

**HAMPTON BEACH VILLAGE DISTRICT  
MEETING  
December 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 said Attorney Somers has created a Warranty Deed that needs to go to the Town. This will trade the land on which the Town has erected the fire station for the land on the other side. Attorney Gearreald will first review the Warranty Deed. The Commissioners signed the document and it will be sent back to Attorney Somers. Chairman Rage said the Village District will retain the land where the parking lot is and the land that was called the Royal Property.

Chairman Rage discussed a Memorandum of Agreement between the Village District and the State of NH. The Commissioners worked with Bill Bryce of the State and came up with fees for parking. They are waiving those fees. The Village District will also get a couple of spots for the bands, etc. The State will supply two of the three flags and take them up and down. The Village District will be responsible for taking care of the playground. The Village District will be allowed to put a webcam on the widow's walk of the Sea Shell as long as it is paid for. This agreement is good through December, 2015. Chairman Rage said everything in this document is what was negotiated. The Commissioners signed the document.

Commissioner Buckley noted that parking on nights of concerts is very difficult. Brian Wilson has been very cooperative in working with the Village District.

**Old Business**

Commissioner Ladd said he had asked the Town Planner if people would get notices of the public hearing regarding ordinance changes. He was told the Town only notifies abutters if less than 100 are affected. The public hearing will be held at the Planning Board meeting on December 17<sup>th</sup>. The purpose is to get in compliance so the Town can get into the community rating system for FEMA regarding the flood plain. Commissioner Ladd said the Planning Board, Area Commission and the Village District will be engaged. He also said he, David Wood and Jay Diener will appear before the Board of Selectmen next week at their request.

Chairman Rage said this initiative needs to be Town driven. This is a town issue, not just a beach issue.

Discussion continued about the necessity of getting word out re the FEMA issue. There are approximately 2,000 affected properties. It was suggested that the Village District could pay for half the postage for notices.

**Moved** by Commissioner Buckley, seconded by Chairman Rage, that the Village District contribute half the cost of mailings informing residents of the flood plain issue.

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

Kathy Silva, Blue Ocean Discovery Center, said they will be doing refreshments again at the New Years Eve celebration.

**Moved** by Chairman Rage, seconded by Commissioner Buckley, to contribute \$200 towards refreshments distributed by Blue Ocean Discovery Center at the New Years Eve celebration.

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

### **New Business**

Commissioner Ladd said he has invited Jason Bachand, Town Planner, and Jay Diener, Chairman of the Conservation Commission to the February Village District meeting. The public will vote in March to change the zoning ordinances re the FEMA issue and this would be a good time to have them here. Mr. Bachand and Mr. Diener accepted the invitation.

Commissioner Buckley said the coloring book is coming along. Denise Brown is doing an excellent job. Commissioner Buckley said she would like to give coloring books every year to kindergarten students.

John Kane, Marketing Director, said there will be fireworks at 8:00 p.m. on New Years Eve. There will also be an open house hosted by the State in the pavilion.

### **Approval of Minutes**

**Moved** by Commissioner Ladd, seconded by Commissioner Buckley, to approve the Minutes of November 12, 2014.

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

### **Public Comment**

Kathy Silva, Blue Ocean Discovery Center, said they will be opening at 7:00 p.m. on New Years Eve for free refreshments. They now have two very special lobsters on display. One i

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is a calico lobster and the other a partial blue lobster. Both are very rare. The Center will be available during the winter for birthday parties and by special appointment.

### **Closing Comments**

Commissioner Buckley thanked Richard Reniere, for transporting Junior Miss and Little Miss Hampton Beach, et al, at the Christmas Parade. She also thanked Greg Grady and his son for the beautiful job they did on the float. Thanks also go to Paul Attaya and John Kane as well as to Experience Hampton.

Commissioner Ladd thanked Chairman Rage for coming up with the idea for the float. This was an example of how the Village District can do many things. Commissioner Buckley also thanked Chairman Rage.

Chairman Rage wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy Holiday Season.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Rice  
Secretary