

**SBVD PLANNING BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
May 13, 2024**

PRESENT: Joel Spiller, Robert Gossett, Ed David, Bob Weisner, Peter Dunn, Bill Howley, Larry Deshler, Steve Keaney, Tom Morgan, Don Hawkins

ABSENT: Joe Balsamo

MEETING OPENED:

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

MEETING MINUTES:

The minutes from the 11/13/2023 meeting were distributed and reviewed.
The minutes were approved by voice vote.

PLANNING BOARD APPOINTMENTS 2024 AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

**Joel Spiller nominated as SBVD PB Chairman:
Nomination seconded by:
Joel Spiller elected Chairman by voice vote.**

**Peter Dunn
Larry Deshler**

**Bob Gossett nominated as SBVD PB Vice-Chairman by:
Nomination seconded by:
Bob Gossett elected Vice Chairman by voice vote.**

**Bob Weisner
Peter Dunn**

Joel Spiller announced that Bill Howley was moving out of the District and that John Giarrusso has been appointed by the Commissioners to take his place as SBVD PB Alternate effective 6/1/2024.

PUBLIC HEARING: None

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Update on O’Keefe / Dunkin building expansion** – There has been no activity on the proposed expansion.
- **Update from Bill Howley on Seabrook Coastal Resiliency Team** – The Team is pursuing a NH DES planning grant to evaluate the conditions of the beach walkways and explore options for improving accessibility while maintaining the integrity of

ecological systems. Bill Howley said the grant is for 2 years and that the Committee will hold a planning session on May 28, 2024 to discuss the content of the proposed study. The NH DES will participate in those discussions. He also said the NH DES has funds for dune restoration and may be a source for future grant money. Bill announced he intends to remain a member of the Coastal Resiliency Team after he moves and that the SBCA has agreed to purchase six new MobiMats for Seabrook Beach.

- **RTW Smoothie Bar application to the PB:** Hawkins said the owners of RTW LLC and the Ground Swell take out restaurant intend to apply to the SBVD PB to increase the outdoor seating currently allowed at the restaurant.
- **Seabrook Master Plan Update:** Tom Morgan said work is continuing on the Seabrook Master Plan. A questionnaire to gather feedback from Seabrook Residents on how they would like to see the Town develop in the future has been published on line and in print and is receiving a very good response. The next step will be to hold a meeting to gather public input on Strengths, Weaknesses Opportunities and Threats facing the Town of Seabrook. The meeting will be held at the Seabrook Library on June 11, 2024 at 4:30 PM and is open to the public.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **SBVD Cannabis Warrant Article:** Joel Spiller announced the Warrant article to amend zoning to prohibiting the sale of Cannabis products and related item passed at the SBVD Annual Meeting and goes into effect immediately. He also acknowledged that the NH legislature has not yet passed a Cannabis bill and that when it does and the Governor signs it into law the SBVD may have to amend zoning to comply with the NH law.
- **Status of the Beach Safety Committee:** Joel Spiller said he was concerned that the Beach Safety Committee had become inactive and may cease to exist in the near future. He asked if the PB should play a role in supporting the efforts of the Safety Committee. Hawkins said he didn't think there was any problem with individual PB members supporting the efforts of the Safety Committee but that an official role for the PB was probably outside the duties and functions of a PB. The SBVD Commissioners appointed the original members of the Beach Safety Committee and should appoint replacements as needed. The committee should elect their own officers and request funds from the District for BSC projects.

OTHER:

- Larry Deshler asked if the State of NH changed the maximum limit of an allowed ADU from 750 SF to 900 SF and if the SBVD has to change zoning to comply with the State. Hawkins said he was unaware of the change but will check with the Rockingham Planning Commission for their recommendation. The RPC helped member cities and towns establish guidelines for their original ADU zoning and should be able to tell us if a change is needed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Submitted by,
Don Hawkins

Next PB Meeting: The next meeting will be Monday July 8, 2024 at 7:00 PM. The meeting may be canceled if there are no cases to review or business requiring the PB's attention.