



HAMPTON BEACH AREA COMMISSION



100 WINNACUNNET ROAD, HAMPTON, NH 03842

HBAC Draft minutes of Commissioner meeting February 9, 2021 at 2:30PM
This was the regular monthly meeting held at the conclusion of the scheduled HBAC Coastal Resilience Symposium commenced this day at 9am, held virtually on Zoom.

This meeting was recorded by Zoom and posted to the Town of Hampton website

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

As Chairman 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 were taken by roll call for clarity.

Pledge of Allegiance led by: Barbara Kravitz

Attending:

Commissioners:

Nancy Stiles, Town of Hampton and Chair
Dean Merrill, Member at Large and Vice Chair
Rick Griffin, Board of Selectmen Representative
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, administrative assistant

many participants of the Symposium

Absent:

Bob Preston, Hampton Chamber of Commerce

Public Comment related to agenda items:

Dennis Eary wanted to know where he could go to get help with erosion problems in the marsh
Stiles will ask the commissioners

Minutes of previous meeting 10/24/2020

acceptance moved by Rage

seconded by Merrill

unanimous yes

Treasurer's report (Housman)

balance in treasury - \$6,635.79

Old Business

none - no reports from subcommittee activity

New Business

Stiles asked for thoughts on today's symposium:

Merrill - it was information overload - no one is ready for the next coastal event
whatever it is

Stiles - we need to make the public more aware

does anyone have an answer for Dennis Ealy's question?

Kravitz - suggest he contact Jen Hale at Hampton DPW

Rage - concerned about funding - this is all going to take money - where do we get it
from, how do we get it, Sen Watters' suggestion a good one...

Ladd - first impression is also too much information, but very encouraging to see so
many people working on this issue with everyone using the same songbook
concern that it is unrealistic for our police chief to do his job & also manage the
Emergency management Requirements we'd have to activate in the event of an
incident

Watson - overwhelming and impressive - there are so many, we need coordination of all
the players

Stiles - that can be from a single source or multiple sources - do you have a
preference?

Watson - many sources

Stiles - referenced Katherine Harake's question in the chat re: how do we get Hampton
to be a sea level rise district as Sen Watters suggested?

In closing, Stiles asked each Advisor for their top recommendation for the HBAC going
forward:

LAUREL ADAMS (REDC)

Encourages consulting with REDC for help with the economics

ROGER STEPHENSON (UCS)

need some degree of certainty in planning
include the science in your plan
write it so it is accessible to the reader
include SHEA, CHAT, Hampton businesses
breadth in planning will minimize costs

KIRSTEN HOWARD (NH DES)

first challenge is to figure out how resiliency is to be developed without risking
second challenge is how to do it without risking the rest of the town
establish a joint implementation committee
DES will help to get federal money, there is often a match involved

RICK FRIBERG (TEC)

"living with the water" now becomes very real
implement zoning to make properties more flood resilient
include dealing with storm water after the floods have receded

JAMIE SULLIVAN (MANAGER, HAMPTON)

speakers are daunting
must continue the conversation
have to fund this activity and move forward
need another symposium going forward
protect our infrastructure by dealing with events before they occur

TIM ROACHE (theRPC)

look at a regional perspective - to MA and southern Maine
there is a Coastal Land Use Guide at RPC
our decisions impact our neighbors and vice versa
use commonly shared measurements and guidelines
short term storms can be very bad - need to invest now

REP RENNY CUSHING (NH HOUSE)

information shared has been impressively in depth with very broad representation
from a Concord perspective there is a great need for funding
may be federal funding - state is the missing component
we are the jewel of the state park system
need to include representatives from Maine & Mass

JOHANNA LYINS (STATE PARKS)

it was an eye-opener day - HBAC is poised to go forward
need to integrate a beach-estuary-marsh plan
there is a "changing face of the beach" concern over increased capacity
funding for "next big storm" from FIMA is only to 80%

TOM MCGUIRK (MCGUIRK PROPERTIES)

it will take a lot of work to satisfy the stakeholders at the beach
next meeting should identify solutions as well as issues

JOHN NYHAN (HACoC)

need more of these meetings

NEXT-ERA was missing

must consider an adequate evacuation plan that fits with the other parts
must coordinate all entries to the beach so we don't have an island

STEVE WHITMAN (RESILIENCE PLANNING)

it is good to see what we know

the systems perspective should continue for how to go forward

also need to continue to step back to get a regional perspective

needs to have a joint implementation effort

Stiles - anyone else?

SEN TOM SHERMAN

keep a regional perspective - look at Plum Island

understand the power of communication

need regular meetings to help coordinate effort to become synergistic and not competing

he would sponsor legislation when it is decided on

BOB CASASSA

preserve the beach experience

ROGER STEPHENSON

businesses need to learn about continuity planning

we have many resources to help with that - UNH, RPC, Coastal Program

JOHANNA LYONS

remember the state park system is self-funded

5 parks support all

should rethink how the land is used

BOB CASASSA

consider satellite parking for state parks

TIM ROACHE (theRPC)

there are many concepts - roads to parks transportation studies available at RPC

BOB CASASSA

if the storm of 2018 happened today would the result be any different?

KIRSTEN HOWARD (NH DES)

in 2018 the most impacted neighborhoods were asked to make lists in re: preparing for the next event

BOB CASASSA asked Laurel what type of support is there fro the REDC

LAUREL ADAMS (REDC)

educate businesses re: change & how to deal with it
partner with RPC & the town for opportunities

STILES : concluding remarks - next steps will be to seek a grant to hire a consultant to update the coastal resilience aspect of the HBAC Master Plan

Next meeting: March 25 pending Zoom or teleconference availability

Adjourn at: 3:03 PM

Vote: motion passed unanimously - (no roll call needed for an adjournment motion)

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Carnaby, Administrative Assistant