

**HAMPTON BEACH VILLAGE DISTRICT  
MEETING  
April 10, 2017**

**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.

**Hampton Beach Soup Kitchen**

Paul Nicholson, President of the St. Vincent DePaul Society, spoke about the fire at 37 Ashworth which took place last Thursday night. The community soup kitchen was lost. A lot of time has been spent to make this kitchen a good experience for people who are in need. It has been open from October 15<sup>th</sup> to May 15<sup>th</sup>. There are still five or six weeks left in this year. Mr. Nicholson said they have made arrangements with the fire station to set up a kitchen in one of the fire station bays. He said they hope to open next Monday. Mr. Nicholson said they are concerned about getting the word out. Signs will be put up on the old location as well as other locations. Going forward Mr. Nicholson said they are looking for a property with seating for 40 people that has a cooking facility and refrigeration.

Chairman Rage said the Village District would like to be involved.

**Chamber of Commerce**

John Nyhan representing the Chamber of Commerce said the Chamber has been working very hard for the upcoming summer season. The office will open in early May. The ATM and lottery machines are being brought in. Colleen Wescott, an event planner has been hired. Ms. Wescott has a background in large events and marketing. The Seafood Festival is in the works. Mr. Nyhan said the Chamber is very pleased to have a new large sponsor - Ford Motor Company. Mr. Nyhan said the Seafood Festival has been selected as one of the three best festivals around the country. Mr. Nyhan said it was his desire that the Chamber works very closely with the Village District on these planned events.

Chairman Rage said he and Mr. Nyhan are working on a mobile parking app.

### **WXBJ FM 94.1 Oldies Station**

Michael Hemean said he would like to bring WXBJ to the Sea Shell stage. They would like to do this once each in June, July and August. They would also do this for the Seafood Festival.

Chairman Rage said this will be great entertainment.

### **Old Business**

Commissioner Ladd said he has an appointment next Monday with the Board of Selectmen to discuss emergency management.

Chairman Rage said he wanted to remind everybody of a meeting on Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at Marston School at 7:00 p.m. The Hampton Beach Area Commission is hosting this public meeting to discuss the Rt. 1A reconstruction.

### **New Business**

**Moved** by Commissioner Ladd, seconded by Commissioner Buckley to appoint Chuck Rage as Chairman for the following year.

**Vote:** 2 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention (Rage). Motion passed.

**Moved** by Commissioner Ladd, seconded by Chairman Rage, to appoint Maureen Buckley as Vice Chairman for the following year.

**Vote:** 2 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention (Buckley). Motion passed.

Commissioner Buckley said the Drifters will be performing on August 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Glen French, Entertainment Director, said the summer schedule is almost complete. There will be 107 shows on the Sea Shell stage. The week after the 4<sup>th</sup> of July will be the first "Country Week". Music will begin at noon every day. The talent show and promenade are also scheduled.

### **Approval of Minutes**

**Moved** by Commissioner Ladd, seconded by Commissioner Buckley, to approve the Minutes of March 14, 2018.

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

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**Moved** by Commissioner Ladd, seconded by Commissioner Buckley, to approve the Minutes of March 30, 2018.

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

**Public Comment**

John Kane, Marketing Director, said lifeguards are being sought for the coming season. Tryouts will be on May 6<sup>th</sup>. About 20 lifeguards are needed. If anyone is interested, they should call Lori at 227-8722.

**Closing Comments**

Commissioner Ladd said the District has done a fabulous job of marketing entertainment. The District should look into marketing on the government side.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Rice  
Secretary