take care of obtaining the receptacles.

Approval of Minutes

The Minute of May 13, 2009 will be approved at the next meeting on July 8, 2009.

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Closing Comments

Commissioner White said she has been working on the October Fall Festival. The insurance is in place. Work is being done on advertising and to obtain a liquor license. The festival will be held on the lot where the Old Salt used to be.

Commissioner White said the Casino will be offering a production of Cinderella as a play in the ballroom.

John Kane said that Stephanie Lucier who helps put on the Miss Hampton Beach Pageant will be working on Little Miss (ages 5-9) and Little Junior (ages 10-15) pageants which will be held at the beginning of Children's Week.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Rice
Secretary