# SEABROOK BEACH VILLAGE DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES August 8, 2016

**PRESENT** Dick Maguire, Joe Giuffre, Don Hawkins

Steve Keaney, Mike Rurak

**ABSENT** None

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. Dick Maguire led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

## COASTAL HAZARDS MASTER PLAN CHAPTER

Julie LaBranche from the Rockingham Planning Commission reported on work she was doing for the Seabrook Planning Board to add a Coastal Hazards and Adaptation Chapter to the Seabrook Master Plan. This meeting with the Beach Commissioners and beach residents is part of an outreach program to explain the process and the impacts of coastal flooding, storm surge and sea level rise on Seabrook Town property and on Seabrook residents and their property.

The review of Coastal Hazards affecting New Hampshire Communities was enabled by legislation in 2013 (RSA 674:2). The Seabrook Planning Board appointed a sub-committee to work with Julie and Seabrook Department Heads to identify hazards from storm surge, coastal flooding and future sea level rise that will affect Seabrook specifically.

The sub-committee used new flood maps to identify areas affected by coastal flooding under different sea level rise scenarios. The review process included interviewing town department managers to pin point specific problems the Town faces from coastal hazards today and hazards the town will face in the future under the different scenarios. Each department head was asked to assess vulnerabilities of town infrastructure under different short, medium term and long term circumstances and to start thinking of plans to reduce the impacts. Particular attention was paid to short term situations that included the impacts of a large storm event similar to Hurricane Sandy.

The final Chapter will address infrastructure and facilities management, emergency response and services, storm water management and flooding, roadways and bridges flood impacts and evacuation plans and potential impacts on property values and the tax base. Adaptation to future storm events will require multiple strategies over a long period of time. Items discussed at the meeting included the importance of maintaining the dune system, amending zoning and building codes to allow property owners to better protect their property and using the Capital Improvement Plan to identify the cost of needed improvements.

The new Master Plan Chapter is scheduled to be reviewed by the Planning Board in September and adopted in October.

## **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Minutes of the July 11, 2016 meeting were distributed and reviewed.

Motion to accept Secretary's Report:

Motion seconded:

Joe Giuffre
Dick Maguire

Motion passed by voice vote.

# TREASURER'S REPORT

Mike Rurak reported the July current period, YTD and PY financial figures.

2016	July	YTD	P	rior YTD
Total Income	\$ 2,200	\$ 34,914	\$	26,512
Total Expenses	5,041	30,157		42,607
Net Ordinary Income	(2,841)	4,757		(16,095)
Total Interest Income	39	226		204
Net Income	(2,802)	4,983		(15,891)

Total cash in the District checking and saving accounts was \$248,354 at the end of July 2016 vs. \$230,831 at the end of July 2015.

- July revenues were \$2,200 with expenses of \$5,041 and interest income of \$39 resulting in a Net Loss of \$2,802. The only unusual expenses for the period were the general liability insurance and workers comp insurance bills for the full year 2016 which were paid in July.
- YTD revenues are \$34,914 with expenses of \$30,157 and interest income of \$226 resulting in a Net Income of \$4,983 for the year compared to the PY Net Loss \$15,891. The prior year loss was the result of a new roof installed on the district building.
- Mike filed NH DOR forms to update revenue estimates for the balance of 2016.
- Dick Maguire compared the financial results to prior year noting the balance in the checking and savings accounts is up 7.6%.
- The commissioners were given the monthly disbursement approval forms and bank statements for their review and approval.
- Dick Maguire told the audience the financial reports were available for review after the meeting.

Motion to accept Treasurer's Report:

Motion seconded:

Don Hawkins

Motion passed unanimously by voice vote

#### **BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT**

Steve Keaney reported:

- The fall season is starting strong. He is expecting to issue permits for 4 new houses including homes on Portsmouth Ave, Groveland Street and State Line Street.
- The next ZBA meeting is scheduled for September. There is one case on the agenda, to review two new lots being formed from two existing lots. The lots are less than 20,000 sf which requires ZBA approval.
- Steve reported the new FEMA flood maps are still being delayed and will not be issued until 2017. He noted that home owners can avoid flood insurance if their first floor is above the base flood elevation regardless of the elevation of the rest of the property. A survey is required to document the first floor elevation.

Motion to accept Building Inspector's Report: Don Hawkins Motion seconded: Joe Giuffre

Motion passed unanimously by voice vote

## **OLD BUSINESS**

A. Follow up on question of installing solar panels on District building.

Don Hawkins will ask about funding sources available to municipalities at the next RPC meeting August 12, 2016.

B. Status of swing set at Harborside Park.

Dick Maguire reported the Selectmen were generally in favor of the swing set but were considering if the swings should be funded in the 2017 budget or on a warrant article.

## <u>NEW BUSINESS</u> –

A. Appointment of representative from SBVD to the Town of Seabrook Budget Committee for 2016-2017 deliberations.

Motion to appoint Dick Maguire as SBVD representative to the Seabrook

Committee: Don Hawkins Motion seconded: Joe Giuffre

Motion passed by voice vote.

B. Question of infringement on Town of Seabrook rights-of-way on to the beach.

Dick Maguire reported a number of residents have talked to him, Steve Keaney, the town manager and the town code enforcement officer about residents with properties adjacent to the town right-of-ways, encroaching on town land by planting gardens and lawns to make their properties look larger. The town manager asked for a letter from the commissioners supporting town action. Theresa Kyle said the subject has been brought to the attention of the Town Manager a number of times in the last year but for whatever reason he been reluctant to take action. She thinks encroaching on the rights of way is

not the biggest problem. Encroaching in the dunes is more important. Joe Giuffre said the problem has existed for years and that if the town manager takes action he will take it on everyone. Joe suggested sitting down with the town manager to discuss the issue rather than writing him a letter. Theresa Kyle said the Board of Selectmen are the ones who have decided not to take action, not the town manager. Doris Sweet asked if the Town had any liability for people working on town property. Dick Maguire said he would write the Town Manager a letter requesting a meeting to talk about the subject.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

- Joe Giuffre said the glass in the back door of the Scooter Store was recently broken. Seabrook Police officers responded to the call. The Scooter Store owners repaired the door.
- Joe also reported the plovers were gone. The plovers on Seabrook Beach had 6 chicks from 2 pairs of adults, Seabrook Harbor had 4 chicks from 1 pair and Hampton State Park had 5 chicks from 4 pair for a total of 15 chicks which is significantly more than in recent years.
- The next Coffee with the Cops is scheduled for August 26<sup>th</sup> at the Seabrook Church of Christ, 864 Lafayette Road. Seabrook Police Officers have been meeting with kids at summer camps and report the meetings have been well received.

The	meeting	was	adj	ourned.

Submitted by,

**Don Hawkins**