

**HAMPTON BEACH VILLAGE DISTRICT
MEETING
May 11, 2016**

Present

Chuck Rage, Chairman & Commissioner
Maureen Buckley, Commissioner
Robert Ladd, Commissioner
Stephen LaBranche, Treasurer

Chairman Rage called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Chairman Rage asked for a Moment of Silence for John Kane's mother-in-law Kathleen Babcock who recently passed away.

Old Business

Commissioner Ladd said he wrote an email to the Town Planner notifying him that if the Town puts up evacuation signs points for the CRS system can be earned.

Commissioner Buckley said the Grand March for the Winnacunnet Prom will be held at the Sea Shell stage at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 21st. On May 29th there will be pre-auditions for the Talent Competition from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.

New Business

Commissioner Ladd said work continues for the July 6th event targeted for children ages 8 to 14. There will be a lot of events including trampoline, volleyball, etc. Chairman Rage said this fills a void right after the 4th. There will be events from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. There will also be a DJ playing music. Greg Grady will give sand castle demonstrations.

Chairman Rage said discussions will be held at Selectmen meetings regarding Ocean Blvd. The Department of Transportation wants to rip up the street and regrade it. They are also willing to replace the sidewalks. However, the State does not maintain sidewalks. The State will do all the work, but they want the Town to maintain the sidewalks. Maintaining also means keeping sidewalks clear of snow.

Chairman Rage said this would be beneficial to everyone. This will be put into a ten-year plan so it won't be immediate. The Village District needs to work with both the Town and the State.

Moved by Chairman Rage, seconded by Commissioner Buckley, that the Hampton Beach Village District support the Hampton Beach Area Commission recommendation to the Board of Selectmen that they accept the responsibility of the sidewalks on the west side of Ocean Blvd. only when DOT secures federal and state funding and completes the Ocean Blvd. reconstruction project. Note: There would be no match by the Town required in securing funds.

Commissioner Buckley said there needs to be a clear definition of "maintain".

Selectman Regina Barnes said the Town wants more information. Everyone needs to work together.

Robert Preston said a new rapport has been built with the State. It is important to continue to work together. In this instance the State will be giving the Town \$6 million. This is enormous. This will be a great benefit to the beach.

Mr. LaBranche asked if the Town would have to maintain the west and east sidewalks. Chairman Rage said only the west side.

Chairman Rage said the meeting with the BOS will be on May 23rd.

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

Chairman Rage discussed all upcoming events to be held at the beach.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Commissioner Ladd, seconded by Commissioner Buckley, to approve the Minutes of April 13, 2016.

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

Public Comment

Kathy Silva, Blue Ocean Discovery Center, said June 4th will be World Oceans Day. There will be a 5K run, a beach cleanup and a concert. Ms. Silva said volunteers are needed.

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Ms. Silva said it is very important to discourage balloon releases at the beach. These balloons are very bad for marine life. Plastic straws are another issue and are also detrimental.

The Science Club and Interact Club from Seabrook Middle School will be cleaning up the beach next week.

Greg Grady said sand will be coming in on June 10th for the Sand Sculpture Competition. The competition will be June 16 – 18. Sand will be removed on July 7th. Mr. Grady said they are also looking for volunteers. Mr. Grady said there is a great lineup of sculptors this year.

Closing Comments

Commissioner Ladd said the season is here and the beach provides a wonderful vacation experience. Good experiences are more rewarding than the purchasing of material things.

Chairman Rage said the next HBVD meeting will be held on June 15th.

Chairman Rage said the economic analysis on the Village District will be discussed next month.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Rice
Secretary