

HAMPTON BEACH VILLAGE PRECINCT  
MEETING  
June 16, 2010

Present

Gary Kubik, Chairman & Commissioner  
Chuck Rage, Commissioner  
June White, Commissioner  
John Gebhart, Treasurer

Chairman Kubik called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Chairman Kubik introduced the members of the Board.

**Fire Department Update**

Chief Chris Silver, Hampton Fire Department, said that as a result of the windstorm, there was some damage to the beach fire station building. He said he is in contact with the insurance company and will receive funds to make repairs. Also, there are some problems with the electrical service. Parsons Electric will be coming in to look at this and make recommendations.

Chief Silver said there has been an invitation sent to the Commissioners to attend the June 28, 2010 Board of Selectmen meeting to open up discussions regarding fire department construction.

Richard Nichols said the Memorandum of Understanding had been updated with a few changes. Chairman Kubik said the Commissioners have received the Memorandum of Understanding as updated.

**Parking Lot Update**

Mike O'Neil, Supervisor for Parking Facilities, said they are running 70% ahead of the revenue from this time last year -- \$9,000 compared to \$3,200 last year. Mr. O'Neil said the Commissioners need to think about how the parking facility will be configured if the buildings are torn down.

**Events Update**

Maureen Buckley, Events Coordinator, said everything is ready to go for the Sand Sculpture event. Volunteers are in place, etc. Ms. Buckley said she would like to receive more information about the Fall Festival.

### **Entertainment**

Glen French, Entertainment Coordinator, said the fund raiser honoring Jack Knox was extraordinarily successful. They may have raised over \$15,000. It was a night of great music.

Mr. French said the calendar is complete. One of the Air Force bands scheduled in September is unable to perform. They have been replaced with the British Yankees. There have been concerts on the first two Saturdays in June. Last week there was a huge parking problem. Everybody helped out and many parking spaces were offered by business owners. Mr. French thanked the Chamber of Commerce for securing chairs.

The Idol competition name has been changed to the Hampton Beach Talent Competition. Mr. French said he is going to try to recertify as the Hampton Beach Idol. Since the term "Idol" is a registered trademark it will be necessary to be licensed by Fox Network.

Mr. French said the lights on the tower are in bad condition. He said he secured four new ones on a temporary loan. More lighting is needed on the stage.

Mr. French said he is continuing to work on acquiring a moving wall. It won't happen this year, but hopefully soon.

### **Marketing**

John Kane, Marketing Director, said he has been working with Greg Grady on the Sand Sculpture event. He said it is fortunate that good weather is forecast. Mr. Kane said he continues to work on getting free advertising. The *Boston Globe* has picked up the sand sculpture event. Mr. Kane said the second press release has gone out and two major sponsors have been obtained.

Mr. Kane said the camera is back up. There is a lot of clarity and the colors are vibrant. However, it is still sitting in the tower built in 1962 and there is poor electrical current. Commissioner Rage has offered his building and this will be considered after the Seafood Festival.

### **Old Business**

Commissioner Rage addressed the editorial in the *Hampton Union* about the concerns of a resident who felt a 2/3 vote was necessary to pass the warrant article. Commissioner Rage said this matter was examined by counsel and there is no record of a 2/3 vote being necessary.

### **New Business**

Chairman Kubik discussed security for the Sand Sculpture event. Sorocovici Slavic and Saptefrati Tudor have offered to handle security. Security will be needed from June 18<sup>th</sup> through the morning of July 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Moved** by Chairman Kubik, seconded by Commissioner White, to pay Sorocovici Slavic and Saptefrati Tudor \$10.00 per hour for providing security at the Sand Sculpture event beginning on June 18, 2010 and going through the morning of July 1, 2010.

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

Commissioner Kubik said the Commissioners had received the Memorandum of Understanding along with the invitation to the Board of Selectmen meeting on June 28<sup>th</sup> to discuss the fire station issue. He said he would like to request this meeting be postponed until September. Commissioner Kubik said he would send a letter to the Board of Selectmen requesting this postponement.

**Moved** by Commissioner Rage, seconded by Commissioner White, to request a postponement of the June 28, 2010 meeting with the Board of Selectmen until September.

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

### **Public Comment**

Richard Reniere, 29 Highland Avenue, said the Heritage Commission has been discussing tentative plans for a 375<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration for the Town of Hampton in 2013. Mr. Reniere requested submission of any ideas for this celebration .

Mr. Reniere said the purpose of the formation of the Precinct was fire protection for the beach. The Town now has that responsibility. However, the Precinct still has input on this. There is a lack of unity in this whole process. The Town has to support the fire station project. The warrant articles must go before the Selectmen, voting must be accomplished and funding is a Town process. Support is needed from everyone.

Mr. Reniere said the purpose of the June 2<sup>nd</sup> Special Meeting was to get more participation from the residents. Mr. Reniere discussed the yellow sheet which has been distributed before elections which does not identify the authors. Prior to the special meeting a yellow sheet addressed to Precinct voters was sent saying the Commissioners opposed the deeding of the land. Another yellow sheet mailing followed that. Mr. Reniere said anything sent out in a general mailing should note the authors.

Mr. Reniere said the article was only about conveyance of property. However, amendments were made that dealt with other issues. Mr. Reniere said he felt those types of issues

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should be discussed when the Commissioners sit down with the Memorandum of Understanding. When it came down to the vote a secret ballot was requested. Mr. Reniere asked that the names of those requesting the secret ballot be included in the Minutes. Mr. Reniere said the Memorandum of Understanding cannot be unilateral and he would hope there would be cooperation and cohesiveness between the three Commissioners.

Mr. O'Neil said he felt the voters gave the Commissioners the right to negotiate in the best interests of the Precinct.

### **Approval of Minutes**

**Moved** by Commissioner Rage, seconded by Commissioner White, to approve the Minutes of May 19, 2010.

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

**Moved** by Commissioner Rage, seconded by Chairman Kubik, to approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting of June 2, 2010 as amended and contingent upon including a copy of the petition for a secret ballot showing the names of those requesting it.

Amendments to the Minutes are as follows:

Page 5. Last sentence of Article I should read as follows:

“Further, if this warrant article passes and ground is not broken for construction and flapper valves are not installed at the storm drain outflow by June 2, 2013, then this warrant article shall become null and void.”

Page 5, paragraph 5, should read as follows:

“**Moved** by Mr. Paquin, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, to restrict reconsideration of Article I.”

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

### **Closing Comments**

There were no closing comments.

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**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Rice  
Secretary