

**HAMPTON BEACH VILLAGE PRECINCT
MEETING
December 14, 2011**

Present

Chuck Rage, Chairman & Commissioner
Maureen Buckley, Commissioner
Gary Kubik, Commissioner

Chairman Rage called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Fireworks

Warren Pierce, American Thunder, expressed his thanks to the Police and Fire Departments for their support last year.

Mr. Pierce discussed his proposal for fireworks for the upcoming season. He said they have changed their product and will use more shells in the smaller sizes. There will be a small increase in the price of the shows. There has been no increase since 2004. The setup has been streamlined in an effort to control costs. Mr. Pierce said they are looking at a \$250 increase per show. Commissioner Kubik asked about the downsizing of the shells. Mr. Pierce replied that this is necessary because of the law and they will compensate by shooting more shells. Commissioner Buckley asked about fireworks in conjunction with the opening of the new facilities. Chairman Rage said the State has asked the Hampton Beach Area Commission to put on a show for that event and hopefully they will have the money to cover the fireworks. Commissioner Buckley asked about musical shows. Mr. Pierce said that can be done but could add as much as \$1,000 to the cost of a show.

Richard Reniere, 29 Highland Ave., asked when a decision would be made about the fireworks provider. Commissioner Kubik said a decision would be made in the next week.

Treasurer's Report

Chairman Rage said the workers compensation issue has been resolved.

Moved by Commissioner Buckley, seconded by Commissioner Kubik, to grant permission to Steve LaBranche to send a letter to the NHES inquiring about the process for this State agency to send a refund in the amount of \$566.80 to the Hampton Beach Village District, Account 99648.

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

Chairman Rage said Attorney Casassa sent \$200 from the George Ashworth Trust Fund to the Precinct for the playground.

Beautification

Linda Gebhart said the Christmas decorations are up. The banners are down. Ms. Gebhart discussed the two large granite fish behind the playground. They were done by a company called Green Art from Maine.

A mural is being painted in the new conference center depicting Hampton history.

Ms. Gebhart said there was an article in the paper advertising an event at the beach and it referenced the fireworks. It did not say that the fireworks are put on by the Precinct. This should be clarified.

Ms. Gebhart thanked all the volunteers who did so much work last season.

Old Business

Chairman Rage said that donations of items or use of machinery are handled differently than donations of money which must go into an account.

New Business

Commissioner Kubik made a Motion that beginning in 2012, Precinct meetings will begin at 7:00 p.m. Following discussion Commissioner Kubik withdrew his motion.

Chairman Rage asked if any new banners needed to be purchased. Commissioner Kubik said it would be a good idea to replace some that have been damaged due to weather, etc.

Moved by Commissioner Kubik, seconded by Commissioner Buckley, that eight new banners be ordered.

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

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Commissioner Kubik, seconded by Commissioner Buckley, to approve the Minutes of November 17, 2011.

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

Moved by Commissioner Kubik, seconded by Commissioner Buckley, to approve the Minutes of November 9, 2011.

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

Public Comment

Mr. Reniere said he agreed with Ms. Gebhart about the article in the paper. It should be made known that the fireworks are paid for by the taxpayers in the Precinct. Mr. Reniere voiced some concerns about the warrant article referencing fire stations. He suggested that Chief Silver attend a Precinct meeting to clarify some items.

Chairman Rage said the Precinct has a Memorandum of Understanding and no matter what the decision is, the three Commissioners will go by the MOU.

Michael Pierce, Selectman, said Chief Silver brought in proposals to the Board of Selectmen. The Board voted 5-0 to replace the beach station building as they said last year and the uptown station will be updated to include what Chief Silver needs for his office. This will be at a cost of \$4.5 million vs. \$8 million that was proposed last year.

Closing Comments

Chairman Rage wished a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Rice
Secretary