

HAMPTON BEACH AREA COMMISSION



100 WINNACUNNET ROAD, HAMPTON, NH 03842

HBAC Draft minutes March 23, 2023 at 7PM

This meeting was held live in the Selectmens' Meeting Room of Hampton Town Hall

Attending:

Commissioners attending:

Nancy Stiles, chair, Town of Hampton
Patricia Bushway, Vice Chair, Member at Large
Bill Watson, NH Dept. of Transportation
Bob Preston, Hampton Chamber of Commerce
Alex Loiseau Hampton Beach Village District
Dylan Drake, Town of Hampton

attending by phone:

Michael Housman, Treasurer, NH Dept Natural & Cultural Resources
Barbara Kravitz, RPC representative

also attending:

Jason Bachand, Town Planner
Ann Carnaby, Administrative Assistant

Not present:

Chuck Rage, Hampton Beach Village District

WELCOME, Pledge of ALLEGIANCE

Public Comment: none

Appointment our legislative team was expected but is not present . This is the last day before crossover so they might have run late

Adoption of 2023 minutes

moved - Alex Loiseau, second - Bob Preston - unanimous vote

Treasurer's report - Housman - balance in treasury - \$7,963.43
accepted unanimously

Old Business - Sub committee reports:

a. Building review committee - Rage, Preston, Bushway

465-467 Ocean Blvd received conditional approval by the Planning board on 3/1

b. Town of Hampton Master Plan - Bushway reports:

town Master Plan was accepted by the Planning Board at its Feb 15th meeting. It will be formally presented to the board of Selectmen next Monday night by J Bachand, the town planner and Tracy Emerick, chair of the Planning board.

The Steering Committee is now disbanded and the Implementation Committee will be formed for an initial meeting in June.. It will be a 15 member group with 2 reps from the Planning Board, 4 reps at large from the town; and single reps from most of the boards & committees. Most will have 1 year renewable terms. this committee will be responsible to interface with every board, committee, commission, & department of the town . there are many recommendations for implementation - some will be more expeditious than others. Copies of the whole plan & the Executive summary are available in Town Office, the Library & the Planning Board

Update on DOT Public Hearing 2/25 - Preston reports:

There was plenty of opportunity for attendees to provide input, but not a lot of chance for real exchange. DOT knows a lot about roads, but we can and should teach them about Hampton Beach. they still intend to move the parking east to the edge of the beach where they say it is safer for pedestrians, but many believe that will spoil the view of the beach between "the lady" and Boars Head. N Stiles had a petition signed by 236 people urging the road be left next to the beach lest that area become like a beach to the south.

A possible solution to the Church St exit off the beach would be to purchase the Ron's Landing property which is now empty and available, and connect ocean Boulevard with Rte 101 at that location. it would offer more lanes on & off the beach even though there would be some building through the marsh. Stiles and Preston suggest to Bill Watson that he take the idea back to DOT for consideration.

c. HBAC Master Plan update and new website progress - Kravitz on the phone

GEI, our consultants are actively focused on having our strategy groups sharing a first look at the mapping & design. We will also see the matrix of activities by many groups. We need to look at the scheduling of decision meetings. GEI has provided comment on the Town of Hampton Master Plan.

The new website is coming along & we expect to have it live by end of June.

New Business: Updates -

- Both warrant articles for repairs at Gentian Ave & the seawall were funded by the voters
- SB 122 was tabled and if not removed from the table before the end of Session for further action it will then die on the table and no further action on the project will happen.

Adjourn at: 7:35 PM

motion by: B Preston second by A Loiseau, Vote: motion passed unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Carnaby,
HBAC Administrative Assistant