

**HAMPTON BEACH VILLAGE DISTRICT
MEETING
June 8, 2022**

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.

Sand Sculpture Event

Greg Grady said the theme for this year's event is "Greatest Show in Sand". There is a great lineup of sculptors. Competition will be June 16th through 18th.

Anyone wishing to volunteer should contact Mr. Grady at 603-929-6301 or at nhsandsculptors@aol.com.

Mr. Grady said voting for "People's Choice" will be from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. on the 18th. The winner of the full competition will be announced at 8:30 p.m. on the Sea Shell Stage followed by fireworks at 9:30 p.m. Lessons will be given the day of the event.

New Hampshire Fish and Game

Brendan Clifford said the Plovers have been nesting on the north part of the beach since Covid. Two pairs have nested across from Bernie's Beach Bar. The chicks are scheduled to hatch the last week of June. The chicks would then be moved to South Beach and if that happens all should be okay for the fireworks on the 4th of July. This may be an issue for Memorial Day.

It is important to remember that the Plovers are a federally threatened bird and the fireworks could continue to be an issue. It is possible to get a Habitat Conservation Plan,

but it is very expensive and you have to show a net benefit to the birds. If this might be an issue every year it might be worthwhile.

Commissioner Ladd asked how much distance is required between the birds and the fireworks. Mr. Clifford said approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile.

Mr. Clifford said he will continue to work with the Town and the State on this issue.

Marketing

Lisa Martineau, Co-Director of Marketing, said the Canadians are excited to return to Hampton Beach. There has been a lot of media lately. There was a full page article in the Union Leader last Sunday. Hampton Beach was also featured in New Hampshire Magazine this month. WMUR will be out for the sand sculpture event. Sand art lessons will be given on July 18th, August 2nd and September 1st. Yoga will begin on June 21st at 7:00 a.m.

Entertainment

Amanda Momeault, Entertainment Director, said the lights are up on the stage. There is a great new sign that lists entertainment for the month. There has been a lot of interest. June 15th starts off the full season. Ms. Momeault said everything is in great shape for Country Week which will begin July 5th. Dance lessons are being added to Polka Day.

Old Business

Commissioner Ladd said the Chamber of Commerce has agreed to co-sponsor the Fire Show.

New Business

Commissioner Ladd gave a shout out to the safety personnel. People were added at the recent Town Meeting. He thanked everyone who supported this.

Chairman Rage said the Ocean Wok is coming back and will be known as "Wok the Wok". Funky Ladles on P Street serves outstanding chowders. Syrian Subs on B Street serves fantastic subs. He asked everyone to support these new businesses.

Public Comment

Nancy Stiles, Chairman of the HBAC, said Chairman Rage's term will be up in October. She asked the Commissioners to appoint someone by September. There is also a feasibility study being done for the pier. She asked if the Commissioners would like to have someone

from the HBVD to sit on the Pier Advisory Committee. Commissioner Ladd said he would like to do this.

Linda Gebhart, Beautification Committee, said the new fences are up. Urns have been replaced. Flags are up at the Memorial and South Beach. There are now 14 members on the Committee and they would always welcome more people. Ms. Gebhart said she saw the first Monarch butterfly yesterday.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Commissioner Ladd, seconded by Commissioner Buckley, to approve the Minutes of April 13, 2022.

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

Moved by Commissioner Ladd, seconded by Chairman Rage, to approve the Minutes of May 11, 2022 as amended.

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

Adjournment

Moved by Commissioner Buckley, seconded by Commissioner Ladd, to adjourn the meeting at 6:29 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Rice
Secretary