

**HAMPTON BEACH VILLAGE DISTRICT
MEETING
June 12, 2013**

Present

Chuck Rage, Chairman & Commissioner
Robert Ladd, Commissioner
Stephen LaBranche, Treasurer

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Sand Sculpture Event

Greg Grady said the lights and fence will be set up tomorrow. The sand will come in on Friday. \$25,000 worth of sponsorships has been received. McDonald's is coming back. Ocean Potion will set up a tent where sand sculptures can be built. The theme is medieval and will be called "Knights and Days of Sand".

The event will include 10 world class sculptors. Three of these sculptors are currently competing in the World Championships in Atlantic City. There are a total of 20 sculptors at that event, so it is possible that the champion could be at the Hampton Beach event.

Volunteers are still needed. Those who are interested in volunteering can sign up on Hamptonbeach.org or contact Brian Lapham, volunteer coordinator, at 926-1386.

Entertainment

Glen French, Entertainment Coordinator, said the calendar for this season is complete. They will be moving forward with a strong program. Free night time entertainment will begin on Friday and will continue through Labor Day. Posters are at the printers. The only issue is that a certain amount of parking will be required from the State of New Hampshire. Mr. French said he is optimistic that this will work out.

Chairman Rage said he had met with Chief Silver. It may be possible to use the Royal parking area after 4:00 p.m. Construction will be going on during the day. Chairman Rage will find out about Saturdays and Sundays.

Mr. French said they are looking at having the Vietnam Moving Wall exhibition. If this is done it will be a very large enterprise and a number of community organizations will have to be involved. The approval of the Board of Selectmen will also have to be secured. If the event is held, it will be the last week of August in 2015.

One of the problems with this exhibition is the need for 24-hour security. A \$5,000 deposit must be made by the end of this year or early next year and total cost could run as high as \$25,000.

Commissioner Ladd said this would put a tremendous responsibility on the Village District. The District would be responsible for any damage to the wall and also for 24-hour security.

Mr. French said this needs to be discussed further to decide if it is feasible for the beach.

Marketing

John Kane, Marketing Director, said the Old Tyme Faire had some issues with weather but was still successful.

Mr. Kane said the beach is getting a lot of publicity. Hampton Beach is #1 on WMUR and also on the weather channel. The beach was featured in Yankee Magazine and the Boston Globe. The Chamber will come out in a week or so with the Calendar of Events. Large posters will be available this weekend. Sand Sculpture brochures are available at the Chamber.

Old Business

Commissioner Ladd thanked all of the volunteers who made the booth at the fair possible.

Commissioner Ladd discussed the flood insurance issue. He said he had chosen a \$5,000 deductible rather than a \$2,000 deductible. By doing this, his premium went down \$400. This is an option that people may want to think about.

Commissioner Rage said he had received information from Betty Moore on the buntings. His have been ordered. The more buntings displayed the better it will be.

Commissioner Rage said he has spoken with Deputy Chief Sawyer about some sort of emergency plans and what the Village District can do to assist.

New Business

Commissioner Ladd said at last month's meeting Selectman Pierce mentioned that many years ago he had purchased a belt at a fair which he liked very much and was hopeful that he would find another one at this year's state fair. Unfortunately he did not. Commissioner Ladd then presented a belt to Selectman Pierce who thanked the Village District.

Selectman Pierce said he has put out the word on flood insurance. He also said the Selectmen are trying to work something out on the high rise issue.

Commissioner Ladd said next Monday the Selectmen will meet to appoint a successor to Ben Moore. This is a critical choice which places a burden of great responsibility on the

Selectmen. Commissioner Ladd said he would personally like to see Rick Griffin appointed because he is very capable and received a significant number of votes in the election.

Chairman Rage said Mr. Griffin has done a great job before as a Selectman and felt the Commissioners should give him their support.

Public Comment

Doc Noel, Chamber of Commerce, said new maps have just come out. They have 25,000 to distribute. These will be delivered along with the Calendar of Events to lodgings and restaurants. Mr. Noel said he is looking forward to a great summer and if anyone has any questions they should call the Chamber at 926-8717.

Brian Lapham, 27 High Street, said he is very much in favor of the Board's support of Rick Griffin. Mr. Lapham asked for volunteers for the Sand Sculpture event. He said the 375th Anniversary event is also in need of volunteers. To volunteer at either event., call Mr. Lapham at 926-1386.

Richard Reniere, 29 Highland Avenue, asked about beach trash pickup. Chairman Rage said trash will be picked up on Mondays and Fridays on lettered and named streets. It will be picked up daily on Ocean Blvd., three days a week for hotels and daily for restaurants. This schedule will commence on June 17th.

Tim Jones, 16 Dustin Ave., expressed congratulations on the fine work done on the brochures, etc. Mr. Jones asked what "makes sense" means in relation to doing the Vietnam wall exhibit. Chairman Rage replied that this will be discussed and then a decision will be made. This would probably go before the voters. Mr. Jones said he felt it was inappropriate for the Commissioners to campaign for a candidate, i.e., Mr. Griffin.

Closing Comments

Chairman Rage welcomed Kirill Protasov, a young man visiting from Russia who was in the audience.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Rice
Secretary