

**HAMPTON BEACH VILLAGE PRECINCT  
ANNUAL MEETING  
MARCH 26, 2010**

Richard Reniere, Moderator, called the meeting to order at 7:23 p.m.

Mr. Reniere led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Reniere asked for a moment of silence honoring Jack Knox and the son of Victoria Thibault who passed away during the past year.

Mr. Reniere introduced those at the head table:

Gary Kubik, Precinct Commissioner  
Chuck Rage, Precinct Commissioner  
June White, Precinct Commissioner  
John Gebhart, Treasurer  
Sharon Somers, Precinct Counsel  
Joan Rice, Secretary

Mr. Reniere recognized the following in the audience:

Rick Griffin, Board of Selectmen  
Jerry Znoj, Board of Selectmen  
Dick Nichols, Board of Selectmen  
Mary-Louise Woolsey, Budget Committee

Mr. Reniere explained the rules of the meeting. Mr. Reniere said there were two warrant articles concerning the construction of a fire station for the Precinct. He said there have been numerous meetings on this and there are still many issues to be resolved.

Mr. Reniere asked for a vote to allow any individual present to address this assembly. The goal being to provide more information. However, only residents can vote on the warrant articles.

**Vote:** 32 yes, 22 no. Non-residents may speak for informational purposes only.

**Moved** by Andrew Guthrie, seconded by Michael Scanlan, to address Articles III and IV first.

**Vote:** Motion failed.

Mr. Reniere said Article I would be addressed at the end of the meeting when all votes were tallied.

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Article II

To see if the District will vote to accept the budget as submitted by the Budget Committee, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$526, 389 for the District purposes in addition to any amounts that may be approved for special articles.

**Moved** by Commissioner Kubik, seconded by Commissioner Rage, to move Article II.

**Amendment moved** by Commissioner Rage, seconded by Commissioner Kubik, to add \$2,000 to the budget for playground equipment to replace that damaged in the February wind storm.

Commissioner Rage explained that this had been inadvertently omitted from the budget.

**Vote:** Amendment passed.

**Amendment Moved** by Steve LaBranch, seconded by Mike Buckley, to reduce the flower budget by \$2,000, to offset the amount to be applied to playground equipment.

Bob Preston said he opposed this amendment. The volunteers who take care of the flowers, etc. work very hard and it is a good contribution to the beauty of the beach. John Kane said he agreed. He said the money allocated to flowers is mostly for materials. This creates curb appeal, which helps to attract visitors. Mr. Scanlan said he was one of the volunteers and each new project costs \$1,500 to \$2,000, and that it was being requested now because new projects had been held off for the past few years, Mr. Scanlan said this increases property values and the overall appearance of the community.

**Moved** by Kevin Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Guthrie, to move the question.

**Vote:** Motion passed.

Mr. Reniere asked for a vote on the amendment to reduce the flower budget by \$2,000.

**Vote:** Amendment failed.

**Amendment moved** by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Jim Duhamel, to reduce the legal budget by \$2,000 to offset the amount to be applied to playground equipment.

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Commissioner Rage said the Precinct has a lot of negotiations coming with the Town regarding the fire station and the money in the legal budget might be needed

Mr. Reniere asked for a vote on the amendment to reduce the legal budget by \$2,000.

**Vote:** Amendment failed.

Mr. Reniere asked for a vote on the main motion, as amended, to add \$2,000 to the budget for playground equipment.

**Vote:** Motion passed.

**Amendment moved** by Mr. Gebhart, seconded by Commissioner Kubik to add \$8,465 to the budget to repair the "Welcome to Hampton Beach" sign that was damaged by a car over the Thanksgiving weekend.

**Vote:** Amendment passed.

**Moved** by Mr. Guthrie, seconded by Commissioner Rage, to move General Government in the amount of \$109,375.

**Vote:** Motion passed.

**Moved** by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Guthrie, to move the entire budget as amended.

**Amendment moved** by Commissioner Rage, seconded by Commissioner Kubik, that the budget should reflect that the \$75,214 budgeted for debt service to make the last payment on the lighting infrastructure bond will come from the unreserved cash fund balance. This amendment will not have a negative impact on the tax rate.

Commissioner Rage said the purpose of this amendment is to amend the language to be consistent with the requirements of DRA.

Mr. Scanlan asked if this was the final payment. Commissioner Rage replied that it was.

**Vote:** Amendment passed.

**Moved** by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Guthrie, to move the budget as amended in the amount of \$536,854.

**Vote:** Motion passed.

Commissioner Rage discussed Estimated Revenues. He said that the revenue figure should always be lower than expected so as to not change the tax bill.

### Article III

Shall the Hampton Beach Village District vote to hold a Special Meeting on Friday, June 4, 2010 to present a warrant article proposing that the District deed to the Town of Hampton Precinct property for the purpose of building a fire station.

**Moved** by Commissioner Rage, seconded by Commissioner Kubik, to move Article III.

**Amendment moved** by Commissioner Kubik, seconded by Commissioner Rage, to amend Article III to read that the special meeting date will be Wednesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Vote:** Amendment passed.

Commissioner Rage said the purpose of this change is to allow a weekday meeting, hopefully getting more participation from residents and property owners. Commissioner Rage said that first and foremost, the Commissioners are behind having a fire station at the beach.

Commissioner Rage said the Commissioners met with the Selectmen in the fall of 2009 to discuss preliminary assessment of a location for the new fire station. At the meeting, the Commissioners indicated a need to study the Town proposal for location. The Town provided a draft memorandum of understanding on the proposed location and the details of how that might be worked out. The Commissioners responded that while they agreed with some of the things in the draft memorandum, there were still issues that needed to be resolved.

Commissioner Rage said because the remaining issues did not get resolved prior to the town meeting or prior to this meeting, there is no specific proposal on which the voters would be able to vote at tonight's meeting. Instead the Commissioners propose to have a special meeting with warrant articles that will allow the voters to make an informed decision on this issue. Among the things that will need to be analyzed prior to this special meeting, and then reflected in the warrant articles, are

the effect of conveyance of Precinct land on lost parking availability and lost parking revenue (temporary and permanent), the form of conveyance and protections for the Precinct, and what will happen to the old fire station.

Commissioner Rage said that by voting for this Article tonight, it simply authorizes the Commissioners to set up the special meeting. It does not authorize the Commissioners to take any action to convey the Precinct property. By not voting for the article, it would mean that there will be no opportunity during this year's town meeting cycle for the voters to indicate whether they want the Commissioners to convey Precinct property.

Mr. Reniere asked for a vote on the main motion as amended.

**Vote:** Motion passed.

#### Article IV

To see if the District will vote to give the Town a new 50-year lease in the event the Town does not vote to build a new fire station at the Precinct and would rather renovate the existing Beach Station on Lot 32.

**Moved** by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. LaBranch, that Article IV follow Article III at the special meeting scheduled for June 2, 2010.

**Vote:** Motion passed.

Commissioner Rage said every effort will be put into publicizing the June 2 Special Meeting.

#### Article I

Mr. Reniere announced the results of the election as follows:

Commissioner (3 years)	Chuck Rage
Moderator (1 year)	Richard Reniere
Clerk (1 year)	Linda Gebhart
Supervisor of the Checklist (3 years)	Joe Williams
Treasurer (1 year)	John Gebhart

Mr. Paquin asked for a vote of no confidence against June White and that she step down from office. Attorney Somers said a vote could only be taken of the "sense" of

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the meeting on this issue and would have no legal effect. Many more things are involved to remove a Commissioner or a Selectman.

**Moved** by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Griffin, to take a “sense” of the meeting as to how the voters feel about a vote of no confidence for Commissioner White and the subsequent request for her to step down.

**Vote:** 19 yes, 19 no. Tie vote. Motion failed.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Rice  
Secretary