



HAMPTON BEACH AREA COMMISSION



100 WINNACUNNET ROAD, HAMPTON, NH 03842

HBAC Draft minutes of Commissioner meeting 4/22/2021 at 7PM

Meeting called to order by Chair Nancy Stiles in the following manner"

As Chairman, I Nancy Stiles have determined that 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, she has determined that to properly ensure the safety of the public and as several of the Commission Members 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, I am confirming we are:

The Public may join the teleconference for purpose of Public Comment at the beginning of the meeting by calling **1-857-444-0744** and use code **156034**

If you have trouble accessing the call please call 929-5805 for assistance.

All votes will be taken by roll call for clarity.

Pledge of Allegiance led by: Chuck Rage

Attending:

Commissioners:

Nancy Stiles, Town of Hampton and Chair - in room

Pat Bushway - Town of Hampton - in room

Dean Merrill, Member at Large and Vice Chair - on phone

Barbara Kravitz, RPC representative - on phone

Michael Housman, NH Dept Natural & Cultural Resources - on phone

Chuck Rage, Hampton Beach Village District - in room

Robert Ladd, Hampton Beach Village District - on phone

Bob Preston, Hampton Chamber of Commerce - in room

also attending:

Jason Bachand, Town Planner - in room

Ann Carnaby, administrative assistant - on phone

Not present:

Bill Watson, NH Dept. of Transportation

Public Comment related to agenda items:

LYNN MORRISON - 553 Ocean Blvd. phoned in - asked if she could bring up an issue not related to the agenda but related to beach crosswalk and sidewalk issues in which she has encountered very frustrating roadblocks. She has been working with residents in Hampton & other seacoast towns and has learned that while many have safety concerns, it is a matter of jurisdiction. the state had apparently determined that all crosswalks are up to the towns they are in to not only maintain them, but the work must be done to DOT state guidelines. She has learned that in some instances where crosswalks were not maintained to standards, they were removed. There seems to be something in the state 10 year plan for sidewalks but no mention of crosswalks.

She asked our town manager who suggested perhaps the town would consider a warrant article. Many others she has spoken with agree this is a safety problem but no one is willing to take it on, so she is bringing it to the HBAC to see if this group can help.

She has heard that in other areas of the state where this problem occurs, the state simply removes the sidewalks. If that happened here, no one would have any way to cross Ocean Blvd.

STILES asks if she is talking about all sidewalks north of Boars Head?

MORRISON the worst is the one just north of Boars Head - there had been 3 in that area a few years ago but they have all been taken out

RAGE - if they are non-conforming to ADA, it is a problem

STILES - so the state says the town must fix?

RAGE we must talk with the state

STILES - we'll investigate & get back to you, Lynn - thank you

Membership information:

STILES - we have received the resignation of Rick Griffin and will miss him and appreciate his seven years of service to the HBAC

Will now introduce Pat Bushway, who has graciously agreed to serve in Rick's place, representing the Town of Hampton - welcome Pat!

Minutes of previous meeting 3/25/21

acceptance moved by RAGE

seconded by MERRILL

unanimous roll call vote yes

Treasurer's report (Housman)

balance in treasury - \$6,635.79

Review Committee

RAGE & LADD have been asked to serve to review land use issues on the beach but have received none

RAGE - only the Rivera Hotel - nothing else

BACHAND - I will make sure you get noticed

STILES - there are 2 on the committee - should be 3 - any volunteers?

BUSHWAY - offers to be 3rd on the committee

BACHAND - any beach project that requires a plan review will be sent to the Review Committee

STILES - letters of support were sent - one to Abigail requested by Bachand and one sent to NH DOT in support of the Bridge project. (attached below)

Other Old Business

- Report of HBAC Coastal Resilience Symposium Summary Report

STILES - report should be out by end of month - thanks to Barbara Kravitz and Ann Carnaby for their work to get it completed and for their many hours of work on the whole event. I am developing a list of those who should receive a copy - please add any more you think should be on it:

Senator Hassan, Senator Shaheen, Representative Pappas, the Governor, NH DES Coastal Program, theRPC, our state representatives, Hampton town manager, Board of Selectmen, Planning Board, Resilience Planning, Speaker of the NH House, President of the NH Senate, chairs of the appropriate Legislative Committees, State Library and electronic copies to Presenters, Advisors and attendees.

RAGE - thanks to Nancy Stiles for a great job! Good team, good leader, both essential.

STILES - the next steps in pursuing the next portion of updating our Master Plan are involving conversations about funding - we can seek either \$20,000 for a shortened update or \$40,000 for a complete update. Senator Sherman agreed to ask the state for \$20K through the Capital Budget, and that we will likely be asked to provide match money. Barbara will tell you about the other aspects being worked on:

KRAVITZ - all groups cooperated in the symposium with great interest, which was produced by the three of us and the help of the Coastal Program. There were over 100 people on Zoom with great responses - many asked us to do another in the fall. We are working with the Coastal Program to move forward with the Master Plan - we are developing the work plan instead of having to develop an application - the larger the funding package, the more we will be able to add elements of science and technology. Our intention is to involve every segment of the community. We learned in the symposium there are many groups working on resilience - what can happen by 2050 and what should be done for the community to preserve its future. We'll work with the Coastal Program on our work plan and will involve theRPC, town Master Plan consulting group and others and will leverage the overlapping results. If this arrangement with Coastal Program is successful we should be able to begin in June

STILES - The Coastal Program may want us to have some skin in the game, but we don't have more than about \$2,000 available except for in-kind work. should we allocate money with a \$2,000 cap?

RAGE no cap in case we are able to come up with another funding source,

MERRILL - can a cap hurt us or will it give us an advantage?

STILES - has been told we can get quite a complete update for \$40,000 - shall we continue to move forward with RPC and Coast to get a complete environment update

LADD - suggest we authorize \$2,000 and require another meeting to vote again if more funds are needed

moved by LADD, second by KRAVITZ passed by unanimous vote

KRAVITZ - by next meeting we should have something from the Coastal Program that we can agree to

- CHAT Recommendations

KRAVITZ - Jay Diener came to us with his presentation that he has been circulating to many groups in town - last night he presented to the Planning Board and Master Plan Steering Committee It is too premature for action by the HBAC. this past Tuesday the CHAT group met with the Hampton Building Inspector who said this was the first tie he has heard any of it. suggest that the commissioners table any definitive action until the CHAT group has had more time to work out their direction.

BACHAND - as the group is evolving so are their recommendations - that process should be allowed to develop before definitive action is considered

New Business

RAGE - do we want to try to do any fundraising during this summer - maybe a table or something at the Seafood Festival - put it on the agenda for next month

STILES - last night the issue of attendance at the Steering Committee was brought up - our representative is C RAGE - who is very busy and will continue to do his best

STILES - it is important that we keep us and the town in synch with each other

BACHAND - it is important that there be active participation each meeting by all reps to the Steering Committee - interactive activities are being planned for each meeting

KRAVITZ - Phase II of the Hampton Master Plan has been launched - there are 15 positions on the Steering Committee representing various groups in town and each voice is important to be heard regularly. recently only a few have been regularly present.

STILES - Rage will continue and when he cannot attend Preston will be the alternate

Next meeting: May 27 - details TBA

Adjourn to adjourn at: 7:51PM

motion by: RAGE

second: by: MERRILL

Vote: motion passed unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Carnaby, HBAC Administrative Assistant



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March 26, 2021

Abigail Lyon
Piscataqua Region Estuaries Partnership
302 Nesmith Hall
Durham, NH 03824

RE: Letter of Support – Town of Hampton PREPA Grant Application

Dear Ms. Lyon:

This letter is prepared, on behalf of the Hampton Beach Area Commission (HBAC), to express its support for the Town of Hampton PREPA Grant Application to incorporate the NH Coastal Flood Risk Summary, Part 2 Guidance into the Town's Land Use Ordinances. This proposal aligns with a Phase I recommendation of the Town's ongoing Comprehensive Master Plan Update, and we are pleased that the Town's Planning Office is proactive in pursuing this important work at this time. The proposal also corresponds with the efforts of the HBAC, as showcased during our February 2021 Coastal Resilience Symposium.

Hampton Beach is home to many businesses, residents, recreational opportunities, and public facilities. It also attracts many tourists, particularly during the summer months, which serves as a vital economic engine for the State of New Hampshire and the Town of Hampton. With major coastal storms frequently affecting Hampton Beach, sea-level rise exacerbating high tide flooding on a monthly basis, and the impacts of climate change become more disruptive, now is the time to consider pertinent amendments to the Town's Land Use Ordinances. We are confident that this important step toward reducing Hampton's vulnerability to tidal flooding will help to sustain Hampton Beach and to create a more resilient Seacoast.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a letter of support for this grant application.

Respectfully,

Nancy Stiles

Nancy Stiles, Chair
Hampton Beach Area Commission



April 19, 2021

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Dear Jennifer,

On behalf of the Hampton Beach Area Commission I am responding to the open comment period for DOT project 15904 Seabrook-Hampton.

Thank you for the presentation given in the public hearing on April 8, 2021. It was very clear about the work that has been done to not only consider the travelling public; vehicle, marine, emergency vehicles, bicycling, walking but including an area for lookout and individual fishing. Care has also been given to the sensitivity of the area and in support of the economies and increased tourism during relatively few but very important months.

We are excited with the proposal and the vision for Hampton maintaining its vibrant hospitality service and convenience for the travelling public.

If I can answer any questions please don't hesitate to reach out to me, HBACChair@comcast.net .

Thank you,

Nancy Stiles

Nancy Stiles, Chair HBAC