

HAMPTON BEACH VILLAGE PRECINCT
MEETING
August 11, 2010

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.

Entertainment Report

Glen French, Entertainment Coordinator for the Hampton Beach Sea Shell Stage, said the entertainment program is going well and all events have been well attended. Next weekend the big event is the Idol. There had been some concern about participation, but in the end over 90 applications were received. This is a record. Applicants were screened and there will be 28 participants in the seniors division and 21 in the juniors division. There are many wonderful sponsors. Mr. French said he will MC along with Angela West.

Chairman Kubik asked about the plans for the Veterans' Appreciation Weekend for next year. Mr. French said he wants to bring in a moving wall and is making tentative plans for the event. Mr. French said it would be a good thing if some of the hotels would grant discounts to veterans that weekend. Mr. French said there is a possible complication regarding the location of the stage because of the construction delay. Chairman Kubik said this event can take place with proper planning.

Chairman Kubik thanked Mr. French for his fine work this season.

Marketing Update

John Kane, Marketing Director, discussed the problem with the construction of the stage. He said Brian Warburton, States Park Supervisor, will be the lead on what to do.

Mr. Kane said there have been many Canadian visitors. There have also been a large number of student busses coming in. He thanked Mr. French and Ms. Buckley for their work on the Idol event.

Mr. Kane said advertising on WBZ will begin next week. Mr. Kane mentioned that Hampton Beach has been designated as a 5-star beach and #1 in the U.S. for cleanliness. This is a great achievement.

Plans are in the works for the Seafood Festival which is being advertised on WBZ. After that there will be the several races going on including a race weekend with a half and a full marathon. The second annual Harvest Festival will be held on Columbus Day weekend.

Beautification

Linda Gebhart said that plantings have been replaced around the Hampton Beach sign. Ms. Gebhart and John Gebhart have been working to fix the area at Ashworth Island. Flowers, etc. have been added.

Ms. Gebhart said extra help will be needed in the fall to remove perennials at the Sea Shell stage before it comes down.

The Neighborhood Watch will have a meeting at the fire station on September 15th at 7:00 p.m. and the Recycling Committee will meet at the fire station on September 22nd.

Cathy Silver, Marine Biology teacher at Winnacunnet, has proposed and written a letter to George Bald requesting permission to start a marine education center at the beach where she could offer classes. Ms. Gebhart said maybe it would be possible to have a space in the new complex.

Events Update

Maureen Buckley, Events Coordinator, said the quality of entertainers for the Idol competition is outstanding. It gets better every year. Ms. Buckley discussed the Harvest Festival. She said she spoke to Tobey & Merrill who said the insurance for that event will be a rider added on to the Precinct's current policy. This will cost \$360.50.

Old Business

Commissioner Rage asked about the status of the Memorandum of Understanding. Chairman Kubik said he spoke to the Precinct attorney and will have something to present to the Selectmen by the next Precinct meeting. Jerry Znoj, Selectman, said that the Board of Selectmen had voted on the acceptance of the Memorandum and it passed 3-2. This will now have to go before the voters. Mr. Znoj said he is still doing research to see how the tax rate will be affected. Mr. Richard Reniere asked if there was any plan to research the ramifications of using part of the trust fund to finance the fire stations. Mr. Znoj said this is being considered.

New Business

There was no New Business.

Public Comment

Mr. Kane said there was an article in Parade Magazine, a national publication, about the 50 most unique tourist attractions in the country. Hampton Beach was noted for its gigantic pirate.

Mr. Kane said the recycling is doing very well. He said his concern is that it is not being picked up until very late in the afternoon. Mr. Znoj said he would look into this matter.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Commissioner Rage, seconded by Commissioner White, to approve the Minutes of June 14, 2010.

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

Closing Comments

Chairman Kubik wished a speedy recovery to John Nickerson who has been hospitalized.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Rice
Secretary