

**HAMPTON BEACH VILLAGE DISTRICT  
MEETING  
August 13, 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.

**Flood Plain Presentation**

Chairman Rage introduced Tom Young, New Hampshire Flood Plain Coordinator.

Mr. Young said he would like to speak about the new flood plain maps that have been proposed and the changes that are occurring in the flood program. He said his objective was to work with insurance agents, lenders, realtors and the citizens of New England.

Mr. Young said the maps are changing. FEMA responds to national disasters and has been asked to identify flood zones. It is important for residents to determine if they are in a flood zone. Mr. Young presented one of the new maps and said they are online with the Town.

Mr. Young said in 1968 no insurance company would provide flood insurance. Then the National Flood Insurance Program was created under HUD and later moved to FEMA.

With the new flood plain maps, some residents may find themselves in the flood plain for the first time. Mr. Young said he would recommend going to an insurance agent and taking out what is called a preferred risk policy. Mr. Young then explained how rates would change under various conditions. It is also important to get an elevation certificate.

The new maps will have to be accepted by Town officials. If they are not accepted there will be no access to federal money.

Mr. Young said Floodsmart.gov lists agents who represent the flood program and insurance carriers.

Commissioner Ladd asked if there were any steps residents could take to mitigate some of this. Mr. Young said the CRS can provide discounts to every policy holder in a community who undertakes a moderate amount of work to help the flood problem.

Michael Pierce asked how it would be known if the Planning Board and Zoning Board are adhering to these regulations. Mr. Young said FEMA performs regular audits.

Mr. Young said anyone with questions could reach him at [tyoung@nfip-iservice.com](mailto:tyoung@nfip-iservice.com).

Chairman Rage thanked Mr. Young for his presentation.

### **Children's Week**

Doc Noel and Julie Leonard of the Chamber of Commerce discussed events taking place during Children's Week.

### **Old Business**

Commissioner Ladd said he had attended some meetings on climate change. In July a professor from the University of New Hampshire was the speaker. He said the most significant challenge facing the world is climate change.

### **New Business**

Commissioner Ladd thanked Skip Windemiller for hosting the Hampton Arts Network. Linda Gebhart also thanked Mr Windemiller and said 16-17 artists are now exhibiting. Every item on exhibit was made by a Hampton area resident.

Chairman Rage said St. Patrick's Church was celebrating its centennial.

Commissioner Buckley said the next event will be the Hampton Talent Competition. Some excellent performers will be taking part. The competition will take place on August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>.

Chairman Rage said the parking lot looks great and revenues have already surpassed those for 2013. This will help with the tax rate next year.

### **Approval of Minutes**

**Moved** by Commissioner Ladd, seconded by Commissioner Buckley, to approve the Minutes of July 9, 2014.

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

**Public Comment**

Kathy Silva, Blue Ocean Discovery Center, said they have been having a great summer. They have had 10,000 visitors since January 1<sup>st</sup>. Ms. Silva said they would very much appreciate donations and the services of volunteers.

Walter Kivlan said the Town Assessor's website, section F, says "If you own a property in Hampton Beach and the property is single family and you do not derive any income from the property, you can apply for the Precinct exemption." Mr. Kivlan says this means if you are running a parking lot you do not get an exemption. Residents who have been doing this have been spoken to, but continue to run the parking lots.

Chairman Rage said the Board is not an enforcing board, however they can handle the exemption. Commissioner Ladd said the Board would need proof to deny the exemption.

**Closing Comments**

Commissioner Buckley encouraged everyone to come down to the beach for Children's Week and the Talent Competition.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Rice  
Secretary