

**SEABROOK BEACH VILLAGE DISTRICT
MEETING MINUTES
June 8, 2022**

PRESENT Don Hawkins, Peter Harter, John Giarrusso, Steve Keaney, Ed David

ABSENT None

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM. Don Hawkins led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

SECRETARY’S REPORT

- Minutes of Commissioner’s Meeting on May 11, 2022 were distributed and reviewed. The minutes were approved by voice vote.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Ed David reviewed the May financial reports including current period, YTD and PY financial figures.

2022	May	YTD	Prior YTD
Fee Income	\$ 7,309	\$ 24,824	\$ 32,356
Rental Income	1,050	5,250	2,600
Total Income	8,359	30,074	34,956
Total Expenses	4,268	22,177	18,652
Net Ordinary Income	4,091	7,897	16,304
Total Interest Income	26	126	141
Other Expense	-	-	
Net Income	4,117	8,023	16,445

- Total cash in the SBVD checking and saving accounts was \$525,139 at the end of May 2022 vs. \$434,674 at the end of May 2021.
- Current month revenues included \$7,309 fee income and \$1,050 rental income. Expenses were \$4,268 and interest income was \$26. The resulting net income was \$4,117.
- Jack Lannan has completed the 2021 SBVD Financial Audit. There were no compliance issues noted in the report.

Motion to accept Auditor’s Report:
Motion seconded:
Motion passed unanimously by voice vote

Don Hawkins
Peter Harter

- The commissioners were given the monthly disbursement approval forms and bank statements for their review and approval.
- Don Hawkins 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
Peter Harter

BUILDING INSPECTOR’S REPORT

Steve Keaney reported:

- Permitting activity is not as busy as last year but is still robust.
- There are three houses being torn down this summer on Ashland Street, Atlantic Ave and on Groveland Street. Steve is fielding many inquiries about rebuilding and remodeling.
- There are many contractors working on the beach this summer. If residents have problems with any of them they should notify the police. Steve works during the day and is not available to deal with the complaints.
- The ZBA has one case scheduled for June requesting an internally lit sign which is not permitted by zoning.
- The SBVD PB met earlier in the month. There were no cases and no issues requiring action.

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

Don Hawkins
John Giarrusso

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Status of beach path repairs and meetings with TM and Selectmen.**
 - Hawkins said he had a meeting with the TM on 5/12/22 to discuss beach path maintenance and repairs to the Trex pathways. The TM said the 2022 budget did not pass and there is no money to move sand out of the pathways, dig out buried benches and no money to repairs or replace Trex pathways.
 - There was a discussion about beach path maintenance at the Selectmen’s meeting on 5/16/22. Bill Howley said the selectmen were supportive of a Mobi-mat trial at the beach as long as the SBVD paid for the mats. The commissioners had discussed a possible trial of Mobi-mats at a prior meeting. The trial would consist of purchasing and installing 150 feet of mats and installing them in three different locations to see if they might provide an alternative to Trex pathways which are expensive to buy and maintain. The Selectmen said the Town would install the Mobi-mats but would not commit to taking them up in the fall or storing them for the winter. The commissioners were not happy with the Town’s lack of pathway maintenance and their continued lack of commitment to maintaining the Trex pathways which the Town owns. The commissioners also wanted to know who would take the mats up in the fall and where they would be stored. After a long discussion the commissioners

agreed to support the Mobi-mat trial and to buy 150 feet of mats at a cost of \$4,500 using the SBVD reserve fund. The beach safety committee would be responsible for taking the mats up in the fall and storing them over the winter.

Motion to purchase 150 feet of Mobi-mat at a cost not to exceed \$4,500 conditional on the Town of Seabrook leveling the area and installing the mats and the Beach Safety Committee taking responsibility for removing the mats in the fall and storing them over the winter.

Motion made by:

Don Hawkins

Motion seconded by:

Peter Harter

Motion passed by voice vote.

After the Mobi-mat discussion one of the beach residents asked to say a few words. He said he was very upset with the Selectmen, Town Manager and Public Works Director for their complete lack of commitment to maintaining the pathways at the beach. For years they have done nothing but make excuses for their inaction by hiding behind liability and lack of budgeted funds. We all know the TM can find money in a \$28 million dollar budget and that the liability excuse is overstated and over used. The Town finds money every year to maintain the ball parks and cemeteries but can never seem to find any money to maintain beach paths. If liability is such a great concern how can the Town leave the Andover Street pathway in such dangerous condition and just post a sign “use at your own risk”. A sign does not absolve the Town of liability for ignoring a very dangerous situation that has been brought to their attention many times. Our town leadership is not serving the public. They just make excuses and take no action.

- **Heat and AC maintenance agreement:** Peter Harter reported Simmons agreed to lower the maintenance agreement price from \$180 per unit to \$150 on six heating and AC units for a total of \$900. To finalize the agreement Peter has to supply Simmons with the serial numbers off all six units.

NEW BUSINESS None

OTHER BUSINESS None

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 PM

The next SBVD Commissioners meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 13, 2022 at 6:00 PM in the district building.

Submitted by,

Don Hawkins