



*Department of Resources and  
Economic Development*



**Hampton Beach Area Commission  
100 Winnacunnet Road  
Hampton, New Hampshire 03842**

**Monthly Meeting –October 25, 2012  
Hampton Police Station – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Training Room  
7 PM**

**DRAFT MINUTES**

**In Attendance:**

John Nyhan, Chairman, Town of Hampton  
Fran McMahon- Rockingham Planning Commission  
Bob Preston- Hampton Chamber of Commerce  
Chuck Rage, Hampton Beach Village District  
Bill Watson, Vice Chairman-NH Department of Transportation  
Rick Griffin, Town Selectmen  
Walter Kivlan - Hampton Beach Village District

ABSENT: Deputy Richard Sawyer, Citizen at Large  
Michael Housman, Operations Supervisor, DRED (Seacoast Parks/Recreation)

**Other:** Laurie Olivier- Secretary  
James Steffen – Town Planner

1. Introduction of Commissioners  
Hampton Beach Village District – New Commissioner – Walter Kivlan

Mr. Nyhan asked Mr. Kivlan to say a few words on his being appointed as the new Commissioner representing the Hampton Beach Village District. Mr. Kivlan stated that he served as the Clerk for the Village Precinct. This is his fifth year on the Beach. From the age of 58 to the present he's been at the Beach. He is honored to serve for the three years.

2. Public Comment Session – related to agenda items  
Review & approval of May and September Minutes

Mr. Nyhan noted that there is not a quorum to adopt the September meeting minutes and it will be placed on next month's agenda. There are enough members to approve the May 24<sup>th</sup> Minutes.

**MOTION** by Mr. Watson to approve the May 24, 2012 Minutes.

**SECOND** by Mr. McMahon.

**VOTE: 6 – 0 – 1 (Kivlan)**

**MOTION PASSED.**

### **Appointments –**

#### 1. Charlie Preston – Town and DRED/MOU and related subjects

Mr. C. Preston discussed the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). He discussed the beach being trashed. He brought pictures to Mr. Barrington years ago. He waited for the MOA for years and has it now. It was signed August 27<sup>th</sup>. He wants to improve on it. He discussed dates the beach has been trashed. He feels the Beach/Town is not prepared for crowds and trash.

He discussed the DRED meeting and the Joint Operations Plan. Mr. Preston feels our season starts around St. Patricks Day/Tax Day. He wants the agreement to reflect that and wants the season defined. Most money was made at the Beach during the shortest recorded season. Now the season runs from April 1<sup>st</sup> to November 1<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Preston discussed the meter enforcement and noted that having the November 4<sup>th</sup> meter extension date is not good. He feels the Beach's goal is to be user friendly. Pavement cutting and lengthening the season was discussed.

Mr. Preston discussed the October 19<sup>th</sup> parking scam article that was placed in the *Hampton Union*. Another article was placed in the *Globe North* on October 11<sup>th</sup>. He thinks the Commission should be more pro-active about getting the parking costs discussed.

Mr. Griffin stated the Town waited for a long time before signing the Agreement. The Town wants to work with the State. Portsmouth has received Federal money and he believes a lot of money can come Hampton's way, but it's been pushed away.

Mr. Rage said the Village District has been working well with the State as well.

Chris Clement from DOT is working on this also per Mr. Griffin.

Mr. Preston discussed Parks and Recreation secondly. Improvements and revenue was discussed. Mr. Preston also discussed signage at Highland Avenue and the Brown Avenue area, having a pocket park of sorts placed there, like a bus stop area. A new basketball court was discussed. Parking lot possibilities and parking being user friendly was discussed. Mr. Preston asked if there were warrant articles on parking. He discussed lights in parts of Town and areas where people can park. Paying by time was discussed.

Mr. Rage discussed an off-street basketball court and the potential of skating in the flooded parking lot.

The Commission should invite Ms. Martin of Parks and Recreation to the next meeting.

The third item Mr. Preston discussed was transportation and parking. The Fire Station construction was discussed and the Brown Avenue intersection with Ashworth as being the hub of the Beach. Improving the parking lot accessibility was discussed. Getting people out to 95 quicker was discussed.

Mr. Nyhan liked Mr. Preston's ideas. The grant from the federal government will be happening soon and looking at traffic flow, etc. He asked Mr. Preston to stay in touch.

As far as Parks and Recreation, Mr. Nyhan thinks Ms. Martin should be called in to discuss the subjects Mr. Preston discussed.

Mr. Nyhan thinks the MOU idea will be forwarded via Mr. Griffin to the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Griffin said the warrant articles should be discussed to Ms. Martin ASAP - by next month. Mr. Nyhan will call Ms. Martin tomorrow.

Mr. Rage asked how/when topics need to be a warrant article. The Precinct does not have any land.

#### Chairman's Report

##### 1. Update – Commissioners - appointments/reappointments

Mr. Nyhan discussed that at the next Board Of Selectmen meeting, next week, it will discuss the vacancy for the position Mr. Nyhan currently holds.

The other opening available is for the Commissioner at Large position. It was noted in the newspaper and at the Board Of Selectmen meeting that there is a vacancy. Anyone interested should contact Mr. Nyhan by October 20<sup>th</sup>. The one response Mr. Nyhan received was from Richard Sawyer, who holds the position now. Mr. Nyhan stated Mr. Sawyer would be happy to participate in that position for another year, especially in light of the Federal grant regarding transportation. Mr. Sawyer submitted his letter as a nominee and asked for the Commission to vote.

**MOTION** by Mr. Preston to have Mr. Sawyer continue with his position, starting November 1<sup>st</sup>.

**SECOND** by Mr. Rage.

Mr. Preston added that Mr. Sawyer does a great job at this position.

**VOTE: 7 – 0 – 0**

**MOTION PASSED.**

Mr. Nyhan will let Mr. Sawyer know of the decision of the Board. Mr. Sawyer is at FBI camp presently.

##### 2. Meeting with Sal Lupoli/Casino

Mr. Nyhan attended the meeting with Sal Lupoli as did Griffin, Mr. Rage and Mr. McMahon. Mr. Nyhan likes that Mr. Lupoli wants things done right. Mr. Lupoli would like the this Commission to have input on his ideas and he would like to get together with the Commission. Mr. Lupoli would also like a meeting with Mr. Nyhan and DRED to discuss the State Park, the Shell and the Casino and services that are offered by DRED. Mr. Nyhan will work on that.

Mr. McMahon believes incremental changes will take place. He felt it was a positive meeting.

Mr. Rage said the meeting was positive also.

Mr. Griffin said he felt many people felt they weren't invited and noted that this meeting was Joyce Grandmason's idea, and she wanted to make sure Sal met many people. Since that meeting, Mr. Griffin has been invited by Mr. Lupoli to go to the next stage, which is to attend one of the top 10 medical device companies in the world. It is a company that makes dialysis equipment. He feels Mr. Lupoli will make fabulous things happen for Hampton.

Mr. Nyhan likes Mr. Lupoli's vision.

##### 3. HBAC Financial Report

It was noted by Mr. Nyhan that there is nothing new to report.

## Old Businesses

### 1. Discussion – Transportation Grant – (Bill Watson)

Mr. Watson discussed Chris Clement. He is the Commissioner. He requires a lot from staff and really wants to make things happen. Sidewalks and crosswalks were discussed and it was noted that many crosswalks have been striped now. Mr. Watson, starting next week, will have conversations with DRED regarding crosswalks north of the police department and it will be discussed which ones need to be marked and which ones need to be closed. Weeble crosswalks were discussed and those may occur for the next season. Working with the BOS and DPW was discussed. Improving traffic flow on the Route One corridor was discussed. The work was not budgeted appropriately.

The Department is working with the RPC on the intermodel feasibility study. They are looking at interchange improvements, transit opportunities, engineering, etc. Mr. Watson will not get personally involved with this.

The Commission has \$300,000 of Federal dollars, along with the required 20 percent match, that allows them to look at the Beach area and other corridor studies for a by-way management plan update. Mr. Watson was concerned about the administrative burden and costs. He asked Mr. Nyhan if the Beach wants to take on that role. Mr. Clement thought it was a good idea to look at Ocean Boulevard. Mr. Watson has received the okay to have the DOT step up and take action. He will be called a Project Administrator. The DOT will take on that role, but will not manage the project. The DOT will not develop the plan. The DOT wants to manage the funds and develop an MOU to serve as the day-to-day work managers of the transportation plan update. They can make sure consultants are brought on board.

They will get planning professionals. The HBAC will be a key component to making this work. He thinks this will be less than \$300,000. Piloting recommendations was discussed and is on the table. Signage and traffic flow, signals, parking areas, improvements, he believes are all doable. The transportation plan update is first to take place. Mr. Watson has to put together the MOU and make the plan formal. He wants the HBAC's input as well.

Mr. Nyhan discussed a timeline with an activity. Mr. Watson will put a draft MOU together and it will then go to the HBAC for its input. Then the completed document will be the guideline on how to move forward. Mr. Watson wants by next month's meeting, most of the language that the HBAC wants in the MOU. Mr. Nyhan wants members to be in contact with Mr. Watson individually with their thoughts and goals. He wants this item to be on the November meeting.

Mr. Nyhan entertained the idea to the Commission. Our next meeting is the 29<sup>th</sup> of November. That would give the Commission 6 weeks to get information to Mr. Nyhan. The Commission agreed with that.

Mr. Griffin said Mr. Clement seems like a great addition and Mr. Phil Bryce. The Lafayette Road intersection will be a warrant article and they are trying to make it more appealing to the voters. There may not be sewer work done that will bring the cost down.

Mr. Charlie Preston asked about the timing of the Fire Department being built and entrances and exits to the Town lots. Mr. Griffin stated Ms. Martin may have information on that and possibly Vic Demarco has knowledge on that as well. There is a timeline on the Town website that the Fire Chief presented this week.

Mr. Nyhan will touch base with Mr. Watson to discuss the MOU and come back to the Commission members to get its feelings on it.

2. Discussion - DRED updates (Housman/Nyhan)

Mr. Housman had his mother's 75<sup>th</sup> birthday today and was unable to attend the meeting. Mr. Nyhan said regarding the North Hampton bathhouse that the contractors are a bit behind in schedule. It will not impact opening in the spring. Mr. Nyhan read some of the key points in an email from Mr. Housman to himself. (attach to the Minutes).

Mr. Nyhan discussed the catering process. It was a one-year contract. They will look at the RFP and it will make sure local caterers are included.

3. Other old business

None.

New Business

Mr. Bob Preston talked to Kara Schaake about 83 Ocean Boulevard. She stated that 20 out of 36 units have agreements and all commercial properties have interest. He feels this will be good next summer.

He discussed Dudley's. The corner looks good. He wants to acknowledge when people make improvements and encourages other business to do the same.

Mr. Bill Watson said DOT is working with the Village District and others on proposal to put a large buoy near the bridge heading into Seabrook, and discussed keeping the area looking nice. An anchor may go by Bicentennial Park as well per Mr. Rage. He stated that would look nice.

Mr. Walter Kivlan said he wants to compliment the DOT men on getting the bridge taken care of so expeditiously.

1. Other new business

Adjourn

**MOTION** by Mr Preston to adjourn.

**SECOND** by Mr. Griffin.

**VOTE: 7 – 0 – 0**

**MOTION PASSED.**

Mr. Griffin said Mr. Lupoli has a mentoring program for kids also.

Mr. Rage noted everyone should get out and vote.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Laurie Olivier  
Secretary