

HAMPTON BEACH VILLAGE PRECINCT  
MEETING  
September 8, 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.

Chairman Kubik said the Precinct sends out the deepest sympathy to the families of John Nickerson, Diana LaMontagne and Lawrence Houle who recently passed away.

**Entertainment Report**

Glen French, Entertainment Coordinator for the Hampton Beach Sea Shell Stage, said that 83 stage shows had been completed so far this season. Everything with the events has gone smoothly and all of the performing artists have been wonderful. Mr. French said he wanted to thank Maureen Buckley, Kate Lang, Cathy Pepin and Angela West for their work on the Hampton Idol event. He also expressed thanks to Rico Barr for stepping up as a judge.

Mr. French said a meeting will be held on September 23<sup>rd</sup> to discuss temporary arrangements for next summer's entertainment due to the delay in completing the Sea Shell stage. Mr. French said a temporary platform will have to be created possibly somewhere by the playground facing the ocean. There would be no seating, but people could bring beach chairs, etc. Mr. French said he did not feel this was an acceptable arrangement. There would be no place to dance and this is a popular part of the venue. Also there is the problem of wind causing the possible cancelling of some of the concerts. Mr. French said he has suggested that Ocean Blvd. be closed and the platform could be placed there. Obviously there are many issues with this option. Another possibility would be to close one of the lettered streets. This also has issues. Mr. French said the main consideration is to not disappoint our beach visitors.

Mr. French passed out a tentative schedule to the Commissioners for the 2011 season.

Commissioner Rage said the meeting regarding the temporary stage will be on Thursday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Police Station.

Chairman Kubik then read a letter from Ted Austin, Director, NH Division of Parks and Recreation. The letter is as follow:

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Dear Precinct Commissioners,

As we know there are rumors out there relative to the Hampton Beach Redevelopment Project. We felt it would be important to present you with the most accurate information we have.

We know the following:

- Sea Shell Complex will be vacated and closed for operation by September 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Sea Shell Complex will be torn down and construction will start on the new complex soon thereafter.
- Contracted end date for new Sea Shell Complex is November 30, 2011.
- We are relocating our portions of State Park operations and staff to the South Beach Area.
- Trailers (3) just north of the planned construction area for First Aid, Chamber of Commerce and Parks daily operations and maintenance supplies.
- Plans for a temporary stage, if needed, on the promenade just south of the playground and oriented toward the water taking advantage of the beach as the seating area (to include a surface to allow handicapped access) is being formulated. The actual logistics of that operation are still being addressed.
- Services (bathrooms, etc.) will be on par with, or in excess, of what is currently available.
- North and South Bathhouses will be ready for operation in the Spring 2011.

We hope this will help alleviate some misinformation as well as help in the planning process. We intend to continue to work with the Precinct on the development of alternative plans for the stage for summer of 2011.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Ted Austin, Director  
NH Division of Parks and Recreation

Commissioner Rage said it was important to get questions regarding the temporary setup to John Nyhan, Chairman of the Hampton Beach Area Commission, prior to the meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. He also said as many people as possible should attend this meeting.

Commissioner Rage thanked Mr. French for the great job he has done.

### **Marketing Update**

John Kane, Marketing Director, said this summer has been blessed with good weather and there have been no major incidences. The Seafood Festival is coming up this next weekend and there should be good weather for this event. The Fireworks will be on the south part of the beach during the Festival.

Mr. Kane discussed other upcoming events -- the Reach the Beach, NH Wheelman, Walk for Brain Damage and the Harvest Moon Festival (October 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>). There will also be a half marathon and a full marathon.

Mr. Kane said it was necessary to take down the webcam. They are looking for a temporary site for it.

Mr. Kane said he was happy to see that there were many Canadian visitors over Labor Day Weekend.

Mr. Kane said anyone wanting to rent a space for crafts, etc. should contact June White.

Mr. Kane thanked Lisa Martino, his wife Ann and Crystal Kent of the Earth, Sea and Space Committee for all their help this year.

### **Events Update**

Maureen Buckley, Events Coordinator, thanked Mr. Kopka for offering land for the Fall Festival. Commissioner White said they are still looking for vendors. Ms. Buckley said "Wayne from Maine", popular with children, would be at the event.

Commissioner Rage suggested offering spaces to businesses on the beach. Ms. Buckley said she had spoken to several businesses and there was no interest.

### **Beautification Update**

Linda Gebhart said the Monarch butterflies are back again. The flowers are holding on. The most recent project was moving a blue spruce which was donated from a resident on M Street to the State Park. The tree was planted in honor of Diana LaMontagne. Ed St. Pierre will be putting a granite bench near the tree.

Ms. Gebhart said someone had done a terrible trim job on the pine tree in back of the fire station without the knowledge or supervision of the Beautification Committee. She and John Gebhart will try to retrim the tree.

### **Old Business**

Commissioner White said she spoke to Sharon Somers, Precinct Counsel, regarding the Memorandum of Understanding. Attorney Somers is working on it and will get back to the Precinct soon.

Commissioner White said she had visited a number of businesses and none of them had any interest in the decoration of the plywood coverings. There will be a meeting with the Planning Board on October 6<sup>th</sup> to see if there are other options. Mr. Kane said the graffiti problem should also be addressed.

### **New Business**

Chairman Kubik said the parking revenue is currently at \$82,306 for the season.

Ms. Gebhart said she spoke to the Hampton Beach Area Commission about Hampton Beach being more art friendly. A group, the Hampton Arts Network, has been formed and has planned an event on October 7<sup>th</sup> which will lead into the Harvest Moon Festival. On that day there will be an Art Walk from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Anyone who would like to participate should contact Linda.

Chris Silver, Hampton Fire Chief, presented two boards depicting the proposed fire stations.

Chief Silver said when the fire station is built at the beach they want to preserve as much green space as possible. He suggested that the department and the Beautification Committee work together on this. Chief Silver said they could also work towards a display of public art.

### **Public Comment**

Mr. Kane said Katherine Silver, a teacher at Winnacunnet, is interested in doing a touch tank at the beach and is looking for a location. She was considering the pump station. Commissioner Rage said he would give her a number to call.

Ms. Gebhart showed a copy of the New Hampshire Wildlife Journal showing a picture of Monarch butterflies on a tree in her yard and also pictures of two butterfly way stations in Hampton.

Richard Reniere, 29 Highland Avenue, suggested suspending work on the bathhouses and beginning work on the stage sooner than scheduled.

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**Approval of Minutes**

**Moved** by Commissioner Rage, seconded by Commissioner White, to approve the Minutes of August 11, 2010.

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

**Closing Comments**

There were no closing comments.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Rice  
Secretary