

**SEABROOK BEACH VILLAGE DISTRICT  
MEETING MINUTES  
July 8, 2019**

**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 June 10, 2019 meeting were distributed and reviewed. The minutes were approved by voice vote.

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

Mike Rurak reported the June 2019 current period, YTD and PY financial figures.

2019	June	YTD	Prior YTD
Fee Income	\$ 4,317	\$ 21,405	\$ 24,123
Rental Income	950	11,112	13,792
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>5,267</b>	<b>32,517</b>	<b>37,915</b>
Total Expenses	4,119	23,213	23,588
Net Ordinary Income	1,148	9,304	14,327
Total Interest Income	517	2,987	1,742
Other Expense	5,475	5,475	10,000
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>(3,810)</b>	<b>6,816</b>	<b>6,069</b>

Total cash in the SBVD checking and saving accounts was \$353,293 at the end of June 2019 vs. \$323,134 at the end of June 2018.

- June revenues included \$4,317 fee income and \$950 rental income totaling \$5,267 with expenses of \$4,119 and interest income of \$517. The district had other expenses of \$5,475 for beach safety signs approved as a \$15,000 warrant article at the annual meeting. The resulting net loss for Junes was \$3,810.
- YTD fee income is \$21,405, rental income is \$11,112 and expenses are \$23,213. YTD net income is \$6,816.
- Compared to prior year, permit fees are down \$2,718, rental income is down \$2,679, ordinary expenses are down \$375 and interest income is up \$1,244. NI is up \$748 for the year.

- 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:

- He has permitted another new house on Ocean Drive and will shortly approve a tear down on Atlantic Ave. Steve expects the building craze to continue this fall.
- There was a June ZBA case for 340 Woodstock Street. The builder built the house 2 feet too high and the property owner asked for a variance. The ZBA found it to be an honest mistake and granted the variance. Dick Maguire asked if the decision set any kind of precedent. Steve said no, that the board deemed it to be an honest mistake and not intentional. The owners added a second floor and did not do the math correctly. The house sits naturally low so the added height is not noticeable. Dick said the builder did talk to the neighbors and that he thought the ZBA did a good job sorting through the details of the case and handled it correctly. There is no ZBA meeting scheduled for July.
- There is no update on when the new FEMA maps will go into effect. It is still expected in 2019.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Rental space update**

- Joe Giuffre said construction of the bathroom is underway and will include a new water heater. The budget for the project is \$7000 but Joe expects it will cost \$5000 to \$6000.
- Rent will be set at \$1,350 per month plus utilities. Property taxes are included in the rent. Dick expects the rent will be negotiated with potential tenants.

**B. Stop sign installation and impact.**

- Dick Maguire said the new stop signs were installed before July 4th. He has had a little trouble getting use to them but does find the traffic is going slower. Overall his reaction to them is positive.
- Don Hawkins agreed that traffic on Atlantic Ave. is moving slower and the signs are working as designed.
- Joe Giuffre thought the Tyngsboro Street sign was too far in and difficult to see. He said the police want stop lines on the road to help drivers notice the signs.
- Mike Rurak said the sign on Concord Street was also difficult to see because there is a truck parked on the road in front of the sign.

- Jack Lannan said the truck blocking the sign on Concord Street is not illegally parked. The stop lines painted on the street are needed but parking should not be allowed at all on such a narrow street. Half the drivers are not stopping at the signs.
- Linda Giuffre said the signs were considered temporary which may be the reason stop lines have not been painted. She thinks the signs are working very well.
- Theresa Kyle said it may take some time for everyone to get use to the new signs. She thinks there are less cars speeding on Portsmouth Ave and would like the signs to stay up all year.

**C. Beach safety signs, installation, impact, publicity.**

- Joe Giuffre reported the cost to date for the beach safety posters.
 

○ 46 signs, 40 with street names	\$2,727
○ Post & hardware	\$1,242
○ Post installation – Matrix Inc.	\$1,495
○ Posters for Town Hall, Library, Rec. Center	<u>\$ 84</u>
○ Total to date	\$5,548
- The local realtors asked for posters to hand out to their clients
- Joe Giuffre installed the signs himself with the help of his grandson. He had to reinstall one sign on Manchester Street that had been torn down.
- Dick added his thanks to Joe and to the Beach Safety Committee for getting approval and installing the signs so quickly. The impact has been very positive.
- There has been some positive publicity on the local TV stations and the local news papers have given it a lot of coverage.
- Joe Giuffre said the news coverage has been very positive and he has received positive comments from many beach residents.
- Joe said the committee will reconvene at the end of the summer and determine if other actions are needed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Fourth of July safety coverage, problems.**

Dick Maguire said there was an ambulance parked at the Precinct building on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Police cars were also parked there on and off throughout the weekend. Traffic was not as heavy as usual on the July 4th weekend.

Jack Lannan asked why the district rents the store rather than giving it to Police and Fire for their use. Dick Maguire said it was the responsibility of the town voters to support additional police and fire locations. Joe Giuffre said the offer has been made many times by the commissioners but the Police and Fire Departments do not want to operate out of the beach. They claim to be able to patrol just as effectively from their main stations.

**B. Second rubbish pickup July and August**

Dick Maguire said the second rubbish pickup will start on July 11th and run thru Labor Day.

A resident complained about trash being put out early in plastic bags which are ripped open by the seagulls. Steve explained that all the rules for trash are spelled out in the zoning regulations and it is up to the home owners to follow those rules.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

- The next SBCA meeting will be on July 15 in the precinct building. Speakers will include the Town Manager and members of the Board of Selectmen.
- Joe Giuffre said the plovers at Dracut Street just hatched and will take 4 weeks to leave the beach. The plovers at NH Street have just re-nested and could take 7 weeks leave. There are 2 active nests, one of which has 4 chicks. Two other chicks have hatched but disappeared.
- There has not been a recent bridge update. Dick Maguire expects a work meeting in August or September.
- Don Hawkins requested the commissioners cancel the August meeting and hold the next meeting on September 9th. The commissioners agreed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

The next SBVD Commissioners meeting will be held on Monday, September 9, 2019 at 7:00 PM in the district building.

Submitted by,

Don Hawkins