

HBAC Draft Minutes: 9/24 /2020

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



Attending:

Commissioners:

Nancy Stiles, Town of Hampton and Chair
Dean Merrill, Member at Large and Vice Chair
Rick Griffin, Town of Hampton
Barbara Kravitz, RPC representative
Michael Housman, NH Dept Natural & Cultural Resources
Chuck Rage, Hampton Beach Village District
Robert Ladd, Hampton Beach Village District
Bill Watson, NH Dept. of Transportation



also attending:

Jason Bachand, Town Planner
Ann Carnaby, meeting assistant
Tim Roache, RPC - Zoom host



Guests:

Noah Slovin, Milone & McBroom, inc.
Kirsten Howard, NHDES
Nathalie Morrison, NH DES



Not present:

Bob Preston, Hampton Chamber of Commerce

Public Comment related to agenda items:

there was no public comment

Appointments:

Noah Slovin - Milone & McBroom, consultant to the Town of Hampton Master Plan Phase I
STILES - welcomed Noah and invited him to tell us about Milone & McBroom
SLOVIN - Milone & McBroom (M&M) is a small New England firm working on a wide range of projects - he is in his 5th year with the firm and focuses on coastal resiliency, & hazard mitigation. He works with Dave Murphy, also of the firm, which has recently merged with another firm, but that hasn't changed their work with Hampton. Their responsibility is to develop two of the sections of the new Hampton Master Plan known collectively as Part 1 and includes the Vision and Coastal Resilience elements. This work is funded by a grant from NHDES & NOAA.

The current Planning board, responsible for the town's master plan has established a Steering Committee to over see this work. Work on the Vision section began with public engagement in a variety of ways and is ongoing. These two sections will ultimately merge with the rest of the revised master plan, (Phase 2) which is funded by a vote of the town last March.

The Vision section will identify the unique shape of Hampton's identity & guide its' future growth. The Coastal Resilience portion will assess its' vulnerabilities, develop adaptation strategies and a long range implementation plan.

He went on to describe the list of tasks and the schedule of activities, which has been modified because of the advent of Covid-19.

A outline of the Vision statement has been circulated and a draft can be begun whenever the Steering Committee is ready.

KRAVITZ - in the final product, what will be the contribution of M&M's expertise that will let us move forward?

SLOVIN - there is a lot of information - the M&M contribution will add their own expertise by digesting the input into a coherent and productive set of statements. The coastal Resilience portion will be more shaped by their "bast practices" knowledge and how to make the community more resilient in the future. they will dig deep into the values held by the community

KRAVITZ - so we draw out the community's hopes and goals looking forward to 2050, and rely on M&M's expertise to say here are the ways to get there

SLOVIN - based on the Vision outline, that is the feedback so far - would like the Commissioners' input as to what may be missing.

Key words regarding Vision are:

family safe environment, government accountability, sustainability, history, health, walkable downtown, beach family friendly, improve connections between town & beach, support local small businesses year round, maintain small town feel

Key words regarding coastal resiliency :

limit development, sea level rise, erosion control, overcrowding, visitor management, maintain high quality of water, address sea level rise, long lasting solutions - not quick fixes, maintain coastal habitats and eco systems, enable and enforce regulations and codes, bring in state and federal funding, nourish dunes and beaches, improve the drainage system

Key words for overall management:

traffic, safety, year round economy, beach accessibility especially for handicapped

LADD - we should connect this with the engineering study being done by DPW

RAGE - any talk of public transportation for offsite parking for beach? - yes.

GRIFFIN - lives at the beach, and noise control is going to be necessary

STILES - many are concerned about flooding and how the beach businesses will be protected... are we going to be able to have a beach in 2050? - yes - this is part of the purpose of the section on coastal resilience is how to keep our beach

SLOVIN - invites all to communicate thoughts and questions with him:

603-945-6110 Nslovin@mminc.com

STILES - thanks to Noah!

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acceptance moved by Griffin, seconded by Merrill, unanimous yes

Treasurer's report (Housman)

balance in treasury - \$6,635.79

Old Business

- Stiles sent a letter to the RPC in support of both the Rte 1A bridge construction from High St south to the Harbor Bridge, and the rail corridor construction project from Hampton Falls to Drakeside Rd in Hampton.

New Business

- Grant application update:

The HBAC grant application for funds to conduct the next section of the HBAC Master Plan - Environment section, was not funded in this round owing to there being far more applications than funds. Only 3 applications could be funded.

In a conversation, Stiles suggested there be a symposium held by HBAC as an initial step in the development of the environment section of their master plan, to bring together representatives of all activities relating to coastal issues in order to determine who all the participants are and how their activities can fit together efficiently and without duplication and fit into the HBAC Master Plan.

Kirsten Howard offered support for this suggestion of \$4,000 from DES for a consultant of the choice of the HBAC to help realize this symposium - HBAC doesn't have to apply, it can just happen.

Commissioners react:

RAGE - free money is good

STILES - this would be a place for all activities to come together - this should not be in conflict with the town master plan activities

LADD - it makes sense to bring all groups together so they don't conflict

KRAVITZ - there are so many groups, agencies, etc., who are playing in the same sandbox, we really need to know who is doing what with whom, so this makes a lot of sense

MORRISON - the symposium idea is good. A consultant can help with it plus identify further funding sources for the environmental section of master plan.

ROACHE - it can stimulate a regional framework for coordination of activities related to Coastal Resilience.

STILES - may we have the commissioners' permission to move forward with the symposium and the consultant for the scope of work for \$4,000?

Moved by Griffin, seconded by Rage, motion carried unanimously

Other:

GRIFFIN - has heard of a \$38 M grant awarded to UNH for flood mapping - UNH leads mapping activities.

J BACHAND is working on preliminary maps on the town's website for work on the coastal section of town master plan

Next meeting: TBD

Adjourn at: 8:26 PM

motion by: Rage

second: by: Griffin

Vote: motion passed unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Carnaby, meeting assistant