

HAMPTON BEACH VILLAGE PRECINCT
MEETING
January 19, 2011

Present

Gary Kubik, Chairman & Commissioner
Chuck Rage, Commissioner

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.

At this time, Chairman Kubik read a statement as follows:

“As most of you know by now, the Hampton Beach Village District Commissioners and Selectmen have completed and signed the Memorandum of Understanding that will now go to the voters in March for them to decide on.

This was not an easy road for either Board and although some of us had different views and opinions, we all want the same outcome, a new beach substation and hopefully, if the voters decide, an updated headquarters on Winnacunnet Road.

We completely respect the hard work that Chief Silver has accomplished and thank him for his patience and understanding while getting there.

What I do ask for in the meantime is the respect from our fellow selectmen, who at times have been pretty harsh on us. There is no blame game in a situation like this. Many of us are well known and have a very good reputation. I know that some have taken it personally and can only hope that time and a new substation will heal the wounds that have been created.

Let's put all the negativity to rest and regain the trust and respect from the ones who will have the final say, the voters, who have put their trust in us for their safety and well being.

Thank you!!”

Fireworks - 2011

Warren Pierce, American Thunder, came forward. He gave the tentative dates for fireworks displays for 2011. Mr. Pierce said the rules have changed for fireworks. There is a new law from the State of New Hampshire which limits maximum shell size to 4 inches. American Thunder has asked for relief from this. Mr. Pierce said they have been ordering specialty shells which formerly could only be ordered in large sizes and are now available in smaller sizes. With the specialty shells, the show will be just as good as before.

Moved by Chairman Kubik, seconded by Commissioner Rage, to hire American Thunder to do the fireworks displays at Hampton Beach during 2011.

Vote: 2-0-0. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Rage commented that the fireworks during 2010 were spectacular.

Chairman Kubik asked if any meetings are being set up with the Fire Department for coordination. Mr. Pierce said there will be meetings to talk to the Fire Department about providing support services.

Marketing Report

John Kane, Marketing Director, said preparations are being made for the summer. Mr. Kane discussed the brochure. This brochure will be in all tourist information centers in NH and also in the large hotels. It is important to get the information out now. Fall activities are being highlighted in the brochure such as the Reach the Beach, Granite Street Wheelman, Brain Injury Walk, the Marathons, Harvest Festival and New Year's Eve.

Mr. Kane discussed changes to the website. It is now much easier to view. Commissioner Rage said the website looks very good.

Old Business

Jerry Znoj, Selectman, said the BOS is hopeful one of the fire station options goes through. Mr. Znoj asked about the dates of entertainment at the Casino. Mr. Kane said entertainment ends mid-November and begins again in March.

State Representative Fred Rice came forward. He said bills are in process in Concord. The emphasis is budget, budget, budget. Mr. Rice said he is serving on the Commerce Committee and if anyone has any concerns they should contact him.

Richard Reniere, 29 Highland Ave., asked what the status is of the rooms and meals tax wherein no money comes back to the town. Mr. Rice said Senator Nancy Stiles is working on this. Mr. Rice also said there is a lot of support for easing off on the business taxes which are very high. Mr. Rice said during the elections people were told that the state had a \$7 million surplus. The bad news is that there is actually a \$1 billion deficit.

Mr. Reniere asked if there was any possibility of some of the money from gambling to come back to the Town. Mr. Rice said he would look into this issue.

Public Comment

Chairman Kubik introduced Michael Cicale and Nicholas Lees, students from Winnacunnet High School.

Commissioner Rage said work is being done on the temporary stage between B and C Streets. The Commissioners are working with the State and the Hampton Beach Area Commission. Seating was discussed. Mr. Rice suggested bleachers. Commissioner Rage said there will be seating on the sidewalk and around the stage area.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Commissioner Rage, seconded by Chairman Kubik, to approve the Minutes of December 8, 2010.

Vote: 2-0-0. Motion passed unanimously.

Closing Comments

There were no closing comments.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Rice
Secretary