

Town of Hampton



*Department of Resources and
Economic Development*



**Hampton Beach Area Commission
Meeting Minutes, May 28, 2009
Training Room, Hampton Police Station**

In Attendance:

John Nyhan, Chairman, Town of Hampton
Brian Warburton, Vice Chairman, DRED (Seacoast Parks/Recreation)
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
Chuck Rage- Hampton Chamber of Commerce
Jamie Steffen- Hampton Town Planner (Administration)
Candice Sicard- Secretary

Excused:

Tom McGuirk- Hampton Beach Village District

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

Consideration of Minutes: 04/23/09:

Page 2: "Chairman Nyhan noted that at the public input session this week Mr. Preston recommended the Commission work on the communication between the Town, State and Precinct partnership to promote the friendliness of land use." Changed to "Chairman Nyhan noted that at the public input session this week Mr. Preston recommended the Commission work on the communication between the Town, State and Precinct partnership to promote user friendly land use and swap as a cooperative process"

MOVED by Mr. McMahon to approve the minutes for the 04/23/09 meeting as amended.

SECOND by Mr. Rice

VOTE: 7-0-0

MOTION PASSED Mr. Warburton abstained

Chairman's Report

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

Chairman Nyhan noted he attended a public hearing of the Senate Budget Committee. There was discussion about Commissioner Bald stand on phasing the project and he testified that it would be in the best interest that the Committee endorse the full \$14.5 million. Chairman noted that the Senate Budget Committee voted unanimously in support of the project, which will next go to the entire Senate for a vote. He also noted that he felt confident that with bipartisan support, this project will stay in the capital budget. Mr. Rice asked if anyone had heard about other towns supporting the project, mainly those in the North Country / ski area. It was noted that though many towns have differing opinions about the project, the Governor signing the capital budget is the most important thing to focus on.

2. HB 293 update

It was noted that the local delegation including Representative Nancy Styles provided strong support with the recommendation of staggered appointments of commissioner and giving the authority to appoint a ninth commissioner. This came out of the Senate Committee with full approval and will go back to the House of Representatives for a final vote. Representative Styles noted she does not foresee any road blocks that would prevent this bill from passing.

Reports:

1. Beachscape – Geannina Guzman-Scanlan Final comments before summer recess

Mrs. Guzman-Scanlan noted that on August 15, 2009 they are doing a rainwater garden demonstration project. She said that they are working with an engineer from UNH's water center to hopefully get ideas for the Chief and DPW; once this is complete there will be a landscape designer with a proposal to the Chief and the Board of Selectmen.

Mrs. Guzman- Scanlan mentioned they received a plaque for the beautification efforts and the field guide to trees, which will be at the library. There was discussion of maintenance projects and the need for volunteers.

Chairman Nyhan noted that in the pre-meeting, John and Linda Gephart spoke about reducing vandalism and littering, and they wanted us to continue to support and educate people about the importance of keeping the beaches clean.

2. Zoning & Redevelopment – Fran McMahon
Final comments before summer recess

Mr. McMahon noted that the Planning Board is not looking to do any major rezoning at the beach in the following year. There was discussion about the master plan beach zoning. He noted that the commissioners should consider any ideas for the 2011 zoning amendments now, taking enough time to educate the public

4. Transportation and Parking – Fred Rice
Parking Study meeting report

Mr. Rice updated the commission about the progress of the proposed transportation and parking study, noting they are looking to contract with two local vendors (Mike Hart – No. Hampton Airport & Brad Jett – PTV Video) for data analysis by air. He noted that they were looking at a couple of days in the last two weeks of July and the first two weeks in August to do aerial surveying. The proposed days would be set on a Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday. Mr. Rice reminded the commission that they need to come up with as many ways as possible to contribute in-kind work. It was noted that the Bridge to Ashworth Ave was the primary area for the study. Mr. Steffen asked if there was a traffic study being conducted, and it was noted that parking was the main focus in this study. .

5. Funding Sources - Grants/Research – Geannina Guzman-Scanlan
Grant work prior to September meeting

Mrs. Guzman-Scanlan mentioned a possible grant from DES, noting she would be meeting with someone in the following weeks about signage and a community campaign to clean up dog waste. Chairman Nyhan said that they are planning on next fall to have a preliminary list of grants we could consider for various projects. Mr. Watson stated there was discussion about the Transportation Committee Advisory Group reviewing a proposal for one round of funding for a program aimed at local communities. This requires a letter of intent be submitted to the RPC and the DOT by 07/02/09. After this there will be a two hour workshop in August and an application deadline on 09/15/09. Finally there will be a review and selection process which takes place and the funds will be available in October 2011 for new projects. There was discussion about a 20% match to be anticipated. There was also discussion about shuttles, remote parking, CMAC funding and federal highway funds available for this, as they have similar processes. It was noted that understanding the project, its timeline and educating the public were all important to consider.

6. Other

a. State Park Report – Brian Warburton

Final comments before summer recess

Mr. Warburton discussed the 04/25/09 weekend and that the nice weather had caused and influx of people to the beaches. He thanked the Gephardt's and Mrs. Guzman-Scanlan for their efforts. Mr. Warburton also discussed the North Beach Seawall noting that the construction was going well. He also noted his concern about the amount of glass being picked up on the beach, and the amount of trash that is being removed on a daily basis.

b. Other old business

Mr. Watson spoke about the ten transportation year plan, noting that at a recent meeting, Mr. Brambury spoke on behalf of the town and did a good job representing the town's needs. He also announced that there is a TAC meeting on June 4, 2009 at 9:00am if the town wants to make a statement about the bridge or other projects, the door is still open to make recommendations.

New Business

1. Financial Report (Nyhan)

Chairman Nyhan noted that there is \$265.00 left in the HBAC fund.

2. Next session schedule

Chairman Nyhan noted that he will stay in touch during summer months, as there will be activities continuing through June, July and August, but the next regularly scheduled meeting will be on September 24, 2009.

The commission thanked Channel 22 for their help broadcasting this year's meetings.

Adjourn

MOVED by Mr. Warburton to Adjourn

SECOND by Mr. Rice

VOTE: 7-0-0 MOTION PASSED

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm