



## **Hampton Beach Area Commission**

**Meeting Minutes, April 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  
Jamie Steffen – Hampton Town Planner (Admin)  
Meghan McPherson - OEP Representative

### **Excused:**

Tom McGuirk – Hampton Beach Village District  
John Nyhan, Town of Hampton

### **Absent:**

Chuck Rage – Hampton Chamber of Commerce

Chairman Rice called the meeting to order at 7 PM. .

### **Committee Reports**

**Community Development:** Chairman Tom McGuirk was excused. No report.

**Beachscape:** Geannina Guzman-Scanlan gave an update on the Mile Long Bridge Garden near the state park and the Underwood Bridge. The stone is being donated by local contractor Vic Lessard, and the plaque is being obtained from Paul Attaya of Seacoast Screen with the help of a grant from the Portsmouth Garden Club. The committee is also working on Bicentennial Park at North Beach and has placed a boat filled with flowers there. More information will be forthcoming. Good work by this fine committee.

**Zoning and Redevelopment:** Chairman Fran McMahon expects that the Planning Board will not put forth any major revisions to zoning next March. They will probably ‘pick off smaller pieces’ instead of the big picture. There needs to be more public involvement earlier in the process.

**Transportation and Parking:** Chairman Doug DePorter reported that bridge repair work will begin in the fall of 2008 after the Seafood Festival. DOT met with the Hampton Fire and Police command team to confirm that emergency vehicles will be able to cross the bridge during construction. It is tight but details have been worked. Chairman Rice also mentioned that the possibility of public/private partnerships for the funding of a future fixed span bridge is still under consideration.

**State Park Report:** Brian Warburton reported on spring projects, and upcoming work in the Hampton Beach area.

**Status of Seashell Design Project:**

Things are progressing nicely and another public input session was announced for May. A financial number will be presented to legislature by this summer to be acted upon for the next Capital Budget cycle.

**Status of Sea, Air, and Space Museum:**

Chairman Rice reported that the Friends group is seeking additional legislative and merchant backing for the project. More information at fall meeting.

**Old Business:**

Glenn Greenwood from Rockingham Planning Commission gave a report on grant funding for the Route 1A Parking/Transportation study. A working meeting was set up for May 13 to provide Glenn with items to be included in the scope of work. Glenn will forward the scope to Meghan, who will investigate possible sources of grants to fund the study. These actions will take place during the summer months, while the Commission is on its annual summer hiatus.

The next meeting will take place in September, after the Seafood Festival.

**Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 P.M.**

Brian Warburton, DRED  
Acting Secretary