



Hampton Beach Area Commission

**Meeting Minutes, January 24, 2008
Training Room, Hampton Police Station**

In Attendance:

Fred Rice, Chairman – Town of Hampton
Doug Deporter – Vice Chairman, NH Dept. of Transportation
Brian Warburton, Secretary/Treasurer, DRED (Seacoast Parks/Rec)
Fran McMahon – Rockingham Planning Commission
Geannina Guzman-Scanlon – Hampton Beach Village District
Tom McGuirk – Hampton Beach Village District
Chuck Rage – Hampton Chamber of Commerce
Jamie Steffen – Hampton Town Planner (Admin)

Absent:

Todd Loiseau – Town of Hampton
OEP Representative

Chairman Rice called the meeting to order at 7 PM. Minutes from Nov. 29 meeting were discussed. Chairman Rice asked the members to help out with minutes for this meeting and we will address them in February. Fred will add any changes and send them out to members.

Chuck Rage reported that Todd Loiseau had resigned from the commission, and had notified Selectman Rick Griffin. This was confirmed by Tom McGuirk. Chairman Rice said that he would try to find a replacement who would restore the balance between town and beach representatives.

Committee Reports

Community Development: Tom McGuirk reported that the subcommittee had met with the developers of two properties; Guido Murphy's and Riviera Motel. The Boardwalk has made no application for review to the commission. He also mentioned that HBAC's new design guidebook for developers would be emailed to members soon.

Beachscape: Geannina Guzman-Scanlon gave update on the irrigation system at Wildflower Meadow and also about the plaque that will be put up for the "Mile Long

Garden.” She also spoke of upcoming spring projects and more flower plantings by members of the Precinct Beautification Committee. She referenced all the great work that many people have done in and around the State Park.

Zoning and Redevelopment: Fran McMahon’s report was a brief discussion on the warrant articles that will appear on the town ballot. Chairman Rice led a discussion on some of the warrant articles, including the fish houses as they related to conservation of natural resources, and the beach commercial district involving height restrictions, lot lines, etc.

Transportation and Parking: Doug DePorter reported that the request to put beach banners up along Ocean Blvd. involves DOT poles and this is currently at the Office of Attorney General for review. Doug also explained that credit on the banner itself for people who make donations or help out will not be allowed. A discussion followed regarding the Route 1-A corridor Transportation and Parking Study. A lengthy discussion then followed regarding the Hampton River Bridge and efforts to create a schedule for bridge openings. Chairman Rice mentioned, and Doug DePorter concurred, that we would need to go through a process to establish times for bridge openings. This could take some time and permissions to do so would involve several agencies.

Repairs on bridge: It is now looking that this project for the repairs of bridge will start in the fall of 2008. There will be no pre-cast panels.

State Park Report: Brian Warburton reported that design-engineering firm has been hired for the redevelopment and reconstruction of the Hampton Beach Seashell Complex. The design team committee will be holding a series of meetings and public input sessions over the next several months on this issue. He also spoke of Park Patrol operation and the introduction of new pay stations in the CPA (Central Parking Area) lot on Hampton Beach starting in May 2008. More information will be forthcoming at the next meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 28th at 7:00 pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Brian Warburton, DRED
Secretary