



# Hampton Beach Area Commission

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## **HBAC Draft minutes June 22, 2023 at 7PM**

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

### **Attending:**

#### **Commissioners attending:**

Nancy Stiles, Chair, Town of Hampton  
Patricia Bushway, Vice Chair, Member at Large  
Bob Preston, Hampton Chamber of Commerce  
Alex Loiseau Hampton Beach Village District  
Dylan Drake, Town of Hampton

#### **also attending:**

Jason Bachand, Town Planner  
Ann Carnaby, Administrative Assistant

#### **attending by phone:**

Michael Housman, Treasurer, NH Dept Natural & Cultural Resources  
Barbara Kravitz, the RPC

#### **not present:**

Bill Watson, NH Dept. of Transportation  
Chuck Rage, Hampton Beach Village District

## **WELCOME, Pledge of ALLEGIANCE**

### **Public Comment: none**

### **Appointment - Travis Pryor, GEI Consultants**

Presented his draft final report with the understanding that there will be another meeting scheduled after input on this final draft has come in before the end of this month so that it can be accepted by commission.

As of this meeting he has received 35 inputs which fall into 2 main themes: water over the seawall and tidal inundation. Others include DPW coordinating with DOT, strong feelings expressed regarding living berms, the intention is to NOT create a bathtub inland, need to place a berm in certain locations, questions from Sun Valley residents of increased maintenance dredging, the new bridge will facilitate better dredging. Southern Maine just got a project to purchase new dredging equipment which may be available to share. Many have responded to his request for photo documentation which is very helpful for understanding what is really going on.

The report contains an overview, constraints, to do's for immediately and in 5 years, a resource matrix & more. Recommendations for a resource's directory on the website & a staff position for the HBAC - there is federal money coming available soon.



Appointment: Tori Bamford, Hampton's Resilience Coordinator

Tori Bamford & Kirsten Howard of NHCP spoke next concerning the new Voluntary Elevation & Buyout Program sponsored by Flood Smart. The project began with the 2020 warrant article to pursue a grant from FEMA. Twenty % of all the NH flood insurance policies issued are for properties in Hampton, and our flood risk is getting worse - there are multiple buildings that need elevating or buyout but the owner can't afford to do either. this project creates a framework now for how to deal with such situations when there is a major disaster. Some details were discussed, selection criteria will be developed. The grants are challenging since the assessor determines the pre disaster market values and the town has to apply to the state for funds; the project is to figure out the process for Hampton. further details discussed.

**Adoption of minutes** moved - Preston, second - Loiseau, vote unanimous

**Treasurer's report** (Housman) - balance in treasury - \$18,648.66  
accepted unanimously

**Old Business - Subcommittee reports:**

- Building review committee - Rage, Preston, Bushway - no report
- new website - ready to go live with vote of commissioners moved by Preston, second by Loiseau, vote unanimous
- The CoC was not chosen to receive the grant it applied for
- legislative update  
SB122 was tabled with \$150k in the budget to further study how the handicapped utilize the beach  
HB442 lobster bill is in committee of conference
- Preston - had an alternative suggestion for hosting project manager of the Rte. 1A DOT project, but he is moving on - discussion of new strategy
- the jetty is scheduled for work by US Army corps of engineers in the fall

**New Business: Reminder**

- next meeting will be next week on Thursday the 29th 7pm-  
the chair needs a full board to accept the final report on the master plan update!
- next Master Plan section update to discuss - perhaps economic development, and perhaps including combining the three updates into the body of the original 2002 Master plan - bring your ideas...
- sand sculpting contest is scheduled for next year - it's 24th year!

**Adjourn at: 8:27 PM**

motion by: Loiseau, second by Preston: motion passed unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Carnaby, HBAC Administrative Assistant

