



*Department of Resources and
Economic Development*



**Hampton Beach Area Commission
Meeting Minutes, March 26, 2009
Training Room, Hampton Police Station**

In Attendance:

John Nyhan, Chairman, Town of Hampton
Bill Watson, Secretary/Treasurer- NH Department of Transportation
Fred Rice, Town of Hampton
Geannina Guzman-Scanlan- Hampton Beach Village District
Fran McMahon- Rockingham Planning Commission
Tom McGuirk- Hampton Beach Village District
Chuck Rage- Hampton Chamber of Commerce
Jamie Steffen- Hampton Town Planner (Administration)
Candice Sicard- Secretary

Excused:

Eric Steltzer- OEP Representative
Brian Warburton, Vice Chairman, DRED (Seacoast Parks/Recreation)

Chairman Nyhan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Consideration of Minutes: 02/26/09:

MOVED by Mr. McMahon

SECOND by Mr. Rice

VOTE: 6-0-1 MOTION PASSED Mr. Rage Abstained

Chairman's Report

1. Public input comments:

Chairman Nyhan noted that he held a 6:00 pm public input session but there was nobody in attendance.

2. Hampton Beach Redevelopment Campaign – Brief Update (Nyhan)

Chairman Nyhan noted that he has had two meetings with Governor Lynch. The first meeting was a fifteen minute meeting including the State Delegation and some local

business owners from the beach. As a result of that meeting, the Governor offered to host meeting in his office to hear more about the Beach Redevelopment proposal. From that meeting, a number of possible financial solutions were discussed and the Governor directed his staff and other to explore different funding sources and report back to his office.

Chairman Nyhan noted that there was a March 17, 2009 hearing of the House Public Works Committee and Mr. Rice, representing the HBAC, detailed the economic benefits to the state if the project was funded and emphasized that at a minimum that they need to fund both bath houses and the sea shell.

Project Reports:

1. Community Development – Tom McGuirk
- Design Guidelines Booklet

It was noted that there had recently been reviews of 8 & 10 Haverhill St and 109-111 Ocean Blvd and based on the Commission's review, Mr. McGuirk was instructed to write a supporting letter to be sent to the Planning Office.

- Design Guidelines Booklet
Commissioners were reminded to get all final comment to Mr. McGuirk.

2. Beachscape – Geannina Guzman-Scanlan

Mrs. Guzman-Scanlan said that on 03/23/09 Mr. McMahon, Chairman Nyhan, Mr. Rice and she had a meeting to try and identify funding sources for a variety of project ideas that Commissioners had provided. Mrs. Guzman-Scanlan said the group felt it important to first focus on transportation related projects and is working with Mr. Watson on writing proposals. They would be looking for a parking study, and how to find money for signage, striping and pedestrian enhancement. Then the goal is to look at the whole beach to try and enhance visual appeal. Chairman Nyhan inquired about \$350,000.00 that had been raised but needed to be appropriated for finishing the lights. He said since this was voted down, is there anything that can be done before March of 2010. There was discussion about the fact that the money had already been raised and that the wording raise and appropriate triggered the wrong response from voters. Ms. Scanlon said the project is basically shoveled ready. Mr. Rice said that the main problem is that it needs Town vote in order to appropriate the funds, this would take special election.

3. Zoning & Redevelopment – Fran McMahon

- Initial Discussion 2010 zoning recommendations related to the beach area:
After a discussion about previous zoning warrants that were voted down by the town, Mr. McMahon offered to bring some recommendations to the Commission for further discussion. He noted that this year the board backed off substantial zoning changes since the 2008 ballot was very long. Mr. McMahon noted that it would be beneficial to begin the process of zoning proposals sooner rather than later. He asked the Commission to review the Master Plan, and once recommendations from the HBAC were completed, they would be sent to the Planning Board for review.

4. Transportation and Parking – Bill Watson

- Parking Study meeting report

Mr. Watson noted that six weeks ago a group met to decide scope of the parking study. He also met with Mr. Sinnott and they are looking to fund 80% of the study beginning July 1, 2009. Mr. Watson said that the dollar amount has not yet been worked out. He also said that he had conversation with Nancy Mayville, a Municipal Highway Engineer and has had many conversations with Mr. Welch and is working on an agreement to do crosswalk installations at intersection of Route 1A and Winnacunnet Road around mid May.

Mr. Steffen said he is Hampton TAC representative and they are in the middle of setting up priorities, compiling a list of several projects for Hampton, most are in long range plan. Mr. Steffen said that there is a list of projects for the economic stimulus package including some transportation projects and he noticed that Hampton projects fared well and are in list to the State, including pedestrian improvements. Chairman Nyhan questioned if some of the funds be connected into the Beach Redevelopment Project. Mr. Steffen also noted that Hampton River Bridge was a priority.

5. Funding Sources - Grants/Research – Geannina Guzman-Scanlon

- Project Report – Meeting held on 03/23/09

6. Other

a. State Park Report – Brian Warburton

No updates

b. Status of Earth, Sea and Space Museum – Fred Rice

Mr. Rice noted that a DVD was being compiled to tell the story of the project and in addition to DVD, John Savistano is producing a video.

Other old business:

Mr. Watson said that HB 293 proposed by Representative Stiles on the HBAC staggering commissioner appointments and changing the annual report date was passed by the House

with an additional amendment proposed by OEP requesting their removal from this Commission. Mr. Watson suggested identifying a ninth organization to be part of the Commission. There was discussion about other possible groups that may be willing to offer a commissioner to the HBAC and that there would likely need to be action prior to the next meeting.

MOVED by Mr. Rice to allow Chairman Nyhan to take the steps necessary to fill the open seat.

SECOND by Mrs. Guzman-Scanlon

VOTE: 7-0-0 MOTION PASSED

New Business

1. Financial Report (Nyhan)

Chairman Nyhan noted that there is \$750.00 in the Hampton Beach Trust Fund. There are two outstanding invoices from the PTV productions finishing the DVD campaign, one for \$285.00 for the digital image of the Hampton Beach State Park and one for \$100.00 for the CD's which were made for the project, totaling \$385.00, which if approved leaves \$365.00 in the account.

MOVED by Mr. Watson to allow payment of the two outstanding invoices totaling \$385.00.

SECOND by Mr. Rice

Voted 7-0-0 MOTION PASSED

2. Other:

Chairman Nyhan said he had an initial discussion with Jennifer Kimball who is working with the RPC and REDC in helping update the CEDS plan. She has requested a preliminary meeting with him on April 6, 2009.

Adjourn

MOVED by Mr. Watson to adjourn

SECOND by Mr. Rice

VOTE: 7-0-0 MOTION PASSED

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm