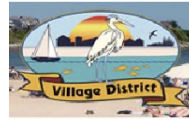


HAMPTON BEACH AREA COMMISSION



100 WINNACUNNET ROAD, HAMPTON, NH 03842

HBAC Draft minutes January 31, 2023, at 7PM

This meeting was held live in the Selectmen's Meeting Room of Hampton Town Hall

Attending:

Commissioners:

Nancy Stiles, Chair, Town of Hampton

Patricia Bushway, Vice Chair, Member at Large

Michael Housman, Treasurer, NH Dept Natural & Cultural Resources

Barbara Kravitz, RPC representative - (phoned from home)

Alex Loiseau Hampton Beach Village District

Bob Preston, Hampton Chamber of Commerce

Dylan Drake, Town of Hampton

also attending:

Jason Bachand, Town Planner

Ann Carnaby, Administrative Assistant

Not present:

Chuck Rage, Hampton Beach Village District

Bill Watson, NH Dept. of Transportation

WELCOME, Pledge of ALLEGIANCE

Public Comment:

Jason Bachand, Town Planner, introduced Tori Bamford, the new Coastal Resilience Coordinator for the town.

Appointment - Jen Hale, Director, Department of Public Works, Town of Hampton

Background and updates on Kings Highway project and upcoming warrant articles from DPW

The area of the beach near where High Street joins Route 1A is known as the Bicentennial seawall, which was originally made out of timbers. In the 1940's the first cement wall was built by the town. This wall is 2' lower than the part built by the state onto the southern end of it at the parking lot.

the town seawall has less than 3' buried in sand with no support below it.

In 2016 a report stated the town wall requires immediate stabilization

2017 a revetment was placed in front of the wall to strengthen it.

2018 a design of a new wall was approved but construction was not funded, since the plans needed to be reviewed.

The permit for it expires this year but has been renewed.

Water is still eroding the wall from behind - the time is now...

we have the opportunity to move forward with a \$3M bond article.

BUSHWAY - is a living shoreline an option for this area?

It was looked at but with all the erosion behind the wall it was determined to not be a good location for a living shoreline.

Article 12. Kings Highway asks for general road drainage, & how SLR & increased flooding can be dealt with - the study recommendations are to alleviate but not eliminate flooding - there is an extra \$180 K to move forward and it was completed the end of last year

ARPA Coastal flooding Infrastructure grant for \$2M & completed design - whole project needs \$800K more - it is a catch basin system in this neighborhood, when the water rises it has no place for it to go and the area stays flooded for days - with the new catch basins along Kings Highway the water will go to a new pumping station and then to a force main on Winnacunnet Road and out to the south side of the road. Putting water into the estuary may make us more resilient but it won't solve the issue, will only alleviate - it should not be enough water to impact the whole marsh. It is not draining Meadow Pond and the water can still come in from behind and it will handle the water from the sky, and the water will move out much faster than in the past.

The area east of Meadow Pond takes the water south to a much larger catchment area.

If the article passes is there something to be done after that with additional work - this is a piece to keep Hampton sustainable for the future. It is large and requires collaboration with planning and conservation

The slides will be on town website on the link to the warrant

Article 24 Sewer manhole risk assessment - about sewage leaking into the wastewater treatment area - another grant of \$34k to do a vulnerability study, not just to study the water but the structural integrity if the manholes

Adoption of October, 2022 minutes

acceptance moved by Barbara Kravitz

seconded by Bob Preston

unanimous yes

Treasurer's report (Housman) - balance in treasury - &3083.38

Subcommittee reports

- New project review - Commissioner Rage - Cand recent activities of commissioner Bushway reports there is an 8 unit condo to explore & make recommendations

- Town Master Plan - overview by Vice Chair Bushway of the process which took place over more than three years - begins with a vision statement, then a comprehensive Existing Conditions survey of the town as it is as an excellent starting point. The community engagement was very robust - believes it will be a useful and useable document that is well written and will do well for the town

Chair Stiles thanks Jason Bachand, the town planner for his circulating of documents. the HBAC comments from our consultant on the HBAC Master Plan will be sent to the Planning office

- HBAC Master Plan & Steering committee activities - Commissioner Kravitz

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Old Business:

- Pier Feasibility study report - commissioner Preston met with Senators Stiles & Avarad - there is much excitement

New Business:

Proposed SB 122 is appropriation to design and build the pier at Hampton Beach - there are concerns if it was built at the northerly suggested location - is more likely to be sited at or near the State Park at the southern end of the beach.

Website - Alicen Brown of NaCI

Next meeting: Feb 23, 2023

Future meetings on 3/23, 4/27, 5/25, 6/22

Note that June 30 is the deadline for our Master Plan Coastal Resilience section to be completed.

Adjourn at: 8:27 PM

motion by: Alex Loiseau

second: by: Pat Bushway

Vote: motion passed unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Carnaby,
HBAC Administrative Assistant

01-31-2023 Commissioner Kravitz Report

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