

**HAMPTON BEACH VILLAGE DISTRICT
MEETING
June 15, 2016**

Present

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Old Business

Commissioner Ladd reported that he attended the Sea Level Rise Commission meeting. Interesting facts are that the definition of the Seacoast is the area from Durham to Seabrook. This consists of 17 communities representing 11% of the State's population and 25% of the State's gross domestic product. Also, no matter what happens with sea level rise in the foreseeable future the power plant in Seabrook will not be impacted. It is not at risk.

Chairman Rage said the Commissioners met with the Board of Selectmen a week ago and discussed the construction of sidewalks on Ocean Blvd. The Town, Village District and the State came to an agreement to work together. This was passed by the Selectmen. Chairman Rage said this is a great step forward.

Chairman Rage discussed the study that was done by Professor Tomasi and his students at UNH regarding the Village District. The Commissioners are still reviewing and will present the study at next month's meeting. The study shows the amount of revenue that comes into the area from Village District events, advertising, etc. Chairman Rage said the State should be very pleased with the Village District.

New Business

Chairman Rage said permission has been obtained from the Police Department to post signs saying "If You See Something, Say Something". A phone number is included.

Commissioner Buckley said the Hampton Summer Games will take place on July 6th. This is being done in conjunction with the Hampton Rec and the State of NH Parks & Rec. There will be events on the beach and music on the stage. This will take place from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Experience Hampton will provide water and ice cream. Commissioner Ladd noted that the target for this event is children from 8 years old to 14 years old.

Commissioner Buckley said the first tryouts for the Talent Competition were held at the stage. It was rainy and cold, but there was an unbelievable turnout. It was a big success.

Chairman Rage said last year there was a trial using more police officers during busy times and he would like to see this happen again this year. Perhaps the Village District, the Town and the Hampton Beach Area Commission can come up with the necessary funds to do this.

Chairman Rage noted that the crosswalk at the end of F Street is on the wrong side of the street. Selectman Rick Griffin said the Selectmen will look into this. Commissioner Ladd said some sort of evacuation signs are also needed.

Beautification Committee

Linda Gebhart said spring cleanup was started in April. There are about 10 people on this committee. Others are being recruited. There are seven garden locations to take care of. There was some vandalism and one of the urns at the stage and all of the flowers were destroyed. Chairman Rage said Ms. Gebhart should replace the broken urn. Ms. Gebhart said the State has hired a man to work on the open green areas. The art gallery hosted at Skip Windermiller's establishment will open on June 30th.

Public Comment

Kathy Silva, Blue Ocean Discovery Center, said World Ocean Day was held on June 4th. It was a great success. Ms. Silva thanked those who supported them in this event – BZ Markets, Coffee Break Café, Ocean Wok, McGuirk's, the Casino and the Chamber of Commerce.

Selectman Griffin said the Village District brings much value to the Town. When the sidewalks are completed more people from Town will walk down to the beach.

Selectman Regina Barnes said she would like to explain the reason she voted no on the sidewalk issue. She said when a municipality agrees to take over the maintenance of state owned land, there should be some kind of agreement in place before it happens. Otherwise, she is in favor of the project.

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John Kane, Market Director, said the sand sculptures are underway. The theme is "Under the Sea". Volunteers for this event are needed. If you can volunteer, call Greg Grady at 548-6002. Mr. Kane said the Calendar of Events is out. These can be obtained from the Chamber. Mr. Kane said the coming weekend is very big. There is the sand sculpture event and fireworks on Saturday night. There are also catamaran races and a volleyball tournament.

Glen French, Entertainment Coordinator, said entertainment is in full swing. There is entertainment every night. The Prom event was very successful.

Doc Noel, Chamber of Commerce, said beginning today the Chamber is open every day from 9:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Commissioner Ladd, seconded by Commissioner Buckley, to approve the Minutes of Map 11, 2016.

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

Closing Comments

Commissioner asked everyone to come out for the sand sculpture event.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Rice
Secretary