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**HBAC Draft minutes 11/2/2021 at 7 p.m.**

This meeting was held live in the Selectmen's Meeting Room

**Attending:**

**Commissioners: Representing**

Nancy Stiles: Town of Hampton and Chair - (by phone - out of the area)

Dean Merrill: Member at Large, Vice-chairman - in person chair of this meeting

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)

Chuck Rage: Hampton Beach Village District

Bob Preston: Hampton Chamber of Commerce

**Also attending:**

Jason Bachand: Town Planner

Ann Carnaby: Administrative Assistant

**Not present:**

Bill Watson: NH Dept. of Transportation

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

**WELCOME, Pledge of Allegiance**

**Public Comment: none**

**Adoption of 9/30/21 minutes**

moved by Ladd

seconded by Bushway

unanimous yes by roll call vote - Preston, Rage abstain

**Treasurer's report** (Housman) - balance in treasury - \$25,585.15 as of this day - includes a \$20,000 transfer from the state for the Master Plan update.

moved by Ladd

second by Rage

unanimous yes by roll call vote

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### **Election of officers for the upcoming year**

for the **office of Treasurer:**

Ladd moves Housman

Rage seconds

vote unanimous by roll call vote

for the **office of Vice-chairman:**

Ladd moves Merrill

Preston seconds

vote unanimous by roll call vote

for the **office of Chair:**

Ladd moves Stiles

Kravitz seconds

Stiles accepts nomination but expresses concern about her effectiveness at motivating members to be active participants.

Kravitz remarks that Stiles' leadership is effective and on point and is the essential ingredient for this new endeavor we are about to undertake.

Roll call vote was yes by all except the nominee who abstained

### **Old Business:**

#### 1. Reports from subcommittees

- a Building review - Bushway - there are 3 projects in the works - Bachand will keep the group updated on the status of these
- b Update on Planning board's town Master Plan - Bushway reported on focus groups at the first forum - the categorizing of the focus groups needs more clarity, since some were listed by function and some by a location - hoping for clarity by Jan meeting. Merrill asked if there could be a listing of all the meetings & when they were
- c HBAC Master Plan update - Stiles, Kravitz, Carnaby are working with DES Coastal program leads Kirsten Howard & Nathalie Di Geronimo on the MOA required in order to receive federal funds for this effort. Once it is signed, we can move forward on an RFP to recruit a consultant to start in January. Kravitz reports that we have had an extraordinary 3 months of work with the Coastal program on our Symposium and from there to the MOA which is between NH DES Coastal Program represented by Howard & Di Geronimo and DNCR (US Division of Natural and Cultural Resources) represented by Chris Merino who will administer the transfer of the federal funds for us. Mike Houseman continues as our treasurer, and will, in his capacity at the DNCR will administer our funds. The federal portion of our funding is \$24,000 and the state portion is \$20,000. We have contributed \$2,000 from our treasury plus credit for in kind services from Commissioners of the HBAC. This grant runs through June of 2023.

Attorney Robert Casassa has reviewed the MOA draft on our behalf, and we are grateful to him for his continued support.

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When complete, the MOA goes to the Governor's Executive Council for signature. This is an unusual sequence of signatures with DNCR signing first, then NH DES then Governors council, but that is the order in which it happens.

Kravitz points out that we are intent in our desire to eliminate duplication of effort where the management of our coastal environment is concerned, and we see our function is to identify duplication of effort. One of our symposium advisors is currently working on graphing out all current activities into a document which will be provided to the lead consultant as a starting point for our update of the master plan.

2. GACIT Hearing update - 11/1 - (Governor's Advisory Council In Transportation) this hearing took place in the upper room at the Bandshell at Hampton beach:

Bushway - there were lots of Portsmouth people there arguing for sound barriers on Rte. 95 through specific areas of the city - of the few Hampton people there, Jen Hale, Dir. Hampton DPW spoke about the new bridge design necessitating the moving of part of our sewer line and that payment of that cost should be part of the project and not imposed on the town.

Lynn Larson, a resident on Rte. 1A, Ocean Blvd, that the rehab of the entirety of Rte. 1A from the bridge north to above High St should be completed as one project and should be done at the same time as the bridge project, the Hampton portion of the Rail Trail project was also discussed.

John Nyhan, Pres. Greater Hampton COC, spoke on the importance of completing the bridge and 1A projects on the economy of the business community.

Stiles, attending remotely, first addressed the bridge and Rte. 1A projects, emphasizing the importance of both full funding for the Rte. 1A project in its entirety, and the necessity for having the Rte. 1A project be carried out at the same time as the bridge project beginning in 2024. Stiles also registered her support of the Rail Trail in Hampton.

The hearing was discussed during this meeting, and Stiles expressed disappointment that there were not more Commissioner's present representing the HBAC at such an important hearing.

3. Other - Stiles recommends an increase in pay for the Administrative Assistant

Rage moved that it be \$125 per meeting

Ladd seconded

unanimous roll call vote - (thanks!)

### **New Business:**

- discussion of shared representation at subcommittees and other town committees and groups so that HBAC is more visibly represented and involved in the important work that is being done in this town.
- Ladd announces the BudCom meeting next Thursday begins at 6 & not at 7 p.m. and then twice a week on Tuesdays & Thursdays at 6 p.m.
- The Christmas Parade will be Sat, December 4th @ 1 p.m. - there will be bands, floats, and of course, Santa Claus!
- Preston announces the McGrail family's Wreaths Across America visit to Hampton will be 12/18 - all are welcome to attend the wreath placing - all are welcome - make a check out to Wreaths Across America and send to Bob Preston for donations of \$15.

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— Announcements for the Fire Dept's chili cook off on the 16th and one for the Veterans Day activities on the 11th.

**Next meeting: January 27 Selectmen's Meeting Room – 7 p.m.**

**Adjourn at approximately: 8:30 p.m.**

motion by Ladd

second by Preston

Vote: motion passed unanimously by roll call vote

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Carnaby

Administrative Assistant