

**HAMPTON BEACH VILLAGE PRECINCT  
MEETING  
May 11, 2011**

Present

Chuck Rage, Chairman & Commissioner  
Maureen Buckley, Commissioner  
Gary Kubik, Commissioner  
Steve LaBranche, Treasurer

Chairman Rage called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Chairman Rage asked for a moment of silence for the passing of Madeline Wells, mother of former Commissioner June White.

Marketing

John Kane, Marketing Director, said he attended the Governor's Council on Tourism last week. He said this gave him a great opportunity to speak with counterparts and to get in touch with State Representatives. There was also an opportunity to communicate with vendors, negotiate deals and see what others are doing.

Mr. Kane said the new building will not have posters in the windows as in the past. The State has said they will be putting up the information. We are supplying the State with artwork.

The ribbon cutting for completion of the bathhouses will be held tomorrow, Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup>. The Governor will be attending. Mr. Kane said everyone should take a look at the murals in the bathrooms. They are very attractive.

The central parking lot is now open. Mr. Kane said he hopes the cement work will be completed so there can be a continuous walk from the central parking lot up to the Sea Shell. All new signage is up.

Mr. Kane said he met with Chairman Rage and Greg Grady to determine the location for the sand sculptures. They will be located from H Street going south to I Street. There are two major sponsors.

Mr. Kane said on June 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 p.m. the Travel Channel will air a sculptor reality show. Many of the sculptors have been at Hampton Beach. Mr. Kane said he hopes Hampton Beach can be a part of this in the future and also the Worlds Competition.

Mr. Kane said ads and brochures are going out. Brochures and the Visitors' Guide are also being distributed in Canada.

Commissioner Buckley said there is a need for volunteers to hand out brochures and answer questions during the sand sculpture event. Those wishing to volunteer should call Commissioner Buckley at 396-6225. Mr. Kane said it is also possible to sign up on the website.

### **Entertainment**

Glen French, Entertainment Coordinator, said the program is coming together. Memorial Day is still questionable because of location problems. Mr. French said he spoke to the State and they are reluctant to allow anybody in a construction area.

Mr. French said the biggest issue is parking for performers. He has received no answers regarding this problem. Commissioner Kubik asked how many parking spaces are needed. Mr. French said it varies, some nights only one and others as many as 10. Mr. French said he felt the State should be responsible for this and he hopes to talk to Commissioner Bald tomorrow.

Rick Griffin, Selectman, asked if the Precinct had done anything about a Memorandum of Understanding with the State. Chairman Rage said it had not. Mr. Griffin said he would be meeting with Bill Gegas, the new State Parks Director, in two weeks and would bring up the parking issue at that meeting.

The Hampton Beach Talent Competition is coming together and requests for applications have been received.

Commissioner Rage said he had met with Charlotte Preston and she is very much in favor of having the Traveling Veterans Memorial Wall happen next year. Mr. Griffin said Ralph Fatello of the American Legion has also been working on this. Mr. French said he would like to do this next year during the last week of August.

### **Beautification**

Linda Gebhart said she had just returned from a trip to Italy and graffiti and trash in tourist areas are not just Hampton Beach's problem. First impressions are very important.

Ms. Gebhart said the committee has started work on the small island in front of the Ashworth and hope to have it completed by Memorial Day.

Ms. Gebhart said the Hampton Garden Club will be having a plant sale on May 21<sup>st</sup> at the Town Hall parking lot.

Ms. Gebhart said her trip to Italy was as a member of an Arts Network and she will encourage members to come to Hampton Beach. It would be wonderful to see lots of artists painting on the boardwalk.

Ms. Gebhart asked for volunteers for weeding, etc.

### **Old Business**

Discussion followed regarding hanging the banners.

### **New Business**

Chairman Rage said Judy Dubois is willing to run Children's Week. It will be necessary to get a group together to work on this project.

Chairman Rage said congratulations were in order to Bob Preston, Jr., who was selected as Hampton Rotary's Citizen of the Year.

### **Approval of Minutes**

**Moved** by Commissioner Buckley, seconded by Commissioner Kubik, to approve the Minutes of April 13, 2011.

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

### **Public Comment**

**Moved** by Chairman Rage, seconded by Commissioner Buckley, to limit speaking time to five Minutes during the Public Comment portion of the monthly meetings.

**Vote:** 2-0-1 (Kubik). Motion passed unanimously.

Rick Griffin, Selectman and resident, discussed the new trash and recycling barrels to be used in conjunction with the new packer trucks.. They will be available to the public for \$47.00 per barrel.

Richard Reniere, 29 Highland Ave., urged the Commissioners to appoint a representative to the Budget Committee. Commissioner Kubik said a Commissioner would be present at the Budget Committee meetings.

Tim Jones, 16 Dustin Ave, submitted the following requests per the Right to Know Law:

1. Mr. Jones requests to inspect the list of persons that have applied for property tax Exemption as of April 15, 2011 as well as the status of approval of same.
2. Mr. Jones requests to inspect all written communication since Jan. 1, 2010 between the Village and New Hampshire's Department of Revenue Administration.
3. Mr. Jones requests to inspect all written agreements since Jan. 1, 2010 between the Village and Town treasurers per RSA 52:16 which states "In the case of districts with annual budgets of \$200,000 or more, the town treasurer shall distribute the amount of taxes collected and held in trust by the town under paragraph I by distributing to the district treasurer all taxes collected in any given calendar month by the end of the next following month, unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the town and district treasurers."

Mr. Jones asked if the Precinct was operating under Chapter 52. Commissioner Buckley said she would check on this.

Mr. Jones asked when the Business Advisory Committee would meet. Chairman Rage said a date has not been set. Mr. Jones said he would like to observe the meeting.

### **Closing Comments**

Commissioner Buckley again asked for volunteers for the sand sculpture competition.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Rice  
Secretary