

**SEABROOK BEACH VILLAGE DISTRICT
MEETING MINUTES
April 14, 2014**

PRESENT Dick Maguire, Joe Giuffre, Ted Xavier
Don Hawkins, Steve Keaney

ABSENT Mike Rurak

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. Dick Maguire led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance and then introduced the SBVD commissioners and staff.

SECRETARY’S REPORT

Minutes of the March 10, 2014 meeting were distributed and reviewed.

Motion to accept Secretary’s Report:	Joe Giuffre
Motion seconded:	Ted Xavier
Motion passed by voice vote.	

TREASURER’S REPORT

Mike Rurak could not attend the meeting so Dick Maguire reviewed the treasurer’s report for March 2014 including current period and YTD information.

2014	March	YTD	Prior YTD
Total Income	\$ 1,805	\$ 6,855	\$ 22,030
Total Expenses	3,490	10,205	9,892
Net Ordinary Income	(1,685)	(3,350)	12,138
Total Interest Income	31	91	738
Net Income	(1,654)	(3,259)	12,876

Total cash in the District checking and savings accounts was \$253,327 at the end of March 2014.

- Dick said the good news was that the balance in the SBVD accounts is up 5.1% vs. prior year.
- The bad news is current period revenue was \$1,805. Expenses were \$3,490 and interest income \$31 resulting in a net loss for the period of \$1,654.
- YTD March 2014 revenues were \$6,855 down 68.9% from prior year with expenses of \$10,205, interest income of only \$91 resulting in a net loss of \$3,259 which is a drop in net income of 125.3%. The obvious different between the years is the very high revenue from permits in 2013 and higher interest rates in 2013.
- The commissioners were given the monthly disbursement approval form 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:

Ted Xavier

Motion seconded:

Joe Giuffre

Motion passed unanimously by voice vote

MEETING WITH SEABROOK TOWN MANAGER BILL MANZI

- Dick Maguire introduced Bill Manzi and said that Bill had agreed to come to the beach to talk about the Beach Parking Study Committee and boardwalk maintenance issues.
- Bill Manzi announced that the chair of the parking committee and one other member had just resigned. Before resigning the committee chair said the committee recommended the Selectmen leave the 2005 Seabrook Parking Ordinance in place and enforced it the way it was written. The town attorney told Bill the Selectmen had the authority to change the ordinance without going to town meeting.
- Dick Maguire explained the existing town parking ordinance was adopted in 2005 but the selectmen decided not to enforce it.
- Bill explained the **existing 2005 ordinance** allows placards to be given only to Seabrook Beach residents. If you are not a registered voter in Seabrook you are not allowed to have a seasonal placard even if you own a home at the beach and pay property taxes. The **existing practice** however, allows beach property owners to receive two seasonal parking placards for each living unit. Seabrook residents who register cars in town are given a parking sticker for each registered car, in-town resident stickers are one color and beach resident stickers another color. Beach resident stickers and seasonal placards are allowed to be used on side streets. In-town resident stickers can be used on Atlantic Ave.
- Joe Giuffre asked if the selectmen had voted not to enforce the ordinance. Bill said his search of Selectmen’s meeting minutes indicate that no vote was ever taken but the Selectmen do have the authority to change the ordinance according to the town’s lawyer.
- Ted Xavier said he had made an alternate proposal to the parking committee but it received no consideration. In his opinion the issue is enforcement of the parking regulations, not the availability of spaces. Ted understands why people complain that they can’t park in front of their own home. He said his proposal would be a one season experiment. Peter Mitchell asked about the details of the proposal. Bill Manzi read it to the audience.

Proposed changes to the seasonal Seabrook Beach Village District parking regulations for the 2014 Summer Season

- 1) **Eliminate separate parking stickers (issued when a resident registers a motor vehicle). Beach and Town residents should all receive the same sticker. Any vehicle with a valid parking sticker would be able to park in any, non-handicapped, valid parking spot within the Seabrook Beach Village District.**

- 2) **Seasonal parking placards will be given to Seabrook Beach Village District property owners (2 for each living unit). If a placard is adulterated, forged or copied, the placards will be confiscated for that property for the balance of the summer season and the property owner will be subject to a fine of \$100. If a placard is lost destroyed or stolen, it will not be replaced by the Town of Seabrook during the current summer season.**
- 3) **The area between the Precinct Building and the public restrooms on the West side Rte 1-A will be reserved for vehicles displaying a valid Seabrook parking sticker or placard from 6a.m. to 6p.m. After 6p.m. that area will be considered public parking.**
- 4) **Seabrook Beach Village District parking regulations will be in effect from the Friday before Memorial Day until the Friday after Labor Day.**

After the Summer Season has ended the results of these changes can be reviewed with the Selectmen and appropriate Department Heads to see if further revisions are needed.

- Dick Maguire said he supported the idea of eliminating separate parking stickers for beach and in-town residents. He thought the proposal was a fair compromise and that trying it for a year would give the Selectmen a chance to evaluate the viability. Bill Manzi said he would like to talk to the Selectmen about the idea.
- Peter Mitchell asked what the focus of the parking committee's discussion was. Ted Xavier said the committee focused most of their time on the original 2005 ordinance and did not spend time on alternatives. He thought the approach was subjective.
- Peter Mitchell asked if the Selectmen would enforce a new parking ordinance if they chose not to enforce the existing 2005 ordinance. He used the example of counterfeit placards as an example. Bill Manzi said he would use the police if available to enforce the parking rules. Dick Maguire made the point that the police do give tickets if no sticker or placard is in place but have not enforce the 2005 ordinance as written.
- Ted Xavier said that the same color sticker for in-town and beach residents would not happen this year but that his proposal would allow any color valid parking sticker on a registered vehicle to park in an approved space.
- Carole Howley thanked Ted for listening to the attendees at the parking meeting and for proposing an alternative that addressed many of their concerns. Phyllis Farfaras said she also liked Ted's proposal.
- Bill Manzi said he had to make a decision soon concerning parking to implement it for the summer season. He also thought Ted's proposal was a good start.
- Other audience members gave examples of why the existing 2005 ordinance is not fair.
- Paul Essigmann asked who will make the final decision on the parking ordinance. Bill Manzi said it was the responsibility of the Selectmen.
- Doris Sweet asked when they would decide. Bill said he hoped next Monday.
- Joe Giuffre asked if the subject would be on the Monday agenda. Bill said yes.
- Joe Giuffre and Dick Maguire encouraged people to attend the meeting.

- Bill Manzi said he would come back to the SBVD to discuss the outcome after the selectmen’s meeting.
- Bill Manzi said he was going to review needed repairs to the boardwalks with Seabrook DPW manager John Starkey. They would take a tour and decide where the repairs are needed. Bill didn’t think there were any major problems but the paths could use a little TLC.
- Sheila Fleming asked Bill Manzi if he was going to take the housing job. Bill said he wasn’t going anywhere.

Dick Maguire thanked Bill for attending the meeting and for addressing the parking issues.

BUILDING INSPECTOR’S REPORT

Steve Keaney reported:

- The new FEMA flood maps were out, that the area between Portsmouth Ave and Ocean Ave showed some improvements. Not as much of that area was in the flood plain according to the new maps. Other parts of the beach did not fare as well and were moved into the flood plain. If your house is no longer in the flood plain you may not have to carry flood insurance. Talk to your mortgage holder. Flood insurance rates may go up by as much as 25% per year until the actual cost of flood insurance is reached. FEMA is broke and is eliminating flood insurance discounts. Don Hawkins said the politicians are getting cold feet in an election year and may delay the increase until after the elections. Steve said the maps are on line but no date has been announced for when they will take effect. All of Ocean Drive is in the VE zone which is not good for those owners.
- Steve said Bob O’Keefe has applied to the NH DOT for a new driveway cut on Rt. 1A because in a family dispute the current exit from his property has been blocked by a family member who owns the property next to his gas station.
- The rate of issuing building permits for new construction has returned to a normal level. People who were issued permits last fall are trying to complete their work before the summer. He has been issuing permits for smaller jobs.

Motion to accept Building Inspector’s Report:	Joe Giuffre
Motion seconded:	Ted Xavier
Motion passed unanimously by voice vote	

OLD BUSINESS –

- A. Article 38 of 2014 Town of Seabrook election – Yes 615, No 666 (article defeated!)**
Dick Maguire announced that the warrant article to allow the use of fireworks on private property at Seabrook Beach was defeated by 51 votes in the recent town elections, which is an improvement over the prior year when the article was defeated by only one vote.
- B. Issues associated with construction at 256 Ashland Street.** Ms. Markell was not in attendance so further discussion on the subject was tabled.

NEW BUSINESS –

- A. Resignation of Pat Vivenzio from SBVD Zoning Board of Adjustment.** Dick Maguire announced that Pat Vivenzio recently resigned from her position on the SBVD ZBA after more than 30 years of service. Dick thanked Pat for her many years of service and asked the commissioners for ideas on an appropriate way to recognize her service.
- B. Resignation of Mr. Robert Gardella from the SBVD ZBA.** Dick announced that Robert Gardella also resigned his post on the ZBA. Mr. Gardella will continue to serve if needed in April and May but will then be moving out of the district.
- C. Rental Space in the district building in 2014.** Joe Giuffre said he has identified a possible renter for half of the available space in the district building. He expects to rent the southerly most space to a company who will run a scooter rental business. If the Seabrook Police are interested in using the middle space, it is still available. The applicant will be talking to the commissioners after the meeting to work out the rental details. They would like the space starting May 1st.

OTHER BUSINESS -

Dick Maguire announced:

- A. The Annual Meeting for SBVD is Tuesday, April 29th at 7:00 PM**
- B. SBVD Monthly Meeting May 12, 2014 will include information on piping plovers.**

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by,

Don Hawkins