

**HAMPTON BEACH VILLAGE DISTRICT
MEETING
January 11, 2023**

Present

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

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Flooding Issues

Chairman Rage welcomed Dean Merrill of Toby & Merrill Insurance. Mr. Merrill noted the flooding which occurred a couple of weeks ago. He said he hoped many had flood insurance. Anyone can buy flood insurance. It doesn't matter if they are in a flood zone. Usually the bank requires it. Normally a policy is for \$250,000 for a one-family home and for \$500,000 for commercial. There are some private marketing people and sometimes this is less expensive.

If you have a basement personal items are not covered. Only things like washer and dryer, air Conditioning, etc. are covered.

In January 2021 Flood Insurance 2.0 came up. When people try to build there are a whole new set of rules. There is a whole new scheme of things that the Building Department is dealing with.

Commissioner Ladd asked about a Certificate of Elevation. Mr. Merrill said sometimes flood elevation is not that important. Mr. Merrill said flood insurance primarily comes through the Federal Government. The National Flood Insurance Program is a wholly owned product of the Federal Government but they work through insurance companies.

Commissioner Ladd asked if before you buy a home you should find out how it sits according to the flood plain and what the insurance would be. Mr. Merrill agreed that this

would be wise. Commissioner Ladd noted that some people think their home owners policy covers flooding and it does not.

Chairman Rage thanked Mr. Merrill for speaking at the meeting.

Entertainment

Amanda Momeault, Entertainment Director, said she has four dates left to fill. The Polka Fest will be held on August 13th. Ms. Momeault said she has been reaching out to participants from last year. The Reggae Fest will be held on August 19th. Country Week is coming along nicely. Ms. Momeault said she is looking for sponsors for the headliner. She can be reached at HarborAgency.com.

Marketing

Lisa Martineau, Co-Marketing Director, said she ran the numbers for Facebook for 2022. She said the District was 33% over last year. There were 1,172,003 hits in 2022. Ms. Martineau said she is adding more into Instagram and also Tik Tok.

Ms. Martineau said she has been negotiating with the yoga people.

Ms. Martineau asked if they could gain access to the Sea Shell Stage building for WiFi. Price would be \$15 per month to provide this service. Chairman Rage said to go ahead and do this.

Commissioner Ladd said they should give some thought to doing a TV show for Channel 22.

Old Business

There was no Old Business.

New Business

Commissioner Ladd said the Town election will be coming up in March. He said it is important that people take the time to vote and that before they vote they do their research.

Chairman Rage said the Village District Annual Meeting will be on March 31st. There are four positions open – 1 Commissioner, 1 Treasurer, 1 Clerk, and 1 Supervisor of the Checklist.

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The last day to post the warrant is March 16th. This will be posted at the Lighthouse Market and Patriot's Corner. Voter warrant articles must be in by February 28th and have at least 25 signatures. Absentee ballots must be in by 5:00 p.m. on March 31st.

Chairman Rage said the budget will be discussed here at the Fire Station from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. on February 15th. Everyone is invited to attend.

Approval of Minutes

The December Minutes will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Public Comment

There was no Public Comment.

Closing Comments

Commissioner Ladd said it would be good if the planned newsletter could be sent prior to the Annual Meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Rice
Secretary