

**HAMPTON BEACH VILLAGE DISTRICT
MEETING
October 8, 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.

Bose Sound Systems

Chairman Rage introduced Joe Douillard of Bose Sound Systems. He said Mr. Douillard gave the Commissioners a demo of this system at the Sea Shell stage.

Mr. Douillard said he was in the Professional Products Division of the company. He discussed the L-1 portable public address and music playback system. This system is made for working musicians, not necessarily technical people. This system is designed to be very portable, easy to set up and break down. Mr. Douillard said he recommends the portable vs. the permanent solution because it is much more cost effective and flexible in terms of use.

The system includes a 6-1/2 foot column that sits in a base and is self-contained. Mr. Douillard said they are proposing use of two of these systems. This would have very wide coverage.

As to use and care, Mr. Douillard said to a certain degree it would be necessary for someone to take ownership of the system. Regarding salt and the environment, Mr. Douillard said salt is not as bad in this area as in others. Also the equipment will not be left outside all of the time. If temperatures are high, the person who has taken ownership will use good sense and keep the equipment covered. There is a five-year warranty on the speakers and a two-year warranty on the electronics. An extended warranty for another three years is also available. The total system cost with extended warranty would be approximately \$6,000.

Richard Reniere, 29 Highland Ave., asked how this would work with a large orchestra. Mr. Douillard replied that the orchestra would have their own control system and the amplifiers will be linked to the L-1 system.

Chairman Rage noted that this system could also be used for other events such as the Annual Meeting.

Don Lewis said he had a different perspective. He said he felt this would not work with a band in a big environment.

John Sobczak of New England Mobile Audio asked about the amount of square footage covered by the L-1. Mr. Douillard said he would have to check on this. Mr. Sobczak said there is a mathematical equation which indicates for the Sea Shell stage and 1,000 people you would need 4,000 watts and the Bose is only 1,000 watts. There is also a definite need for someone to be responsible for the system.

Kathy Silva, Blue Ocean Discovery Center, noted that the caretaker's compensation would have to be added to the cost.

Old Business

Chairman Rage discussed the possibility of the HBVD having some type of float in the Christmas Parade. He suggested a sand sculpture theme. Greg Grady said this could actually be constructed out of foam and could be used year to year. Mr. Grady will put a proposal together.

Commissioner Ladd said the State of NH has been having a series of meetings concerning sea level rise and climate change. They are meeting tonight to discuss the issue of community rating. If communities take steps to protect the infrastructure, insurance rates will go down. The final effective date for flood maps will be next September.

Commissioner Ladd said all residents should find out where they are now on the flood maps and also where they will be when final maps are out. Residents should then contact their insurance companies. There are possibilities to grandfather at a lower premium.

New Business

Chairman Rage thanked Channel 22 and Secretary Joan Rice for all they do.

Commissioner Buckley presented a mockup of the Hampton Beach Coloring Book. Glen French said the book is a promotional for all that happens at the beach. These books will be used as prizes during Children's Week and any that are left over will be donated to area schools. Commissioner Buckley said she would like to dedicate the coloring book to residents of HBVD in thanks for all they do.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Commissioner Ladd, seconded by Commissioner Buckley, to approve the Minutes of September 10, 2014.

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

Public Comment

Ute Pineo asked the Commissioners for approval to form a committee to bring the Vietnam Moving Wall to Hampton Beach.

Moved by Commissioner Buckley, seconded by Commissioner Ladd, to look into bringing the Vietnam Moving Wall to Hampton Beach.

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

John Sobczak, New England Mobile Audio, said he has been a musician for 30 years. He said Hampton Beach is wonderful and the stage is exquisite. The Sea Shell stage is now a concert venue.

Mr. Sobczak said the sound needs to be “right on the money”. The right equipment and support staff are essential. The weather at the beach is a hostile environment and Bose equipment is set for a different environment. Mr. Sobczak said his company would use something made of wood, not plastic. He presented a proposal to the Commissioners for a complete system and an engineer to run it. His company can also set up a demo. Their system is 4,000 watts and they can warehouse the equipment in the off season and insure it.

Don Lewis said he was not in favor of a portable system for a venue of this type. Mr. Lewis said he would also present a proposal to the Commissioners.

Kathy Silva, Blue Ocean Discovery Center, said they will be holding a Halloween party on Saturday, October 25th, from 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. They will have a costume parade and crafts, etc.

Eileen Daboul said she would like to bring up the issue of lighting on Ashworth Avenue. Lighting infrastructure is in place and has been paid for. The infrastructure is just sitting there and nothing has been done. Mr. LaBranche said he thinks it would be a good idea to do a warrant article. A reasonable amount of money could be taken from the parking lot for this project. Chairman Rage said he has been waiting for the right time to address this issue. John Kane, Marketing Director, said this could be done through a bond. Money is very cheap right now.

Closing Comments

There were no closing comments.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Rice
Secretary