

**HAMPTON BEACH VILLAGE DISTRICT
MEETING
July 10, 2013**

Present

Chuck Rage, Chairman & Commissioner
Maureen Buckley, 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.

Beautification

Linda Gebhart thanked Dick Albert, who runs a commercial landscaping business, for the donation of geraniums which were planted at the Memorial. Ms. Gebhart said Mr. Gebhart is working on the bowie project. Flowers are now at their peak. Ms. Gebhart thanked all volunteers who are out every day taking care of the flowers.

John Nyhan said that art work will be put on 30 new trash barrels that will be placed on the State side of Ocean Blvd. There will be two pieces of art on each trash barrel. The art will be produced by three artists, Linda Gebhart, Chris Morrison and Jeff Watson. There will also be logos on the covers showing the different emblems that make up the Hampton Beach Area Commission. The barrels have been purchased and are presently in storage. The funds used to purchase the barrels came from private money from local businesses that made donations to the HBAC.

Commissioner asked how durable the decals with the art work would be. Mr. Nyhan replied that the company producing them guarantees their durability.

Ms. Gebhart said the artists will need to be paid for their art work.

Old Business

Commissioner Ladd asked if the Fire Chief could be invited to the August meeting to discuss evacuation plans. Commissioner Rage said he believes the Chief does not want to advertise those plans. Mr. Kane said that in the past door to door has been done. Also, the National Guard can be brought in if necessary.

Commissioner Buckley asked about the possibility of having a small card or flier about the Children's Festival given out at the Sand Sculpture event. Mr. Kane said this would be easy to do. Commissioner Rage said this could be a possibility.

Commissioner Rage said the Sand Sculpture event was a phenomenal success. He thanked the many volunteers who contributed their time.

New Business

Commissioner Rage said some of the business owners are concerned about parking. It is difficult for their staff to find parking. Commissioner Rage suggested talking to the Board of Selectmen about the possibility of having a parking area away from the beach with a shuttle. Business owners have said they will help pay for this.

Commissioner Rage discussed the 375th Anniversary Celebration which will be held at Tuck Field on August 9, 10, and 11. There will be many activities, entertainment and food vendors.

Commissioner Buckley asked if there could be rain dates for movie nights that have to be cancelled due to weather. Mr. Kane said he would look into this .

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Commissioner Ladd, seconded by Commissioner Buckley, to approve the Minutes of May 8, 2013.

Vote: 3 yes, 0 no. Motion passed unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Ladd, seconded by Commissioner Rage, to approve the Minutes of June 12, 2013.

Vote: 2 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention (Buckley), Motion passed.

Public Comment

Brian Lapham, 27 High Street, thanked everyone who helped with the Sand Sculpture event. He gave special thanks to Commissioner Buckley for her help. Mr. Lapham said volunteers are still needed for the 375th Anniversary Celebration. Those who wish to volunteer should contact Mr. Lapham at 926-1386 or Dick Desrosiers at 929-0635.

Michael Pierce, Selectman, said there would be a public hearing on Monday, July 15th, before the Selectmen's meeting about a sound ordinance for a potential warrant article. The Selectmen would like the Commissioners' input. Commissioner Rage said there are two sides to the story regarding a sound ordinance. Each neighbor needs to respect the other.

Glen French said the entertainment program is well underway. He is getting very positive feedback.

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Closing Comments

Commissioner Buckley thanked Eileen Daboul and Janet Allard for their help at the Sand Sculpture event.

Commissioner Ladd said things seem to be going very well at the beach. There is no question that Hampton Beach is a jewel.

Commissioner Rage said they will be looking for a Village District representative to the Hampton Beach Area Commission. This person will be appointed in October. Criteria is residency in the Hampton Beach Village District. Anyone interested should send a letter to the Commissioners.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Rice
Secretary