

**HAMPTON BEACH VILLAGE DISTRICT
MEETING
July 12, 2023**

Present

Chuck Rage, Chairman & Commissioner
Robert Ladd, Commissioner
Maureen Buckley, Commissioner
James O'Loughlin, Treasurer

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Sand Sculpture Event

Greg Grady said even though the weather didn't cooperate, the sand sculpture event was still a huge success. A lot of positive feedback was received. Dates for next year are June 20th through June 22nd.

Mr. Grady thanked the sponsors. Plymouth Rock and South County Tourism were the Platinum Sponsors. He also thanked other sponsors including Preston Real Estate, Unitil, Toby & Merrill Insurance, the Old Salt and the Sea Ketch. He also thanked the Village District and the Town of Hampton. Revenues collected via sponsorships were \$48,578.

Chamber of Commerce

John Nyhan thanked the Village District for their partnership with the Chamber. Mr. Nyhan said the beach office is now open from 9 AM until 9 PM every day.

Mr. Nyhan discussed upcoming events. The Childrens' Festival will take place in August and the Seafood Festival in September. There is a possibility of having a new event – a mini air show.

Mr. Nyhan discussed vehicle and crowd control and said he is proposing that during the five Saturdays in August and the first Saturday in September a police officer be provided at

both ends of Ocean Blvd. This would be for vehicle and crowd control. The expense would be approximately \$5,200. Mr. Nyhan asked for help from the Village District.

Moved by Chairman Rage, seconded by Commissioner Ladd, to partner with the Chamber of Commerce to provide police assistance for the Saturdays in August and the first Saturday in September up to \$2,600.

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

Flooding Issues

Two representatives from the Rockingham Planning Commission discussed flooding issues. Many properties at Hampton Beach are vulnerable to flooding. This is predicted to get worse with sea level rise. They said they have an idea to create a framework to address this. Through this framework they hope to leverage funding from FEMA to elevate houses or to have a voluntary buyout. Right now they are just informing Town boards and sharing with Hampton staff.

Commissioner Ladd asked what impact this would have on new development. Chairman Rage said new development would have to keep to code.

Entertainment

Amanda Momeault, Entertainment Director, discussed the Talent Show. There are 16 who are submitting by email. Live auditions will be on August 6th from noon until 3 PM. The show will be on August 25th and 26th with the final on the 27th. Anyone else who wishes to submit by email should contact Amanda at amanda@theharboragency.com.

Ms. Momeault said Country Week is here and going well. There will be a big show tomorrow. The US Air Force was here today for recruiting.

Marketing

Denise Brown, Co-Direceter Marketing, said there had been good publicity lately in the Springfield Republican and Seacoast Online. This week Monday Night Movies were delayed to Tuesday due to weather. Commissioner Ladd asked if the sandwich board is going up. Ms. Momeault said it was.

Lisa Martineau, Co-Director Marketing, said everyone has worked together this week. She showed the posters for the Polka Fest.

Chairman Rage said there is a new restaurant in town called North of New Orleans where the Cascade used to be. He said he highly recommends it.

Old Business

Commissioner Ladd said at the last meeting the Board went into a non-public meeting and made the following motion:

Moved by Commissioner Ladd, seconded by Commissioner Buckley, to adjourn the non-public meeting of June 14, 2023 and to seal the minutes from that meeting.

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

Chairman Rage sent out a thank you to Governor Sununu for coming to the Sand Sculpture event.

New Business

Commissioner Ladd said there is a lot of entertainment coming up at the beach. He urged everyone to come and enjoy it.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Commissioner Ladd, seconded by Commissioner Buckley, to approve the Minutes of June 14, 2023.

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

Public Comment

There was no Public Comment.

Closing Comments

Commissioner Buckley invited all to come and see the Talent Show.

Commissioner Ladd said there are very few places in the country like Hampton Beach. Great entertainment and it is all free.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan Rice
Secretary