

**HAMPTON BEACH VILLAGE DISTRICT
MEETING
November 9, 2022**

Present

Chuck Rage, Chairman & Commissioner
Maureen Buckley, Commissioner
Robert Ladd, Commissioner

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 June White, a past Commissioner, who recently passed away.

Hampton Beach Area Commission

Nancy Stiles, Chairman of the Hampton Beach Area Commission, said the HBAC was formed in 2003 for the purpose of developing a master plan for a certain area of the beach. Transportation was addressed in 2018 and work is now being done on Environmental. They now have a consultant out of Portland, Maine. When the legislature passed SB346 which overlooks having a feasibility study of a pier at Hampton Beach, it was suggested that the HBAC have oversight for a study for a pier with access for walking disabled. Many agencies were involved in this. The report is available electronically. This group did not make any specific recommendations. They discussed several spots and what the pros and cons were. Commissioner Ladd said other things to be considered are whether there should be commercial along the pier and who would do maintenance.

Lane Memorial Library

A representative from Lane Memorial Library gave an update on activities at the library. Professor Kirk Dorsey will give a presentation on the Legacy of Vietnam. The Gallery is showing artwork from the Lane House. Stephanie Van Nugent will do a second presentation on the Isles of Shoals. Friends of the Library will do a craft fair and a great book sale. In December there will be craft events for adults. Sara Ellis will do a presentation

on the octopus. There will also be a plant swap, kids events and a Celtic music concert. All this will be on the website.

Chairman Rage asked about a possible warrant article with the Rec Department. The representative said they are working on that. Chairman Rage said the Board would like her to come to a meeting to talk about the warrant article.

Commissioner Ladd asked about a seasonal branch of the library at the beach. The representative said this was a great idea and they will look into it.

Airwave Network

A representative from Airwave Network said they are a wireless internet company. They want to save their neighbors money. They are planning to start out small and then expand. Chairman Rage said there are a lot of seasonal people at the beach. The rep said they have seasonal products and also go month to month. There are no extra taxes, fees, etc. tacked onto your bill. Commissioner Buckley asked if this would work on the stage. The rep replied that they could do that. Commissioner Ladd asked if they had the ability to provide technical after-service. The answer was yes. Information was then passed out.

Entertainment

Amanda Momeault, Entertainment Director said she is still booking entertainment. She is looking at new folks and the regulars. She is still working on Country Week. Ms. Momeault said she is looking at doing something with a big travel show from Canada possibly in conjunction with the Chamber.

Marketing

Lisa Martineau, Co-Marketing Director, said she is working on a webpage for Explore New England-New England Sports Network. This will include links to Hampton Beach. Ms. Martineau said she has been looking into how they were doing on internet advertising, social media, etc. Ms. Martineau discussed a survey she did on Facebook asking people which activities they liked.

Old Business

Commissioner Ladd thanked everyone who ran for office and who voted in the election. Everyone should celebrate.

Chairman Rage said voter turnout was the largest non-presidential turnout. There were 9,400 voters.

New Business

Commissioner Buckley wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Commissioner Ladd, seconded by Commissioner Buckley, to approve the Minutes of October 12, 2022.

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

Public Comment

Charlie Preston discussed his previous ideas about a stop sign and the Marquis sign.

Kathy Silver, Blue Ocean Discovery Center, said there will be monthly beach cleanups during the winter. They will take place on the first Saturday of the month. At a recent cleanup they counted 1,700 items (34 pounds). This consisted mostly of rope and plastic. Ms. Silver asked people to sign up for the beach cleanups. The Discovery Center will be open on New Years Eve for the fireworks.

Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Rice
Secretary