

**SEABROOK BEACH VILLAGE DISTRICT  
MEETING MINUTES  
October 9, 2017**

**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.

**SECRETARY’S REPORT**

Minutes of the September 11, 2017 meeting were distributed and reviewed. Dick Maguire noted that Jeff Brown is not a State Rep and that Paragraph A under New Business needed to be revised.

<b>Motion to accept Secretary’s Report as revised:</b>	<b>Joe Giuffre</b>
<b>Motion seconded:</b>	<b>Dick Maguire</b>
<b>Motion passed by voice vote.</b>	

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

Mike Rurak reported the September 2017 current period, YTD and PY financial figures.

2017	September	YTD	Prior YTD
Total Income	\$ 13,726	\$ 53,317	\$ 38,096
Total Expenses	2,926	36,618	36,569
Net Ordinary Income	10,800	16,699	1,527
Total Interest Income	161	834	304
Net Income	10,961	17,533	1,831

Total cash in the SBVD checking and saving accounts was \$275,909 at the end of September 2017 vs. \$245,181 at the end of September 2016.

- September revenues were \$13,726 with expenses of \$2,926 and interest income of \$161 resulting in a Net Income of \$10,961.
- YTD revenues are \$53,317 with expenses of \$36,618 and interest income of \$834 resulting in a Net Income of \$17,533 for the year compared to the Prior YTD Net Income of \$1,831.
- Mike noted that fee income was up \$7,259, rental income up \$7,962 vs. prior year and expenses up only \$48.
- 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:**  
**Motion passed unanimously by voice vote**

**Don Hawkins**  
**Joe Giuffre**

**BUILDING INSPECTOR’S REPORT**

Steve Keaney reported:

- The fall is showing the expected increase in permit activity. He has issued 2 new house permits in the last week with 2 others pending. In addition he is expecting 2 applications on Woodstock Street and knows of 1 other resident who is working with an architect on plans for later this fall. A total of 7 new houses in all.
- The owners of Catalano’s Market met with Steve earlier in the month and are waiting on a state permit. Catalano expects to pour the foundation in November
- There is a ZBA case scheduled for October 18<sup>th</sup> involving setbacks for a house on Atlantic Ave. The owners are requesting to expand a home with setback issues.

**Motion to accept Building Inspector’s Report:**  
**Motion seconded:**  
**Motion passed unanimously by voice vote**

**Don Hawkins**  
**Joe Giuffre**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Update on SBVD Planning Board activity:**

Don Hawkins said the new SBVD Planning Board met for the third time on October 2, 2017. The board has completed the Site Plan Review Regulations and Subdivision Regulations. At the October meeting the PB held a public hearing on both sets of regulations and voted to adopt both. The sub division regulations may need a minor modification at the November PB meeting. The PB will work on the plan review process at its November meeting.

**B. Question of “revised signage at entrance to the beach.**

Dick Maguire met with the Town Manager and requested that signs at the entrance to the beach paths be updated and ready for spring. Joe Giuffre brought up the problem with unleashed dogs on the beach and suggested an increase in fines for dogs running loose. Dick asked the audience to send him an email with any recommendations they have regarding signage of dogs.

**C. Update on effort to repeal the authority of the SBVD to adopt and enforce its own zoning.**

**1. Inaction by Representative Jason Janvrin, Rockingham District 20.**

Originally Janvrin had said it was his intention to file legislation to repeal the SBVD’s authority to enact and enforce its own zoning. In a recent discussion

with Dick Maguire, Janvrin said he did not file a bill but would like to meet with the Commissioners. No date has been set for a meeting.

**2. Lobbying effort by beach resident with individual town officials.**

Dick Maguire said there have been some lobbying efforts by a beach resident with local town officials. He did not have specifics but said he make an effort to get more detail. He is happy with the current situation but reminded the audience we have to be aware of a continuing effort to reduce the SBVD's zoning authority and to follow-up on any new rumors.

**D. Question of communication with SBVD residents and voting procedures for residents at time of SBVD Annual Meeting.**

1. Dick said there is a need for better communication with the beach residents prior to the annual meeting. Residents have requested more information about the warrant articles and the ballot prior to the meeting. Dick committed to an enhanced communication plan to be in place for the next annual meeting.
2. Dick discussed the possibility of having absentee ballots for the 2018 annual meeting. He noted the commissioners were investigating the procedures, costs and resources required to implement the change. He was certain a warrant article would be needed at the 2018 annual meeting to allow absentee ballots.

**NEW BUSINESS** –

**A. Change in 2017 tax assessment for 210 Ocean Blvd.**

1. The Town Assessor changed the assessed value of the rental space in the district building from \$77,700 to \$84,300 effective 4/1/17. The change in value does not include the rental space for the convenience store which will be included 4/1/18. The SBVD is only responsible for paying taxes on the portion of the building that is rented on April 1st each year.
2. The Seabrook Fireman's Association has requested a tax abatement on the rental property in their building. The Seabrook Town Attorney said it was not possible unless the Fireman's Association was registered as a 501C3 charity. The lawyer for the Firemen's Association has identified conflicting law. They are trying to get a clarifying opinion.

**B. Consideration for Town of Seabrook 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration.**

1. **Potential for separate budget item on SBVD 2018 budget.** Dick brought up the fact that a budget line would be needed in the 2018 budget if the district wanted to participate financially in the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. The commissioners agreed to add a budget line and to discuss the amount at a future date when the beach's role in the celebration becomes clearer.
2. **Question of bonfire security.** Dick remembered how successful bonfires on the beach had been in past years but acknowledged the liability and problems that could be caused by wind and the behavior of individuals. He thought with proper planning and police presence those problems could be overcome. Dick did support using Harborside Park for other kinds of activities. He was in favor of using SBVD budget funds for security and transportation to and from the beach if

parking is determined to be a major problem. Theresa Kyle stated her objection to using Harborside Park for any activities. She stated, in addition to the deed issues related to Harborside Park, there is no room for a bonfire and not enough parking to support the large number of cars that a town wide activity will require.

3. **Question of adequate parking for any event at Harborside Park.** Dick Maguire suggested that other lots in town could be used and transportation provided to the beach. Shuttle buses could be used to decreasing parking congestion. Also St Elizabeth Church has agreed in the past to allow parking in their lot. Dick noted the Town of Seabrook has generously supported Sacred Heart School for many years and the church would likely allow the use of their lot. Joe Giuffre suggested the commissioners talk to Ted Xavier about some of these ideas. He can bring them to the 250<sup>th</sup> celebration planning committee.

### **OTHER BUSINESS** –

- There was a dunes restoration seminar held on October 5<sup>th</sup> in the District meeting room from 4 PM to 6:30 PM. The seminar was sponsored by the NH Coastal Adaptation Workgroup. Joe Giuffre reported about 20 people attended the meeting but only 2 from the beach. There were a number from Hampton and Rye. The objective was to educate residents about the importance of the dunes and how to take care of them. One of the new programs provides free dune grass grown in the Hampton State Park for restoration projects on NH beaches. The NH DES has hired a new person for enforcement and education. UNH is sponsoring a program for four 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes to learn about the dunes system. Seabrook was congratulated for having the healthiest dunes on the NH coast.
- Theresa Kyle said the Town of Hampton was seeking short term help from Seabrook for a sewer problem they are having in Sun Valley.
- The night ended with a short discussion about the problems the district experienced at the Annual Meeting in April including a lack of control of non voters at check-in, allowing non residents to speak at the meeting and allowing non-residents to register and vote the night of the meeting. The commissioners agreed these problems will have to be addressed before the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by,

Don Hawkins