

Hampton Beach Area Commission

Minutes of meeting on: 5/23/19

at the Hampton Beach Fire Station meeting room

This meeting was recorded by Channel 22

Meeting called to order at 7pm by chair Nancy Stiles, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance



Town of Hampton



NH Dept of Natural and Cultural Resources



NH Dept of Transportation



Hampton Beach Village District



Hampton Area Chamber of Commerce



Attending:

Commissioners:

Nancy Stiles, Town of Hampton and Chair
Rick Griffin, Board of Selectmen Representative
Barbara Kravitz, RPC representative
Michael Housman, NH Dept Natural & Cultural Resources
Bob Preston, Hampton Chamber of Commerce
Chuck Rage, Hampton Beach Village District
Robert Ladd, Hampton Beach Village District

also attending:

Jason Bachand, Town Planner
Ann Carnaby, meeting assistant

Not present:

Dean Merrill, Member at Large and Vice Chair
Bill Watson, NH Dept. of Transportation

Public Comment:

There was no public comment owing to an absence of public. One person arrived later in the meeting.

Minutes of Previous meeting:

Adoption of 3/28 minutes :

B Kravitz suggested a correction of erasing the words "for the downtown area" in the second line of text under the name Tom McGuirk.

Move to adoption of March 28, 2019 minutes with correction moved by Rage, seconded by Griffin - unanimous

Treasurer's report (Housman)

M Housman - balance of \$7161.11

Old Business

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1. Review subcommittee report C Rage & others discussed plans for the future sites of Little Jacks and the Kentville in particular. Both plans are still being discussed & modified. B Ladd mentioned the possibility of creating an architectural review committee. C Rage stated that the lots along the beach were small and any new building has to be large enough for the owner to make money, yet better designed. N Stiles suggests that a procedure be developed for the HBAC to review a project & supporter recommend change. R Griffin suggested that an HBAC have a representative at each PRC meeting where a beach properties being reviewed.

The PRC (Plan Review Committee) meets on the 4th Wed of the month @ 2PM in the Selectmens' meeting room. The Planning Office can forward agendas to both N Stiles & C Rage. B Kravitz suggests that whenever possible, those applications be accompanied by a small visual of the applicants' plan.

2. Update from CHAT - Stiles & Ladd are looking at flooding & coastal adaptation chapter of the HB Master Plan. CHAT will have input related to flooding & possibly drainage. Ladd urges those who haven't seen last Monday Board of Selectmen meeting (5/20/19) to watch this really good presentation on flooding. Goal is to present to the Board of Selectmen ideas to address problems that are coming. R Griffin added that the program was presented by Homeland Security so we can work toward getting the town to meet the guidelines so we can qualify for the best discounts & qualify for \$\$ to either raise homes in the flood zones or remove them. J Bachand states there is a coastal group working with the Planning Board - Stiles states there are environmental concerns addressed in each master plan - both town & beach

New Business

1. J Bachand informs that the Planning Board is initiating updating the Master Plan for the town without benefit of funds for expert guidance, since that warrant article did not pass. The Planning Boards' second meeting of the month from now on will be devoted to the initial phase Master Plan development, and will include representatives from key groups in town. R Griffin volunteered to be the HBAC representative, with Bob Preston as his replacement if he is unable to attend a meeting. To launch this activity, the board has invited a representative from the RPC to present a "Master Plan 101" at the next Planning Board meeting on June 19, so we can start building a foundation for next years' warrant.

2. Discussion of a need to hold an HBAC meeting or public hearing during the summer months - none was brought up so that at this time there will be no HBAC meetings in June, July or August this year. If need should arise, August would be the preferred month to call a meeting.

3. Crosswalk paint design - handout with picture of a design created by a 12 year old girl which, while it is on a flat road surface, creates the illusion of a substantial "speed bump" on the road. M Housman - the state DOT has discussed this - no conclusion yet...

B Preston - it may betook startling for Ocean Boulevard - but could be useful on the side streets

R Griffin - there are other versions - there is a red brick version which misquote effective

C Rage - still thinks the physical barriers are best for pedestrian control

Regina Barnes (from the public) need better indication of crosswalks - especially at the end of Win-nacunnet Road where it is really dangerous - need markings at the crosswalks and warnings 20 - 30 feet in advance of them at every approach

B Kravitz - this style could be successfully modified - we should all watch for what is being done in other communities for good ideas...

N Stiles - we should watch for what is being done other places so we can make recommendations to the town.

Stiles asked for input status the RFP for 1A - there are surveyors on the boulevard now...

M Housman - the community meetings well attended with good input - the state gains a lot of good input & community seems to enjoy these meetings

B Preston - the work on 1A looks great, but predicts that there will be puddling since the road surface is now higher - when there are puddles, pedestrians don't see the holes & can easily twist an ankle

C Rage - the crosswalk at F Street should be moved to the other sides it is safer for pedestrians, but need twitch for location of wheelchair access. L Street is also bad

R Griffin notes that Tom, the FEMA insurance representative who spoke at a previous meeting did follow up with RG which was extremely helpful.

Next meeting:

may be either August or September - TBA.

Adjourn at: 8:10 PM

motion by: Rage second by: Ladd Vote: unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Carnaby, meeting assistant