

**TOWN OF NORTHAMPTON/VILLAGE OF NORTHVILLE  
JOINT YOUTH COMMISSION MEETING  
May 12, 2021**

Chair Gritsavage opened the Northampton/Northville Joint Youth Commission meeting on Wednesday, May 12, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. at 412 South Main Street, Northville, New York.

**PRESENT:** Town Board Councilman/Chairman-William Gritsavage and  
Councilwoman: Molly Zullo  
Village Trustees: Sue Sedon and Sue Eckert  
Ken Adamczyk-Joint Youth Director  
Village Treasurer: Nathaniel Matthews  
Excused NCS Board Trustees: John Sira and Dean Shepard

**ALSO PRESENT:** Kate Coupas

**RECORDING SECRETARY:** Elaine Mihalik – Town Clerk

**MINUTES**

**MOTION:** Councilwoman Molly Zullo motioned to approve the minutes of the April 19, 2021 Joint Youth Commission meeting as presented. Seconded by Trustee Sue Eckert and passed by A Vote of 4 Ayes: William Gritsavage, Sue Sedon, Sue Eckert, and Molly Zullo

0-Nays

0-Abstain

The Motion Carried

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss whether to open or keep the Northville beach closed for the 2021 season stated Councilman William Gritsavage.

**BEACH**

Discussion is on the published notice for the Gatekeeper position noting that is if the beach is opened this year.

Ken Adamczyk mentioned that the problem we were running into this last year with the lifeguards was because of the lack of available training classes. We currently have 3 solid lifeguards and two part time lifeguards that can do a day or two a week plus Kate who is more there for Supervision than actually sitting at the beach every day. We have received resume/applications for the Gatekeeper position. I need to know if we are going to open the beach before interviewing any of these applicants.

We are potentially looking right now at 6 weeks - 42 hours a week – 6 hours a day.

Nathaniel Matthews mentioned that we would have to scale back the duration of the beach if we proceed with opening the beach just based on finances. We cannot afford to open the beach with hiring gatekeepers, plus the PPE, along the events such as Easter, Halloween, Christmas and movie night along with Ken's salary for the whole year and to open a fully functional program next year. The estimated cost to open the Northville beach is \$27,000. Approximately: \$2,000 for PPE and Port-a-potty; \$16,000.00 lifeguard salary; \$9,689 Gate Keeper salary plus cleaning supplies. If you do open the beach then we would have to look at scaling back the hours of duration of the beach.

There was concern and discussion of the salary for the lifeguards versus the Gatekeepers.

The board has been informed by Councilwoman Molly Zullo that Governor Cuomo is to make an announcement on May 19, 2021 about an update on the restrictions/regulations/safety guidelines pertaining to COVID-19 Pandemic.

The State proposal of opening of beaches is 50% by Memorial Day and 100% by the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

Katie Coupas has contacted someone in Old Forge regarding their beach and found that they use flex lines in 8' lengths and they put them into circles. They use 12' pvc pipe to mark the area.

We will need to purchase a couple of pvc pipe (1)-12' length and (1)-to drill holes for the water to have it marked at foot increments that would help us set our buoys 8', 5', 3' and to see what exactly our water level is. We do have to move the buoys during the year and move the anchors out.

Ken Adamczyk mentioned that he is on a time restraint to file DOH paperwork, plus getting and filing lifeguard WSI information to get to the State before we open the beach. The DOH is working from home therefore it is taking a little longer to get things done. Ken mentioned that he is looking at if the beach is opened, he would have to set everything up on June 26<sup>th</sup> to be opened and start on the 27<sup>th</sup> of June.

Ken mentioned that he needed a decision made as to whether the beach is going to open or it will be closed by May 24<sup>th</sup> so he can file the appropriate paperwork on time if needed.

Ken was also concerned that if the gate were to be left open but the beach is closed. He would like to see that some money be put aside for somebody to clean the beach at the end of the day.

There was discussion on fees charged for a beach pass in the past. The Town Clerk explained as follows:

2002 – 2004 everyone paid \$8.00 for the beach pass

2005 - Day pass \$6.00 – Resident Seasonal pass \$8.00

2008 – Resident pass \$5.00; n/r Seasonal pass \$25.00 and Day Use \$10.00

In 2011 there was a limit to a maximum of 6 people per car load

2015 – 2018 no charge for using the beach but a permit was issued

One year the Clerk had to write the plate number of the vehicle that was going to be driven to the beach on the pass. That didn't work because if their vehicle broke down, they were using someone else's vehicle. One year the Clerk had to write everyone's name from the household on the beach permit that was going to use the beach. Another year they sold permits at the beach along with the Clerk issuing them too.

Ken informed the board that with the closure of the Summer Program for the last two years he would stay on to help and keep it going with the next director to rebuild it and help with the paperwork.

The board was in favor of getting a legal opinion from our insurance carrier and Attorney tomorrow. Nathaniel Matthews stated he will contact both NYMIR insurance and the Attorney to get a legal opinion on liability to the Town/Village regarding the beach. Liability on leaving the gate open to the parking lot with no lifeguards on duty and beach is closed, proper signage and parking out along State Highway 30.

Ken Adamczyk mentioned that he will contact the DOH to inquire about protocol if there are any changes. Nathaniel and Ken will meet to discuss their information they gathered.

Ken stated that he would like to continue to do the movie night in the park, everyone is looking forward to.

If the beach is not going to open Nathaniel Matthews feels both the Town and Village should contribute at least 50% of their normal contributions that would cover all of the events plus the salary. Nathaniel stated that he will put together the numbers for the boards review for the next meeting for each event that Ken is looking at holding.

The next meeting has been scheduled for May 20, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

**ADJOURN:** With no further business coming before the Joint Youth Commission Board, Trustee Sue Sedon motioned to adjourn at 7:44 p.m. Seconded by Councilwoman Molly Zullo and passed by

A Vote of 4 Ayes: William Gritsavage, Sue Sedon, Sue Eckert, and Molly Zullo

0-Nays

0-Abstain

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Mihalik

Town Clerk