

**HAMPTON BEACH VILLAGE DISTRICT
MEETING
July 10, 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.

Public Works Update

Jennifer Hale, Deputy Director Public Works, said that in the past year Public Works has been working and pulling everything together that was brought up last year regarding flooding. Two consulting firms have been hired to study each component. Public Works has partnered with UNH on some of the work. Eight sensors have been put in since last year to collect data on what is happening to the water from Meadow Pond to the harbor.

Work is being done to go after a National Fish and Wildlife grant. Hampton was selected to put in a full proposal. The NH Coastal Program has looked at culverts and assessed what would happen if they flooded. The goal is to study the problems and then make a plan.

Question from Audience; will it be at least two years before data is available to form a plan? Ms. Hale said no. They are looking at the summer and fall. As data is collected DPW will make recommendations.

Question from the Audience: What would it take to take Ashworth Ave. to J Street and Hobson and raise those streets a foot?

Ms. Hale said that is not on the table at this time. Fred Rice said something like this would take a long, long time.

Comment from the Audience: We should be looking for more grants. This will keep this issue rolling. Looking forward to more ways to protect our homes and properties.

Mr. Rice said he would suggest looking at a study conducted by the Coastal Risk and Hazard Commission. This study addresses all aspects of government, finance, etc.

Selectman Regina Barnes said she would like to thank Public Works. She said the best thing to be done is to listen to Public Works and if funding is needed, work to obtain votes for funding.

Mr. Rice suggested that those affected go to the Planning Board and tell them to put together a Warrant Article that will solve the problem. Then go to the deliberative session in March and speak in favor of the article.

Commissioner Ladd said the whole east coast has this problem. The most important thing is to remain active, don't fight with the Town, but keep on them. You have a voice.

Mr. LaBranche discussed a group he belongs to called CHAT. This group meets every month and has done a lot of work. They looked at what LA, Boston, and Norfolk, VA are doing regarding flooding problems. They will be looking at solutions.

Chamber of Commerce

John Nyhan, President, Hampton Chamber of Commerce, said he wanted to thank the Hampton Beach Village District for its role on Senior Day. It was a great day. Over 200 seniors attended.

Mr. Nyhan said Children's Week will begin on August 12th and go through August 15th. Hampton Beach Village District is the underwriter for this event.

The big event is the Seafood Festival. This year will be the 30th anniversary. This year the event will begin at 1:00 p.m. on Friday. Mr. Nyhan said volunteers are needed.

Mr. Nyhan discussed the mobile parking app. The app also shows entertainment, places to stay, places to eat, etc.

Mr. Nyhan said the Chamber would like to donate \$1,200 towards the Fire Show. Chairman Rage said \$1,000 has also been received from Experience Hampton. Commissioner Ladd said the Town Rec Dept. has also donated \$1,000.

Mr. Nyhan said there will be a Circus Show on Labor Day weekend.

Regina Barnes

Ms. Barnes discussed the event honoring Rick Middleton. There will be something on the Sea Shell stage. John Kane has printed up flyers.

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Moved by Commissioner Buckley, seconded by Commissioner Ladd, to donate \$500 towards the event for Rick Middleton.

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

Marketing Update

John Kane, Marketing Director, discussed advertising done for Hampton Beach. There is advertising in the Boston Globe about Country Week.

The Hampton Beach soccer competition will be a new event. More and more events have been added and the season lengthened.

Old Business

Commissioner Buckley said the talent show is coming up in August. Live tryouts will be on August 4th. The Miss Hampton Beach and Little Miss Hampton Beach pageants will be held the last weekend in July.

New Business

Commissioner Ladd talked about Water Safety Day. Participating will be the Beach Patrol, lifeguards, police, fire, etc. They will do live rescues.

Commissioner Ladd said Country Week is an enormous effort. Many people work with Commissioner Buckley to make this happen.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Commissioner Ladd, seconded by Chairman Rage, to approve the Minutes of June 12, 2019.

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

Public Comment

Ute Pineo said she has the crayons for the coloring books.

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Closing Comments

Commissioner Buckley urged all to come to Country Week.

Chairman Rage said all things done by the HBVD at the beach are done in partnership with the Chamber, the Town, and the State.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Rice
Secretary