

**HAMPTON BEACH VILLAGE DISTRICT  
MEETING  
September 10, 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.

Chairman Rage asked for a Moment of Silence for Cathy Guthrie who recently passed away.

**Old Business**

Commissioner Ladd said a meeting will be held tonight and another meeting in October regarding flood plains, flood insurance and the sea level rise effect over the next century. Community rating systems will also be addressed. These rating systems can positively affect flood insurance rates through community participation.

There will be a third meeting for town officials only at the end of September. Seventeen towns have been invited.

Commissioner Buckley discussed the success of the talent competition and gave special thanks to the Purple Urchin, Boardwalk, Cascade Café, Ocean Wok, McGuirk's, Sea Ketch, 401 Tavern, Harris Sea Ranch, Norm Bolyea and all the volunteers for their efforts.

Commissioner Buckley said the Labor Day concert was a wonderful way to end the summer.

**New Business**

Commissioner Ladd said he has been in contact with BOSE sound system people and they are willing to come to a HBVD meeting for a discussion on a sound system for the stage. Now each band brings their own system and they are all different and of different quality. BOSE is also willing to set up a demonstration of the sound system. A ballpark figure for this system would be \$20,000. The Commissioners agreed that BOSE should attend the October or November meeting.

Commissioner Buckley said an important thing to consider would be who would run this system. It would be necessary to have someone properly trained. Chairman Rage asked if the bands bring people who could do this. Glen French said some bands hire their own sound company. Sometimes the District hires a sound company. It is correct that it would be necessary to have someone who could be depended upon to run the system. Mr. French

said this is worth pursuing and he has inquiries out as well. Repair of the system is also a consideration.

Chairman Rage said he would like to get a band that has a big following or some other type of promotion that could be held the week after the 4<sup>th</sup> of July when beach attendance drops. He asked everyone to think about this.

Chairman Rage said he had been in contact with Mike O'Neil who runs the parking lot. The best year had been at \$104,000 and he says this year it will probably be at \$140,000 by the time the concerts are done. This is very exciting and will positively affect the tax rate.

Richard Reniere, 29 Highland Ave., asked if the leasing of the old Royal parking lot had worked out. Chairman Rage replied that it had.

### **Approval of Minutes**

**Moved** by Commissioner Ladd, seconded by Commissioner Buckley, to approve the Minutes of August 13, 2014.

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

### **Public Comment**

Linda Gebhart presented signs which say "Gardens planted and maintained by the Hampton Beach Village District". There will be six signs. Permission will have to be obtained from the Town and the State to post these signs. Hopefully the signs can be posted next spring. Commissioner Buckley said she would like to see a smaller version of the sign at the Lady Memorial and at the urns. Commissioner Buckley thanked the volunteers who work so hard on the gardens.

Mr. LaBranche said that the HBVD sign that goes in the State Park is still being repaired.

Ms. Gebhart said she is leading a labyrinth walk for 9/11 beginning at 8:00 a.m.

Kathy Silva of Blue Ocean Discovery Center said this was the second year for their operation. This summer they saw three times the number of visitors as last year. There were 15,000 visitors. There were 1,000 visitors during the winter. Locals as well as tourists come in. Blue Ocean will continue to be open on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. They will host a Halloween party on October 25<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Silva asked for volunteers to help with this event. Ms. Silva thanked everyone for their support.

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Ed McDonald, 25 Epping Avenue, asked about the posting of HBVD meeting agendas. Chairman Rage said the agendas are not created until the day before the meeting at which time they are posted.

Tim Jones, 16 Dustin Avenue, said the lack of timely postings of meetings, etc. is a problem throughout the Town. Things are not transparent.

Walter Kivlan complimented Glen French on the Labor Day concert.

### **Closing Comments**

Commissioner Buckley thanked everyone in the District who gives their support.

Chairman Rage said there are still events coming this year, i.e., Reach the Beach, Smuttynose, Brain Walk, etc.

Commissioner Ladd said it indeed "takes a village"!

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Rice  
Secretary