

**SEABROOK BEACH VILLAGE DISTRICT
MEETING MINUTES
May 12, 2014**

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. Dick Maguire led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance. Dick introduced the SBVD commissioners & staff, Brendon Clifford from NH Fish & Game, Bill Manzi, Seabrook Town Manager and Ed Hess, Seabrook Selectman.

ELECTION OF A CHAIRMAN MAY 2014 / APRIL 2014

Dick Maguire was nominated as Chairman by Ted Xavier.
Nomination was seconded by Joe Giuffre.
Dick Maguire elected by voice vote.
Dick Maguire abstained.

MEETING WITH STATE OFFICIALS RE PLOVER SEASON 2014

Brendon Clifford representing NH Fish & Game said he was at the meeting to explain the plover protection program for 2014. His objective is to build communication between the State and the beach residents on how to protect the endangered plovers. He said the yellow symbolic rope fences had already been installed along the dunes and would stay in place until the plover chicks hatch and fly away. If everything happens without disruption the chicks should fledge sometime in early July. There will be no wood show fences installed this year. Two pairs of plovers have been spotted on Seabrook Beach. One pair has nested near Haverhill Street and the other pair is south of Hooksett Street but has not yet nested. If the plovers do not have to re-nest Brendon expects the eggs will hatch in mid June and be gone by July 4th. If the nests are destroyed the plovers may re-nest and the process will take longer. The rope fences may be moved to better protect the nest from humans walking too close and disturbing the plovers. This year there will be a full time monitor hired by the state to monitor the progress of the birds and to remind people to stay away from the nests. The monitor's name is Josh and he has experience in Mass monitoring plovers. The plovers are federally protected and the land owner, the Town of Seabrook, is obligated by law to protect the birds.

Joe Giuffre asked about beach raking. Beach raking will be allowed. The monitor will watch the process to ensure the safety of the birds and specify areas that should not be raked.

Doris Sweet asked about snow fences. No snow fences will be installed unless there is a real problem. The rope fences will be removed from areas where there are no plovers. Letters have been sent to ocean front property owners explaining the 2014 program and asking them to cooperate in protecting the plovers. Joe Giuffre said the same letter would be posted on the SBVD web page.

MEETING WITH TOWN MANAGER BILL MANZI

Dick Maguire asked about the parking lot striping north of the precinct building. Bill Manzi said the striping of the whole lot was done and that south of the bathrooms would be marked for Seabrook residents only from 6 AM to 6 PM. After that it will be open to the public. There are approximately 40 spaces for resident parking with 2 long spaces for boat trailers.

Ted Xavier asked about the town cleaning up the right of ways to the beach and repairing the walkways. Bill said some of the walks do need repair and he would send a schedule to the commissioners sometime in the next week.

Joe Giuffre asked about the status of Channel 22. Bill said the new equipment was being installed, that he expected it to be live in about a week and that meetings could be viewed from the town web site.

Joe Giuffre asked about a new transfer station fee schedule. He said at the last Selectmen's meeting it was reported that 5 items cost the town \$50,000 in disposal costs. Ed Hess said there is a Selectmen's meeting next Monday to discuss the fees. Other towns including Hampton have disposal fees for refrigerators, electronics and tires.

Steve Keaney asked if the transfer station will be closed on Sundays and if there will be a fall cleanup. Bill said the transfer station may close on another day or rotate days. The fall cleanup will be decided in the fall. Phyllis Farfaras said many people leave the beach in the fall and an August cleanup may be better.

Phyllis asked about a parking follow up meeting. Bill said he would like to have a parking debriefing at the beach in August and would leave it to the commissioners to schedule.

Steve Keaney asked about parking enforcement around Brown's and Markey's restaurants. Steve said customers are parking on both sides of the bridge which increases congestion and reduces safety in the area. Ed Hess said that the state police control Rt.286, that they can give tickets but that they will not lower the speed limit on the road. Bill Manzi said he will write a letter to the state police asking them to improve the situation. He noted there are no signs prohibiting parking on the bridge.

Joe Giuffre asked if there would be evening Selectmen's meetings. Ed Hess said he will schedule some evening meetings starting in June. He would also like to schedule one at the beach. He reminded the audience that they will need to be on the agenda if they have topics they want to discuss.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Minutes of the April 14, 2014 meeting were distributed and reviewed.

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

Minutes of the April 29, 2014 Annual Meeting were distributed and reviewed.

Motion to accept Secretary's Report:	Joe Giuffre
Motion seconded:	Dick Maguire
Motion passed by voice vote.	Ted Xavier abstained

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mike Rurak reviewed the treasurer's report for April 2014 including current period and YTD information.

2014	April	YTD	Prior YTD
Total Income	\$ 4,360	\$ 11,215	\$ 25,530
Total Expenses	6,298	16,503	13,624
Net Ordinary Income	(1,938)	(5,288)	11,906
Total Interest Income	30	121	989
Net Income	(1,908)	(5,167)	12,895

Total cash in the District checking and savings accounts was \$251,397 at the end of April 2014.

- April revenues were \$4,360 with expenses of \$6,298 and interest income of \$30 resulting in an operating loss on \$1,908. Legal notices for the annual meeting and zoning changes added over \$2500 to April expenses causing the loss.
- YTD revenues are \$11,215 with expenses of \$16,503 and interest income of \$121 resulting in a net loss of \$5,167. The expense growth is primarily from legal notices.
- The LGC is asking the commissioners to confirm the SBVD insurance commitment for 2014-2015 and for 2015-2016. The district can opt out of coverage with 45 days notice. The commissioners will consider the request.
- 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

BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT

Steve Keaney reported:

- Permit revenue is down from prior year but there is one new house just permitted on Tilton Street. There are a lot of smaller projects where home owners are trying to get ready for the summer season.
- Contractors are not allowed to park on the street and residents should contact Steve if they are causing a nuisance.
- Steve said the new zoning changes are being integrated into the zoning ordinance. The revised ordinance will be up on the SBVD web site soon. He will be sending out letters

to owners of boats and campers who are in violation of the zoning changes telling them they have 30 days to move the vehicles.

- Steve reminded the audience that new FEMA flood maps have been published and that they should check the status of their property and make arrangements for flood insurance coverage if required. Insurance rates are likely to go up dramatically. There are many surveyors in the area who know how to deal with FEMA requirements. Reviewing the flood maps on line is better than using the printed maps because the detail on line is much better.

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

OLD BUSINESS –

A. Zoning Board of Adjustment Membership for 2014/2015.

Dick Maguire said that Pat Vivencio and Bob Gardella have stepped down from their positions on the ZBA. Remaining members include Hank Therriault (Chairman), Doris Sweet and Joe Giuffre. Peter Harter is an alternate. Mary Durrant has expressed an interest in serving on the board.

Motion to appoint Mary Durrant to the ZBA: Joe Giuffre
Motion seconded: Ted Xavier
Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

The next ZBA meeting is scheduled for May 21, 2014. Mary Durrant will miss that meeting.

B. Representative from SBVD to Seabrook Budget Committee.

Dick Maguire is stepping down from the budget committee and the commissioners are looking for a replacement. The committee meets every Thursday night from the beginning of November to mid-January.

NEW BUSINESS –

A. Rental agreement with Seabrook Scooter.

Seabrook Scooter has agreed to rent space in the precinct building. The lease has been signed and the first month's rent and a one month security deposit have been paid. They expect to open on Mother's Day and be open whenever the weather is nice. Their hours will be 9 AM to 7PM, 7 days a week. The lease is year round and they may sell scooters in the off season. Their store sign will be going up this week. The owner said NH does not require helmets but that Seabrook Scooter will require them for all rentals. Joe Giuffre said the certificate of insurance is in hand. The owner said no scooters will be stored in the building. Most will be stored off site and a few outside the building.

B. Request by SBCA for the use of the building.

Dick Maguire reviewed the dates requested by the SBCA.

Motion to approve the SBCA request:

Joe Giuffre

Motion seconded by:

Ted Xavier

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

C. Review of Annual Meeting logistics 2014.

Dick Maguire said there were 121 registered voters and an undetermined number of non voters at the 4/29/2014 Annual Meeting. He thought there were at least 130 people in a room which is rated for much less. He noted there was a motion to adjourn the meeting to the following night to a bigger room that was defeated. Dick thought Paul Kelly did a great job controlling the meeting under less than ideal circumstances. Dick sent an email to the commissioners and staff after the meeting asking for comments and recommendations for future meetings. Dick said responses included the meeting was not safe due to the number of people, some non-residents had voted which may have affected the outcome of one article and the size of the room made it impossible to separate voters from non-voters. Joe Giuffre recommended commissioners and the moderator review the issues to establish rules for future Annual Meetings.

Joan Larson was concerned about the system used to pass out voting stickers and who was voting.

Dick Maguire said there were 121 voters this year and only 34 voters last year.

Ted Xavier said there are 10 months to find solutions but it needs to be done before the next Annual Meeting.

Theresa Kyle said all nominees should be present at the meeting and be a permanent beach resident. Dick Maguire said past practice has allowed nominees to be absent from the meeting and still be nominated and elected.

OTHER BUSINESS - None

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by,

Don Hawkins