

**HAMPTON BEACH VILLAGE DISTRICT
MEETING
April 9 , 2019**

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.

Chairman Rage said the Village District passed a great budget. He thanked Moderator Rich Reniere and all those who worked at the polls.

Election

Chairman Rage asked for nominations for Chairman and Vice Chairman for the coming year.

Moved by Commissioner Ladd, seconded by Commissioner Buckley to appoint Chuck Rage as Chairman and Maureen Buckley as Vice Chairman of the HBVD Board for the coming year.

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

State Parks

Meredith Collins and Maura Marchese of State Parks came forward. Ms. Marchese said they are preparing for the upcoming season by hiring students. These are students from other countries. Approximately 20 will be hired. Ms. Marchese said they are now putting out all benches and trash cans, etc.

Ms. Marchese said Ms. Collins will be overseeing all operations on the main beach.

Chairman Rage asked about lifeguards. Ms. Collins said they still need 30 as of now.

Commissioner Ladd asked if discussions with the Town regarding cost sharing are being

done. Ms. Collins said these discussions are still going on.

Mr. LaBranche spoke about services beginning earlier and said he was fine with that.

Marketing Update

John Kane, Marketing Director, said the movies for the season have been selected. Movies will begin the Monday after the 4th of July.

Mr. Kane said Hampton Beach has received many, many accolades and they should be listed so all can see. Mr. Kane noted the many accolades that have been received.

Commissioner Ladd said he is happy because there is a great partnership between the Village District and the State. Chairman Rage said there are also great partnerships with the Town and the Chamber of Commerce.

Sand Sculpture Event

Greg Grady said this year will be the 19th Annual Sand Sculpture event at Hampton Beach. Mr. Grady said he is already looking forward to the 20th and it would be good to set dates for this.

Mr. Grady said this year he is hopefully raising the prize money for 1st Place from \$3,000 to \$6,000 and for People's Choice from \$500 to \$1,000.

Sand will be dropped on June 14th. Awards will be given at 8:00 p.m. on June 22nd. This will be followed by fireworks. Sculptures will stay up through the 27th and sand will be removed on the 28th.

There are some great sculptors coming, some of the best in the world.

Commissioner Ladd said monies for the 2020 event would have to be approved at the Annual Meeting next March.

Mr. Grady said volunteers are needed. To sign up, go to Hampton Beach.org and click on Events or call 603-929-6301.

Mr. Grady said this year's theme will be Hidden Treasures.

Events

Commissioner Buckley said she has met with the high school about putting a band on the stage for the Grand March. There have been several meetings about Country Week.

Old Business

Commissioner Ladd discussed the Circus event. He said it will take place on the Saturday and Sunday after Labor Day. There will be jugglers, acrobats, etc. This group performs at the Boston Museum of Fine Arts.

Chairman Rage said there is a huge trash issue in Hampton. The Board of Selectmen will be holding meetings on April 15th and April 22nd.

New Business

Moved by Commissioner Ladd, seconded by Chairman Rage, that all three commissioners be authorized to attend some Budget Committee meetings in the coming year.

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

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Commissioner Ladd, seconded by Commissioner Buckley, to approve the Minutes of March 13, 2019 and the Annual Meeting of March 29, 2019.

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

Public Comment

Richard Reniere said that when he was recognizing "Friends of the Beach" at the Annual Meeting, he inadvertently did not recognize John and Linda Gebhart of the Beautification Committee. He wanted to thank them for their great work.

Mr. LaBranche said he has noticed that the playground is being updated with new equipment. He said this is wonderful. Chairman Rage said they have also been repairing some old equipment.. Chairman Rage said White's Welding is the best in town. He said Tri-Rental is also very good. He thanked them for providing chairs, etc. for the Annual Meeting.

Commissioner Ladd said a few people are doing a lot. He invited everyone to join and volunteer.

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Commissioner Buckley said that everyone is always welcome to join in and to come to meetings.. The Commissioners want to be informed of your issues.

John Kane reminded everyone of the Easter Egg Hunt which will take place this coming Saturday at 11:00 a.m. This is for Hampton residents only.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Rice
Secretary