



Hampton Beach Area Commission

Hampton Beach Area Commission Meeting Minutes – October 27, 2005 Hampton Beach Village Precinct Hall

In Attendance:

Jim Workman, Chairman – Town of Hampton
Fred Rice, Secretary/Treasurer – Town of Hampton
John Kane (for Michael O’Neil) – Hampton Beach Village District
Skip Windemiller – Hampton Beach Village District
Tom Higgins – Hampton Area Chamber of Commerce
Doug DePorter – NH Department of Transportation
Sandrine Thibault – Office of Energy and Planning
Brian Warburton - DRED (Seacoast Parks & Rec)
Warren Bambury – Rockingham Regional Planning Commission
Betty Gagne - Seacoast Parks & Rec (Administrative)

Absent:

Allison McLean - DRED
Jamie Steffen – Town Planner, Town of Hampton (Administrative)

Guest:

Chris Gamache, DRED (Dept. of Parks and Recreation)

Jim gave an update on the annual report. The report was mailed out by Jamie Steffen before the October deadline, and was received by all who were supposed to get it.

Warren Bambury passed out a sample fund raising idea for the museum project – an Accent on Dining restaurant sampling event flyer. He said he had approached John Tinios at the Galley Hatch about holding such an event at the conference center, but John suggested the Casino ballroom as a better spot, to accommodate more people. The commission is discussing holding the fundraiser as the first big beach event in late March or early April.

Doug DePorter gave a brief update on the status of the proposed Hampton Bridge. Although the project is still in the discussion stage, it does have a project number: 14188. A general discussion took place that centered on timing of lifts, etc. Doug said there are some historical considerations with the old bridge, and DOT is still weighing rehab vs. full reconstruction. A full presentation from Concord will take place at a later meeting.

Election of officers was then held. Skip Windemiller nominated Fred Rice as Chairman. The nomination was seconded by Jim Workman. Fred then nominated Doug DePorter as vice-chairman. The nomination was seconded by Jim. Fred then nominated Allison McLean as

Secretary/Treasurer. The nomination was seconded by Skip. All present were in favor of those who were elected.

Fred Rice then took over the meeting as the new Chairman. He said the commission should solve one action plan item per meeting. He announced that Gene Silver, a local contractor, was at the meeting to show plans for a complex to be built near Hampton Harbor, with elevators and parking. Fred suggested that Gene go before the sub-committee to discuss the project in further detail.

Fred said the sub-committee is presently working on a list of warrant articles. Jamie Steffen is currently working on the wording for the first three articles:

1. The requirement that the first floors on all new buildings along Ocean Boulevard be commercial property only.
2. The criteria be established for a FAR – 4.
3. One parking space per unit for any condo conversions.

The planning board will review the articles for approval when they are finished.

Fred encouraged the public attendees to bring up their issues to a committee member before a scheduled meeting so the group can add it to the discussion items.

It was announced that Skip Windemiller , owner of the Oceanside Inn, recently received the Innkeeper of the Year award from the NH Lodging and Restaurant Association.

The next meeting of the HBAC will be on Thursday, December 1st, at 7pm, at the Beach Fire Station Precinct Meeting Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Gagne