



# HAMPTON BEACH AREA COMMISSION



100 WINNACUNNET ROAD, HAMPTON, NH 03842

## **HBAC Draft minutes 9/30/2021 at 7PM**

This meeting was held live in the Selectmens' Meeting Room

### **Attending:**

#### **Commissioners: Representing**

Nancy Stiles: Town of Hampton and Chair

Barbara Kravitz: RPC (by phone - not attending large group meetings yet)

Patricia Bushway: Town of Hampton

Robert Ladd: Hampton Beach Village District

Michael Housman: NH Dept Natural & Cultural Resources (by phone - in quarantine)

#### **also attending:**

Jason Bachand, Town Planner

Ann Carnaby, Administrative Assistant

#### **Not present:**

Dean Merrill: Member at Large, Vice Chair

Chuck Rage: Hampton Beach Village District

Bob Preston,: Hampton Chamber of Commerce

Bill Watson: NH Dept. of Transportation

A quorum was declared, and all votes were taken by roll call.

### **WELCOME, Pledge of Allegiance**

#### **Public Comment:**

Lynn Larsen - 553 Ocean Blvd

speaking about the area north from Boars Head to Winnacunnet Rd with information from Bill Meehan, a resident at 558 Ocean Blvd and expert on electric utilities, who reports that many of the utility poles in that area are damaged, disfigured, & obstructing areas of former sidewalk preventing safe passage for both pedestrians and especially those with some mobility impairment. The estimated cost to replace the poles with 2200 ft of underground cable can be done with less than \$1 to 2 million per mile when the road is dug up for major repairs per the 10 year plan.

Photographs were provided the board, and the entire presentation as provided by the speaker is appended to these minutes.

#### **Adoption of 6/24 /21 minutes**

acceptance moved by Ladd

seconded by Bushway

unanimous yes

**Treasurer's report** (Housman) - balance in treasury - \$5716.48 as of this day

#### **Appointment:**

KIRSTEN HOWARD, Resilience Coordinator, NHDES Coastal program. She has worked with the HBAC representatives in the past, most recently on the Coastal Resilience Symposium held last January, the report of which is posted on the town website and the recommendations it contains will form the basis of the coastal environment portion of the HBAC Master Plan, next to be updated. She has been able to

acquire \$24,000 in federal monies to partially pay for the HBAC update. DES and DNCR are preparing to sign an MOA which will go to governor's council for final approval. It will contain a series of goals to reach and steps to get there. The HBAC resilience subcommittee - Stiles, Kravitz, Carnaby, will work with Housman and the resilience staff Howard & DiGeronimo. The funds will be expended through 5/2023 and will be spent through the consultant and team as yet to be hired.

There is a recognized need to integrate this and all other updated portions of the HBAC Master Plan with that of the town, also undergoing updating at this time.

LADD - thanks for her support of both the HBAC and CHAT

HOWARD - also wanted to mention that there is money included for the development of a simple website for the sharing of information concerning the development of the updates and other HBAC matters.

KRAVITZ - Thanks to Kirsten & Nathalie DiGeronimo of the NHDES Coastal Program, Chris Marino of the DNCR.

### **Old Business:**

1. next steps in the process of HBAC's Master Plan Environmental component and any action necessary for the MOA with NHDES-NHDNCR and authority of the subcommittee specifically as reported above by K Howard.

2. Reports from Subcommittees - P Bushway - those in her group visited properties singly - have not combined observations for a report yet.

3. Further action on last meetings' subcommittee policies - others have not yet met.

4. Discussion/response/action - Town Master Plan Sept 29th presentation for the Hampton Planning Board comments - the setup was unusual & unexpected, but worked surprisingly well

BUSHWAY - there were lots of discussions going on in the middle of the room which the format facilitated  
LADD was impressed by the number of people present who were not serving on boards or other parts of government

CARNABY - there were unexpected and spirited interchanges ongoing

KRAVITZ - that's what we want to see more of going forward - public outreach will be the key to the success of the process

BACHAND - pleased with the turnout - the format was great and the breakout part worked very well

STILES - people who didn't attend can go online to participate in the survey part on their own

5. Commissioners' review of the current Master plan and items/issues that should be addressed/maintained in our next phase update - no input

### **New Business:**

1. October Session of the State 10 yr Transportation Plan

**note: this session has been postponed until Monday, November 1 at the SeaShell - 7PM as of 10/4**

this session is critical for us to provide input into the state transportation 10 year plan.

Funding is committed for the bridge to be built beginning in 2024, but not all the funds have been allocated for the complete upgrade of Rte 1A from the bridge north to Plaice Cove.

2. Update on Commission Appointments/action

two terms were open this year - Bob Ladd was reappointed to represent the Village District and Nancy Stiles was reappointed by the Board of Selectmen; Dean Merrill is member at large who is appointed each year and is willing to serve in that capacity one more term.

Motion to reappoint all 3 made by LADD, second by BUSHWAY - roll call vote unanimous

3. Request for response from the Committee to study Building a Pier over the Jetty at Hampton Beach State Park which is intended to accommodate the public, provide a safe place for fishermen and people with walking disabilities.

HOUSMAN - Parks hasn't discussed this yet - safety is important...

KRAVITZ - is it a good idea? improving access safely for all citizens is a worthy cause to support - might be concern over the involvement of town government

LADD - it is currently dangerous - if done well both from a safety and architectural point of view, and with a view to consistency with the thematic work already done on Ocean Blvd, it could become an iconic attraction for tourists - cites the Zakim Memorial Bridge and what it has done for the city of Boston - connect the bridge and jetty concepts

CARNABY - should include the representational work on Ocean Boulevard

BUSHWAY - is hard to imagine the magnitude - is more infrastructure needed

KRAVITZ - need a visual to understand the objective

STILES has composed a letter of support -

5. Commissioners' review of current master plan and items that should be reviewed/addressed in our next phase update

KRAVITZ - the 2001 HBACMP is very well done - is worth each of us giving it another read through with an eye to what has already been done and what needs expansion - it was very forward thinking

STILES will the new town one have discreet sections

BACHAND not as much - the town one will take a more integrated approach, will be significantly shorter with a substantive section on implementation strategies

STILES we should include the idea of restriction expansion into the marsh & wetlands

BACHAND - the wetland conservation district includes a buffer & encroachment is discouraged so that a project can be denied - one can use Sea Level Rise as a deterrent, but need to get that as a goal in the Master Plan first

KRAVITZ - we need to define the perspective of the master plan and look to half a century for what to do and not do - the document needs to serve as a guide

STILES - we need this body to authorize the subcommittee of Stiles, Kravitz, Carnaby to appoint the consultant for this update

moved by Ladd

second by Bushway - roll call vote unanimous in favor

**Next meeting: 10/28/21** to be chaired by D. Merrill - vice Chair. Stiles will call in from out of town

**Adjourn at: 8:12 PM**

motion by: Ladd

second: by: Bushway

Vote: motion passed unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Carnaby

Administrative Assistant