

**HAMPTON BEACH VILLAGE DISTRICT  
MEETING  
June 11, 2014**

**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.

**Governor's Sea Rise Commission**

Chairman Rage introduced David Wood, Hampton Representative to the Governor's Sea Rise Commission.

Mr. Wood said this Commission was formed by the Governor last August to address sea level rise and coastal risk and hazards. Facing these possible problems can't be done after the fact. It is essential to be proactive in planning for sea level rise and overflow of rivers. Mr. Wood said the more Hampton can do as a Town, the better insurance rates will be. Mr. Wood said he would hope that Hampton will be the leader on the Seacoast.

In the next few weeks Town officials will be approached by state officials offering suggestions. These will be suggestions, not mandates. Mr. Wood said the Commission has a website, [nhcrhc.stormsmart.org](http://nhcrhc.stormsmart.org), which contains many, many documents which should be of interest.

Richard Reniere, 29 Highland Ave., asked if flood maps are accessible. Mr. Wood said they can be viewed on the website and the Town also has them.

Mr. Wood said the Federal Government has been very helpful in giving grants, etc.

Chairman Rage said the problem is getting the flood insurance. It is necessary to go through high-end insurance companies. This should be addressed. Mr. Wood said this is being worked on right now. The goal is to keep insurance rates down.

Commissioner Ladd asked if this Commission encourages towns to create emergency management committees. Mr. Wood said yes and they want to include everyone including Police and Fire.

Mr. LaBranche asked if there was any way to contest being in the flood plain. Mr. Wood said if anyone wants to contest they should contact Jennifer Gilbert at the State.

Commissioner Ladd expressed his concern that the flood insurance issue will erode the tax base. Mr. Wood said zoning changes will also be suggested and developers of new properties should be aware of this.

Mr. Wood said the most important thing is to be proactive on these issues.

Chairman Rage thanked Mr. Wood for his fine presentation.

### **Old Business**

Commissioner Buckley said volunteers are still needed for the Sand Sculpture event. Anyone wishing to volunteer should contact Kim Barrone at 918-6652.

Commissioner Ladd said the Sea Shell performance by Winnacunnet's Music Department was a wonderful event. They have been invited to return next year.

Chairman Rage said previously it had been decided to put a flagpole in the parking lot. However, the cost of a pole is \$1,000. He suggested the flag be installed on the shed. Commissioners Buckley and Ladd agreed.

### **New Business**

Chairman Rage said the missing bars in the fence at the playground will be replaced. He said at certain times there are a lot of kids that should not be on the playground, i.e., 16 and 17 year-olds. He suggested hiring an attendant for specific times.

**Moved** by Commissioner Rage, seconded by Commissioner Buckley, to hire an attendant at the playground for specific times to be determined.

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

Commissioner Rage expressed thanks to the Grandmaison Family for their donation towards flowers in front of the Ashworth. He also thanked all volunteers who keep the flowers looking beautiful.

### **Approval of Minutes**

**Moved** by Commissioner Ladd, seconded by Commissioner Buckley, to approve the Minutes of May 14, 2014.

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

**Public Comment**

Kathy Silva, Blue Ocean Society, gave an update on their events. Back in April in conjunction with the Easter Egg Hunt they had 700 visitors. On June 9<sup>th</sup> the sophomore class from Winnacunnet cleaned the beach and playground. There were many, many cigarette butts picked up. The Girl Scouts have taken on the project of stenciling the storm drains. They will be open daily from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. beginning on June 26<sup>th</sup> through Labor Day. On Monday, June 30<sup>th</sup>, they will hold their one-year anniversary party and everyone is invited.

Brian Lapham, 27 High Street, encouraged people to volunteer for the Sand Sculpture event. He said they will have the time of their life!

**Closing Comments**

Commissioner Buckley congratulated the Gebharts on their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Commissioner Ladd encouraged everyone to come down to the beach to enjoy the Sand Sculpture event.

**Adjournment**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Rice  
Secretary