

**HAMPTON BEACH VILLAGE DISTRICT
MEETING
July 11, 2012**

Present

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

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Old Business

Commissioner Buckley expressed her thanks to Ann Kane, Mary Durant and Rollie Durant for their work on Movie Night. Everyone said Movie Night was a great success.

Chairman Rage said there were some residents who were concerned about not receiving exemptions for 2010. Unfortunately the Village District does not have the ability to do anything regarding this. The Village District does not set the tax rate. The residents' only recourse is through the Town. Chairman Rage said it is extremely important for those who qualify to fill out the form and return it to the Town at the proper time. Residents should also keep a copy of the form for their records.

New Business

Chairman Rage discussed the fireworks display on July 4th. He said it was decided in consultation with the Fire Chief to do the shoot early due to an impending storm. This was an inconvenience to some, but could not be helped.

Efforts are being made to resolve difficulties with some new businesses possibly being started up on the beach. Chairman Rage said he will keep the public informed.

Chairman Rage said the Sand Sculpture event was a phenomenal success. It was great that the sculptures were kept up for a longer time.

Approval of the Minutes

Moved by Commissioner Buckley, seconded by Chairman Rage, to approve the Minutes of May 9, 2012.

Vote: 2 yes, 0 no. Motion passed unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Buckley, seconded by Chairman Rage, to approve the Minutes of June 13, 2012.

Vote: 2 yes, 0 no. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

Linda Gebhart said two trees were lost due to salt water flooding. If money is left, the Beautification Committee may replace them. Ms. Gebhart suggested planting crabapples since they are salt water resistant.

Ms. Gebhart said she has rescheduled some of the children's events which were cancelled due to bad weather during the Gala. They will take place on August 16th during Children's Week.

Chairman Rage asked about the flowers in back of the Lady. Ms. Gebhart said the State takes care of that area and the Beautification Committee cannot do the flowers there. Commissioner Rage said he would discuss this with DOT.

Michael Pierce, Selectman, asked if the Commissioners had signed the fire station lease. Chairman Rage replied that they had.

Richard Reniere, 29 Highland Ave., discussed the Sand Sculpture event. He said one of the questions he was asked many times while working as a volunteer was "How do they do that?" Mr. Reniere suggested having a time elapse video or even pictures showing the progression of construction. Mr. Reniere said there was one sculpture that some thought was inappropriate and that it would be a good idea in the future to ask the participants to be a little more discreet.

Commissioner Buckley extended her thanks to Ann Justin and Brian Lapham for their help at the Sand Sculpture event.

Tim Jones, 16 Dustin Ave., asked if anything had been done about the "flaws" in the request for rehearing for the hookah lounge. Chairman Rage replied that counsel said the request is fine. Mr. Jones said the document says the Village District is not separate from the Town and that is incorrect. Mr. Jones asked what was being done about residents' complaints concerning Wally's Pub. Chairman Rage said he has been working on coming to a compromise.

Brian Lapham asked if the costs of the Sand Sculpture event could be broken down in a spreadsheet. Mr. LaBranche said he would have this at the next meeting.

Ms. Gebhart extended thanks to the volunteers who have been taking care of the flowers. It is greatly appreciated. Ms. Gebhart said she had heard the garage would be taken down in September and wondered about the contents. Chairman Rage said a trailer has been rented to hold everything.

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Ms. Gebhart asked about the “rising tide” issue and questioned the wisdom of building a fire station in the chosen area. Chairman Rage said the design plan takes care of that issue and there will be no problem.

Commissioner Buckley asked Mr. Pierce if the Memorandums of Understanding have been signed. Mr. Pierce said not at this time.

Closing Comments

There were no closing comments.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Rice
Secretary

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

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