

Hampton Conservation Commission
Natural Resource Inventory Subcommittee
Wednesday June 21, 2023

- I. Call to Order: 3:25pm
- II. Introductions with FB Environmental
 - a. Deborah Wrobel, Conservation Commission Chair
 - b. Jay Diener, Conservation Commission Vice Chair
 - c. Brianna O'Brien, Conservation Coordinator
 - d. Sarah Large, FBE will be the project manager
 - e. Forest Bell, FBE Owner
 - f. Pat Swank (not present) is the third member of the NRI Subcommittee
- III. Overview of scope of work & timeframe
 - a. Ms. Large reviewed the scope and timeframe of the project as they had submitted in the proposal. It was decided that because of some uncertainties with the PREPA grant the timeline would get pushed back a month.
 - b. The Master Plan is a broader view of the Town and the NRI will serve as a deeper dive into the data and details.
 - c. Including the Master Plan there are ample resources and data to pull from.
 - i. Ms. Large asked to be notified when the HBAC Master Plan is completed.
 - ii. Ms. Large asked for a copy of Hampton's conservation land spreadsheet.
 - iii. Ms. Large asked to be sent additional information about the Barkley Property.
 - d. The next check in will be around the end of summer, early fall. FBE will plan to have some draft maps done by that time.
 - e. The GIS/interactive maps that we wish to have as a final product in addition to the report can be hosted on our current AxisGIS platform or through ArcGIS. We will need to determine what our preference is so FBE will know how to package the data. In addition to the map files, FBE will provide Hampton with an Excel file of the metadata to help with organization.
 - f. Field Work: Field work could be used to explore more in depth, something(s) that makes Hampton unique
 - i. Sand as a resource and sand dunes are unique in Hampton
 - ii. *Iva frutescens* (Marsh Elder) is considered rare but anecdotally is very common and hardy
 - iii. Invasive species in general could be beneficial information
 - g. Outreach: FBE is not responsible for outreach but the PREPA grant requires certain outreach efforts. Hampton plans to this part of the work and hopes that

there can be a way for that to be integrated with the data and the science in the report.

- i. Hampton is planning on hosting a BioBlitz, potentially in the Barkley Property
- ii. Using residents of Hampton as a resource for photos-a photo contest?
- iii. Similar to SHEA's efforts with their estuary management plan, doing visioning sessions with students could be beneficial.
- iv. Mr. Bell suggested having a resident write the forward of the report. This could also be a "contest"?
- v. Ms. O'Brien would like these elements to be integrated into the science in a way that features humans as a keystone species.
- vi. Ms. Wrobel added that sea level rise and climate change have to be the lens through which we look at all of this in the report.
- vii. Hampton will keep FBE apprised of their outreach plans so the coordination can remain effective (i.e having maps prepared ahead of a visioning session).
- viii. As we get closer to the end of the project, we can brainstorm what the final presentation will look like- who the audience will be.
- ix. It was discussed how we can expand the audience of the report. Mr. Bell suggested a story map. A story map is not included in the budget, but FBE is currently working on one for another municipalities Master Plan for \$2,500.

IV. Adjournment