

**HAMPTON BEACH VILLAGE DISTRICT  
MEETING  
August 11 , 2021**

**Present**

Chuck Rage, Chairman & Commissioner  
Maureen Buckley, Commissioner  
Robert Ladd, Commissioner  
Carson Miller, Treasurer

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Chairman Rage asked for a Moment of Silence for Officer Bill Cronin who recently passed away.

**Community Center**

Stacy Mazur, Assistant Director Lane Memorial Library, said they are promoting a collaborative endeavor between the Library and the Recreation Department to explore the opening of a Community Center for the Town of Hampton.

Ms. Mazur explained a Third Place Concept. The first place concept is Home. The second is School or Work. The third is the place where people can gather with their peers. The third place is their objective. They believe the Library and Recreation Department can meet that need.

Rene Boudreau, Director of the Parks & Recreation Department, said this is a great opportunity to address this need. This Center will serve seniors, teenagers, and other community groups. This is in the early stages for the Master Plan.

Ms. Mazur said they are starting to collect community feedback and building a website.

Chairman Rage asked about a possible endowment. Ms. Mazur said they have a fundraising consultant working on this.

Chairman Rage said he liked the idea that the Center would be for everybody. Commissioner Buckley said it is great that something is in the works. Commissioner Ladd said this is a great idea. It is important to impress the seniors to obtain necessary votes.

Commissioner Ladd asked where the Library and Rec Department are with regard to Covid. Mr. Boudreau said they had to limit the summer camp to 16 children per week. Ms. Mazur said the Library is currently open Monday and Friday from 10 AM until 6 PM and on Wednesday from 10 AM until 2 PM.

Chairman Rage mentioned the 20% that Rec takes from the beach parking lot. He asked if some of that could be put toward tennis or basketball courts in the Village District.

**Moved** by Commissioner Rage, seconded by Commissioner Buckley, to take some of the 20% that Recreation takes from the Beach parking lot and put it towards tennis or basketball courts in the Village District.

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

Commissioner Ladd asked if the Rec Department could help with maintenance of the playground. Mr. Boudreau said his staff is going through some changes and could not commit to that at this time but he will investigate.

### **Marketing**

Denise Brown said most of the Marketing budget has been spent, but there is some left for social media, etc. All big advertising, printing, etc. is pretty much done. There has been a great response for the calendars. Commissioner Ladd asked if promotions can be evaluated. Ms. Brown said they are going to try. Commissioner Ladd asked if when visiting businesses they have ideas for events. Ms. Brown said some have asked for more children's events.

Lisa Martineau said they started the Beach Box contest yesterday. A lot of the businesses have donated something for prizes. The response to the contest has been overwhelming. There have been over 100 entries.

Commissioner Ladd suggested a sandwich board on the stage that would announce events and fireworks.

Ms. Martineau discussed the possibility of doing different culture days. This would include bands, food, etc.

Ms. Martineau said work is still being done on the website.

### **Old Business**

Commissioner Buckley said open auditions for the Talent Show were done on August 1<sup>st</sup>. Juniors will be held Friday night (8/27), Seniors on Saturday night (8/28) and Finals on Sunday (8/29).

Commissioner Buckley then introduced Carson Miller who is the new Treasurer.

### **New Business**

Commissioner Ladd said background is being done for the Circus show. He said he is hoping all goes well.

Chairman Rage said the lights in the playground have been replaced many times. They are just old. He said he is in touch with a company in Exeter who is working on a proposal for this.

### **Approval of Minutes**

**Moved** by Commissioner Ladd, seconded by Commissioner Buckley to approve the Minutes of June 9, 2021 and the Minutes of July 14, 2021.

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

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Rice  
Secretary