

HAMPTON PLANNING BOARD

DRAFT MINUTES

January 20, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Tracy Emerick, Chair
Ann Carnaby, Vice Chair
Alex Loiseau, Clerk
Fran McMahon
Mark Olson
Keith Lessard
James Waddell, Selectman Member
Jason Bachand, Town Planner
Laurie Olivier, Office Manager/Planning

ABSENT:

I. CALL TO ORDER

*Due to the State of Emergency declared by the Governor as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, and in accordance with the Governor's Emergency Order #12 pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04, in order to properly ensure the safety of the public and that of several of the Board members who are within the CDC guidelines needing to take special precautions, this body is authorized to meet electronically. Please note there is no physical location to observe and listen contemporaneously to this meeting, which was authorized pursuant to the Governor's Emergency Order. However, in accordance with the Emergency Order, Chairman Emerick is confirming that the Planning Board are: Utilizing a teleconference service for this electronic Meeting. The Public may join the teleconference by calling **1-857-444-0744** and using the code **156034**. If anyone has a problem, please call **603-929-5805**.*

Mr. Emerick commenced the meeting by introducing the Planning Board members and leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Emerick read the Governor's State of Emergency criteria regarding the meeting being held telephonically. Prior to the meeting, the Planning Office gave information to residents/applicants on how to access the meeting electronically.

Attendance was taken, and it was stated who was in the room. Planning Board member, Ann Carnaby, and Office Manager, Laurie Olivier were home; James Waddell was at home, as was Mark Olson. No one was present with them. All other Board members and Town Planner, Jason Bachand, were present in the Selectmen's Meeting Room. It was noted that all votes will be taken by roll call. Brian Warburton was on the line as were Barbara Kravitz, Anthony Ciolfi, and Sharon Raymond, all for the Master Plan Steering Committee.

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II. ATTENDING TO BE HEARD

Master Plan Steering Committee

1. **Public Comment (relating to Master Plan)**
2. **Milone & MacBroom – Consultant for Vision and Coastal Management Content**
 - a. **Focus Group Progress**
 - b. **Final Virtual Workshop**
 - c. **Draft Coastal Content Outline**
 - d. **Draft Vision**
 - e. **Next Steps for Project / Steering Committee Action Items**

Mr. Bachand asked residents to hit 5* on their phones if they have comments relating to the Master Plan (there were none).

Noah Slovin and Dave Murphy (Milone & MacBroom) were on the line. Nathalie Morison (NHDES) was on the line. Steering Committee members Anthony Ciolfi, Brian Warburton, Sharon Raymond, and Barbara Kravitz were also on the line.

Mr. Slovin discussed the focus group meetings. A couple meetings have been held so far. One is scheduled for tomorrow night (HBAC and Hampton Beach Village District). An outlook invite was sent if one wants to join. **February 9th is the HBAC Coastal Symposium.** Other focus groups are still being worked on. **February 2nd in the afternoon there will be a focus group with the fishing community.** Under-represented groups will be reached soon as well. They are reaching out to participants and they are getting responses on attendance. **The students group, which Keith Lessard has a group of students on board – they need to figure out a date.**

The final focus group will be the general public group. They may split into different rooms for that – because it may be a larger meeting. Mr. Ciolfi reached out to the Hampton Walkers.

Mr. Slovin discussed dates and times for a residents group. It should be after all of the other groups have met. He is looking at February 9th. Mr. Bachand said that is a conflicting date with the HBAC Symposium. **He noted the 11th or 10th may be better.**

Mr. Bachand discussed the fishing group and under-represented groups. Once there is a final date and time, information should be sent to the entire Steering Committee. Mr. Slovin said if it is this coming Tuesday, it may be quick.

Mr. Bachand clarified proposed meeting dates. He noted the 26th is coming fast. Dates will be locked down tomorrow per Mr. Slovin.

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Mr. Lessard said he knows it (participation) was difficult when things were ‘normal’, but with COVID it’s much tougher. Ms. Carnaby concurs.

Ms. Kravitz asked Mr. Slovin about the focus groups – she asked if he feel he is getting a good sampling. Mr. Slovin said there is some overlap with the HBAC and Hampton Beach Village District. Fishing groups and under-represented have not been involved yet.

Mr. Slovin said since February 9th doesn’t work – if anyone has a chance to fill out the poll or link asking about good or bad dates, that would be great. If he does not hear, then he will assume there is no preference. Mr. Emerick said just choose a date and do it.

Mr. Warburton discussed the Symposium and day meetings. He thinks evenings may be better. He feels if they are during the day, a lot of people will be left out of the equation.

Mr. Slovin discussed a final virtual workshop to review and draft Vision and Coastal contents. Documents would be drafted and placed online before the event. Choosing a date (first couple of weeks in March) – for a single, public workshop. Week of March 8th or 15th. Master Plan Steering Committee meeting is on the 17th. Would that be a positive or negative was asked.

Mr. Bachand said it could be prior to the Planning Board meeting or do it separately. Mr. Emerick said it is shuffling the deck. Mr. Bachand said we should pick another date. Ms. Carnaby said it would be on a RPC meeting night (if the 10th). It was asked to do this meeting on the 11th. **It would be held via ZOOM. We are shooting for the 11th.**

The Draft Coastal content was discussed. The outline of the Coastal chapter was discussed. He asked for feedback. Ideas and recommendations were asked about. Mr. Emerick thought it was very thorough. Mr. Bachand noted under “vulnerability” – on Lafayette Road heading toward the Hampton Falls town line. It floods constantly/frequently. It should be referenced in here. Town Line up to the Route 101 Interchange. Mr. Slovin said he will call that out. He thinks it is in the Seabrook-Hampton Estuary. Mr. Bachand said to call it out more specifically - it is a major route in/out of Town. Mr. Lessard asked about the Taylor River. Mr. Slovin said that the whole area will be looked at. Mr. Slovin likes that idea.

Ms. Kravitz has a few observations. She wants to know what we will get out of it without data, science, and observation. Look at suggested examples at the end of the ‘skeleton’. The way options are presented and risks were discussed. She can’t see that from the outline. How it is designed and put together will be important.

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Mr. Slovin said he feels it will match up to what Ms. Kravitz asked. Ms. Kravitz wants to know where we're going in 2040-2050.

Mr. Slovin discussed what the timeline will look like in the future. Mr. Murphy said this won't be a stand-alone report; there will be something that runs through all the content and gives a message, but can be plugged into other portions later.

Ms. Carnaby discussed density, facilitating migration, etc. Have studies and input indicated that those are desirable goals was asked. Mr. Slovin said this comes from public input and from the Steering Committee.

The downtown is dense per Ms. Carnaby. Flooding and finding places for people to live was discussed. Mr. Slovin said Route One to inland he considers downtown. Ms. Carnaby said it should be looked at more.

Mr. Ciolfi discussed promoting higher density in Town Center. There are areas where we could get apartment buildings that adhere to zoning. Making a more vibrant downtown was discussed.

Mr. Slovin discussed relocating in Town. The whole Master Plan can lay out where it can be; it does not need to be in the Coastal Chapter.

Mr. Slovin discussed the Vision. We want it updated as they get more information from the focus groups. Different colored text was noted. He asked for edits.

Next Steps. Mr. Slovin discussed finishing up the focus groups in January and February. The outline will turn into a draft document. Once input is all inserted, it will be placed online for the public. **The workshop will be March 11th.** Feedback from the public will help create the final draft of the Coastal and Vision in March.

Mr. Ciolfi discussed the Hampton to Hampton Falls area. Route 1A along the coast was discussed. After big storms, snowplows throw rocks all over. It's mostly the DOT's responsibility, but it's going to be Hampton's responsibility—working in coordination with Hampton. Mr. Slovin will include information about Route 1A. It will be in the plan.

III. CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARINGS

IV. NEW PUBLIC HEARINGS

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V. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES of January 6, 2021

MOTION by Mr. McMahon to approve the Minutes.

SECOND by Mr. Lessard.

Ms. Carnaby has a correction on Page 8, third paragraph. ...look at it and see if it can be “fleshed” out instead of “flushed”.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 7 - 0 - 0

MOTION PASSED.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE

- **HBAC Coastal Resilience Symposium – February 9, 2021 (Virtual)**

Mr. Bachand said this is being hosted by the HBAC. It will be conducted on Zoom. The Moderator will be Bob Casassa. There will be overlap with what we are doing (Town Master Plan). The information on this Symposium is on the Town website. You can sign up by the 5th of February. Mr. Lessard asked if it is being recorded. **Mr. Bachand will find that out. Zoom does record. Mr. Lessard encourages them to record this.**

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

- **RSA 41:14-a Process - Town owned Deed Restrictions on formerly Leased Land Tax Map 183, Lot 26 – 4 14th Street – Modification of Deed Restriction #4 in order to allow for a minimum of a 4’ setback on the western boundary of the property as measured from the boundary line to the drip edge, and 3.9’ from the eastern boundary of the property as measured from the boundary line to the drip edge.**

Mr. Bachand said the Planning Board and the Conservation Commission need to recommend proposed deed restriction modifications, and this then goes to the Board of Selectmen. The Petitioner is on the line - Cheryl Boyd-Bruhm. This is to accommodate an addition. Bringing structure into compliance was discussed as well. They received a variance for side setback from the ZBA – from the boundary line to the foundation. There is a plan, which the Board has.

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It was noted we need a recommendation.

MOTION by Mr. McMahon to recommend this to the Board of Selectmen.

SECOND by Mr. Loiseau.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 7 – 0 – 0

MOTION PASSED.

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- **New FEMA Flood Maps (effective January 29, 2021)**

Mr. Bachand said this is a reminder that the new flood maps will go into effect on January 29th. The Town's required tasks have been completed. The required materials have been submitted to the NH Office of Strategic Initiatives, who then forwarded them to FEMA.

- **Deliberative Session – Saturday, January 30, 2021 at the Hampton Academy Gymnasium**

Mr. Bachand noted that everybody is welcome to attend the Deliberative Session. Attendance is important. Social distancing will take place. Ms. Carnaby asked if others (not attending in person) will have an opportunity for input. Mr. Bachand does not know. Mr. Waddell said the Board of Selectmen will be talking about this next Monday night at their meeting. Bob Casassa and Jamie Sullivan will discuss this also. Mr. Waddell asked residents to tune into the meeting. Ms. Pulliam (on the line/Finance Director) said it will be live. It will be broadcast live on Channel 22. Ms. Carnaby asked if one can be heard. It was noted one has to be present to be heard. Mr. Lessard noted this is the same with School District meetings.

It was then MOVED to go into a Non-Public Session: Non-Public Session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II, (c)

MOVED by Mr. Lessard.

SECOND by Mr. McMahan.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 7 – 0 – 0

MOTION PASSED.

The Board thanked Channel 22 and entered the Non-Public Session at 7:55 p.m.

The Board returned to the Public Session at 8:10 p.m.

A roll call vote was taken to seal the Minutes of the Non-Public Session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II, (c).

MOVED by Mr. Lessard to seal the Minutes.

SECOND by Mr. McMahan.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 7 – 0 – 0

MOTION PASSED.

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VIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Mr. McMahon.

SECOND by Mr. Lessard.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 7 – 0 – 0

MOTION PASSED.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Olivier, Office Manager/Administrative Assistant

****PLEASE NOTE****

ITEMS NOT CALLED OR IN PROGRESS BY 10:00 P.M.

MAY BE CONTINUED TO THE NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING