



HAMPTON BEACH AREA COMMISSION



100 WINNACUNNET ROAD, HAMPTON, NH 03842

HBAC Draft minutes 10/27/2022 at 7PM

This meeting was held live in the Selectmens Meeting Room

Attending:

Commissioners:

Nancy Stiles, Town of Hampton, Chair
Dean Merrill, Member at Large, Vice Chair
Barbara Kravitz, RPC representative - (phone from home)
Patricia Bushway, Member at Large
Chuck Rage, Hampton Beach Village District
Bob Preston, Hampton Chamber of Commerce

also attending:

Jason Bachand, Town Planner
Ann Carnaby, Administrative Assistant

Not present:

Michael Housman, NH Dept Natural & Cultural Resources
Bill Watson, NH Dept. of Transportation
Alex Loiseau Hampton Beach Village District

WELCOME, Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment: there was no public present

Appointments:

Travis Pryor, Dan Robbins, GEI Consultants Reports:

Hampton Pier Feasibility Project proposed in SB346

They worked with a 23 member advisory committee chaired by Commissioner Preston. the committee engaged in 3 surveys which led to an evaluation; the wave study revealed risks, they flew drones over the entire area & applied GIS modeling, considered fishing, accessibility, siting, among other aspects and applied to 3 areas of the beach: the State Park, the Bandshell & Boars Head area. A major consideration in the design of a pier is that the people responsible for life safety require 15 feet of space below the pier for side to side access, rescues and beach raking.

Pier options:

3 types of decking materials:

- concrete - has longest life but looks industrial
- timbers - more natural looking, but less long lasting
- hybrid - concrete below with timber deck

3 areas of location:

area 1 - place a pier going east from north of Church St or one going south from Boars' Head

area 2 - straight east from seashell with offset options

area 3 - State Park - the dunes & piping plovers are a consideration, but there is room for gathering areas can have a similar look to its surroundings

STILES - this report is due to the state 11/1 - she would like it by Sunday the 30th

PRESTON The State Park has all the things that the other locations don't - there was lots of push-back on Boars Head as a location, and the committee felt that the center location was too crowded already

PRYOR the next steps are a decision to progress or not. If so, then there would be additional planning, design development, permitting, funding, bidding, construction, - could take up to 10 years.

Seacoast Study Matrix is a summary by GEI of previous studies done on the Hampton Seacoast: recommendations and funding sources in preparation for the Environmental update to the HBAC Master Plan will be sent out this weekend.

Appointment:

Jen Hale, Hampton Public Works: Report/Update on Kings Highway flood Study Project -

Hampton is working toward becoming more resilient in its ability to deal with the fluctuating water level occurring in everyday life. They hope to move forward with the Kings Highway drainage project which will reconstruct make additions to alleviate - not eliminate -and redirect water to flow from Meadow Pond. Now it flows over land and into pipes so we have to reverse that action. The project area covers 32.5 acres & is to design a pipe system for handling normal storms to take the extra water away, and covers from Green Gentry area to Meadow Pond to Greene St & 12th St. The old pumping station is project doesn't address High St flooding at 12th St & will be retrofit with a new pumping system which will go to 6th & then to Winnacunnet Rd.

The project already has \$2 million from DES so there will need to be a warrant article for the 400-500,000 to finish the project

STILES - where does the extra water go? it goes into existing drainage that goes into culverts & the harbor. A catch basin will have some treatment of the water. This project is only a stepping stone to the next phase

KRAVITZ - does any of the drainage leak into the ground water? HALE no

Appointment:

Rayann Dionne & Jay Diener, CHAT: Adaptation Recommendations for Hampton

Dionne and Diener are developing an estuary management plan which will be a roadmap for the estuary for the next 30 years. There will be a range of approaches developed with a process similar to a master plan process.

Stiles asked if they would be coordinating this process - answer No

They did conduct an audit in 2020 & found there was consensus between the 3 communities but there was no alignment. They have a technical advisory committee and are funded for the next 18 months. Jay spoke about the management portion.

PRESTON - asks if they will help individuals deal with erosion problems - Jay says that is not part of the management plan - they are not there to deal with private property owners' erosion issues. DES is working with individual landowners with an assistance program which is now expanding to neighborhood issues.

DIONNE - there is a trend to use vegetation rather than hard walls to deal with erosion - DIENER - on the management side, the objectives include a healthy environment, sound financial management, an action plan for management goals & objectives. they will attend more meetings like this to present their plan to get feedback - SB Environmental is writing the plan which can be incorporated into the master plan for each town

The plan will serve as a touchstone document to guide the towns - Diener & Dion will be champions for the plan and find funding sources. they went to all planning boards, SBE has been part of Hamptons master plan process - SHEA represents and collaborates with all 3 towns

STILES explained our master plan update process & will give SHEA Travis' contact information.

KRAVITZ is interested in SHEA acting as a champion & are there other communities that are integral to the process?

Piscatawa Region has helped fund SHEA but there are only the 3 communities involved.

KRAVITZ - it was good to have all 3 reports together tonight

Adoption of June 23,2022, September, 2022 minutes

acceptance moved by Kravitz with her correction on p 2 - "Whitman has **will provide** ...with a town master plan update", and "The HBAC subcommittee with **will also** review that report

seconded by Bushway

unanimous yes

HBAC Reorganization - Commissioner Merrill is not renewing his term

PRESTON - we will all miss Dean - he is a terrific guy

MERRILL - will still be around at 20 High & Experience Hampton

also wants to nominate N STILES to continue as chair

RAGE moves, BUSHWAY seconds, vote unanimous

MERRILL nominates BUSHWAY for vice chair, she agrees - vote unanimous

MERRILL nominates Housman for treasurer - vote unanimous

Treasurer's report (Housman) - no report this meeting -

Old Business:

Reports from Subcommittees

- **Property review committee: Rage, Bushway, Preston**

no new projects to review

- **Town Master Plan Strategy committee: Bushway, Rage**

will have a draft in December; currently have a list of action items which are listed within broad thematic categories - the plan is now due for release late February, 2023

BACHAND - we do see core action items - the implementation of them will have benefit of the Coastal Resilience coordinator - there are 10 applicants who will all be interviewed next week - will coordinate with other areas & regions

- HBAC Master Plan Strategy committee: Stiles, Kravitz, Carnaby

KRAVITZ - the group functioned in 3 areas:

1 - secured a designer for our HBAC website - she is in the process of complying with the requirements of her contract - she has done the CAW site and we are all pleased and eager to get started

2 - we are eager to see the town's Master Plan progress & will be watchful that there is an avoidance of duplication and efforts at coordination with others

3 - Commissioner Stiles has been asked to serve on the Flood Smart Seacoast Committee - congratulations to her

CARNABY - ditto above report with an emphasis on insuring inclusion of all that is needed and watchfulness to avoid duplication of effort.

- PIER ADVISORY COMMITTEE - Preston, Loiseau Wrap Up and Report Acceptance

PRESTON - the report concerns where the pier will be rather than shall there be a pier, since we are always searching for another way to make the beach better, and this will do it.

New Business:

STILES - the Rte 1A TAC meeting will be held this coming week and they are presenting options they are considering for each of the following areas of State Park, Dumas, Winnacunnet, Highland & Church St - also looking at options for roundabouts

The Pier Report will be added to the HBAC Annual Report (both attached below) and both sent to the Selectmen

Commission appointments for 2023

Stiles nominates Dylan Drake for a 1 year term in the "at large" position
second - Rage - vote unanimous

No meeting is scheduled for November owing to the national holiday, but one can be called on an emergency basis if needed.

Adjourn at: 9:17 PM

motion by: Rage

Vote: motion passed unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Carnaby,
HBAC Administrative Assistant