

Hampton Beach State Park
Accessibility Study Advisory Meeting
Hampton Seashell Complex
Friday October 27, 2023

In Attendance:

Name	Representing
Thomas Manning	NHGCD
Paul Kelley	NHGCD
Bob Preston	HBAC
Pat Bushway	HBAC
Julia Callahan	Accessibility Specialist, NE Passage
Jen Kennedy	Environment/Wildlife, Blue Ocean Society
Meredith Collins	DNCR, Regional Supervisor
Johanna Lyons	DNCR, Planning and Development Specialist

Absent: Kirstin Howard, NH DES Climate Resiliency

Administrative Support: Laura Morrissey

Public member: Charles Saia, Governors Commission on Disability.

A statement from Director Brian Wilson was read to the committee by Johanna Lyons welcoming the committee.

Meredith Collins discussed all the areas at Hampton Beach that currently have accessible features. North Beach 18th street ramp, along with 4 mobi-mat ramps at Main Beach and a cement ramp at South Beach area. NH State Parks also has beach wheelchairs available to the public on a first come first serve basis at no cost to the public located at Hampton Beach State Park, Seashell Complex and South Beach and North Hampton State Beach.

Election of Committee Chair was appointed to Meredith Collins.

Johanna Lyons discussed the RFQ process including estimated cost, consultant for public meetings, final report, recommended locations, including but not limited to pier. Committee has \$150,000 budget for the feasibility study.

More specific language was discussed to add to the RFQ, however the committee decided that it should be kept vague, as to not lead the bidders in any specific way. This allows more flexibility in the RFQ proposals. Discussed accessibility improvements for performances including text captioning and sign language interpreters and other on-site audio or sensory inclusive features.

RFQ schedule was discussed: release date November 1, 2023 and due on November 15, 2023. November 29, 2023, was confirmed for the 2nd meeting of the committee for Consultant Scoring & Selections for Interviews. December 13, 2023, is the date for consultant interviews.