

*Town of Hampton*



*Department of Resources and  
Economic Development*



**Hampton Beach Area Commission  
100 Winnacunnet Road  
Hampton, New Hampshire 03842  
Selectmen's Meeting Room – Town Hall  
Monthly Meeting – March 23, 2017  
7:00 PM**

**DRAFT MINUTES**

**In Attendance:**

John Nyhan, Chairman, Town of Hampton Representative  
Bill Watson, NHDOT, Vice Chairman  
Rick Griffin, Selectmen's Representative  
Fran McMahon, Rockingham County Planning Council  
Michael Housman, DRED Operations Supervisor  
Bob Preston, Hampton Chamber of Commerce  
Chuck Rage, Hampton Beach Village District  
Robert Ladd, Hampton Beach Village District  
Dean Merrill, Town of Hampton Representative

**Excused: All Present**

**Others Present:** Jason Bachand, Town Planner

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance.**

**Introduction of Commissioners.**

**Public Comments related to Agenda Items.** There were no public comments this evening.

**Appointments.** No appointments this evening.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES. Review and Approval of the February 2, 2017 Minutes**

**MOTION:** It was moved by Mr. Griffin, seconded by Mr. Merrill to approve the Minutes of the February 2, 2017 Meeting as presented

**VOTE:** 9 In Favor.

**MOTION PASSED**

**The Minutes of the Special Meeting on February 14, 2017 will be reviewed at the next meeting.**

**Treasurer's Report: Mr. Housman**

Mr. Housman reported that the balance as of today is. \$9,628.43.  
The invoice from the Town in the amount of \$366.00 for secretarial services has been paid.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Mr. Griffin, seconded by Mr. Rage, to approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted.

**VOTE:** 9 In favor.

**MOTION PASSED**

**Transportation Grant discussion – E-Mails from William Rose.**

Mr. Rose will forward an e-mail to Mr. Nyhan regarding The Agreement for Professional Services, TASK 3. This will be the final draft which will be reviewed by the HBAC. Different alternatives will be in the report, along with the costs for the alternatives. **NOTE:** Mr. Nyhan forwarded the Draft and Spreadsheet to the Commissioners on Friday, March 24, 2017 for their review and comment.

**Old Business:**

**1. Progress Report – Partnership with HPD. –Pending**

Mr. Nyhan reported that he is still talking with Chief Sawyer with regard to the purchase of guard rails; however, it was agreed to wait until after the Town Election to make any final recommendations/decision. There will be a more definite idea of what the Chief will be presenting to the HBAC at the April meeting. This is continued as a Tabled item.

**2. Special Meeting – 2-14-17 HB 302 Outcome**

Mr. Nyhan reviewed the outcome of the vote on HB 302. He sent a letter to the Chair of the House Committee indicating that the vote of the HBAC was non-supporting. The Bill was defeated in Committee. The minutes of the Special meeting which were taken by Mr. Bachand will be reviewed at the April meeting.

**3. Discussion – any additional Commission objectives for coming season**

Mr. Nyhan asked that the Commissioners provide him with additional objectives.

**4. Annual Report – Next Steps Selectmen meeting request**

A report will be given to the Board of Selectmen as is customary after the March elections. Mr. Nyhan will notify the Commissioners when a date has been established. He encouraged the Commissioners attendance.

And, Congratulations to Rick Griffin on his reelection to the Board of Selectmen.

At the February Meeting, Charlie Preston spoke of his idea to provide an exit out of the Town Parking Lot to alleviate traffic. The Commission voted to table the item at the February 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting pending a discussion

with Park and Rec Director Dyana Martin. A meeting was held however there are some concerns that have to be discussed further and Mr. Nyhan is waiting for the Director's response.

Mr. Griffin stated that former Chief, Jamie Sullivan is of the opinion that there is some value in this project.

Mr. Bob Preston said the Commission should encourage Ms. Martin to approve the project as it will stop cars going up G Street and may alleviate some traffic. Mr. Preston is in favor of this project.

Mr. Rage reported that people are parking in the Village District Parking lots as it makes for easier exiting, especially in the evening.

A pilot project may be of benefit. Mr. Nyhan will pass on this information to Ms. Martin and will speak with Mr. Sullivan.

It was agreed by the Commissioners to keep this Item on the Table.

**5. Other Old Business.** There was no other old business for discussion this evening.

**New Business:**

**1. Recent RPC Board Meeting – HBAC Transportation Grant update.**

Mr. Nyhan reported that he and Mr. McMahon attended a meeting with the MPO on the Transportation Improvement Plan. They gave a brief report on the background of the HBAC and the MPO will be kept up to date once Task Order 3 is underway. HBAC will keep them informed once moving into Task Order 3. Mr. McMahon reported that federal funds flow through the MPO after which the RPC processes the funds.

Mr. Nyhan reported that the HBAC is not requesting additional funds for this year as the HBAC is waiting for the engineering design report from VHB. Until the engineering designs are complete, there is nothing to substantiate what the fund would be used for. In April or May, there will be a report on what he sees as being available in federal funding. Mr. Nyhan did report that Tiger Grant funds are no longer available in that they were eliminated by the White House as part of the initial streamlining. However, those Tiger Grants in focus will still be funded.

Mr. Watson noted that Governor Sununu is working on the State budget process.

Mr. Nyhan spoke to a new concept called "Complete Streets" where local towns look at an area and try to design it as a "complete street" would look. A bill has been introduced this year to take a conceptual idea and make it into a program for public projects. \$2.5 million may be available to local communities for their public projects. This could be used as a supportive funding source.

**2. Legislative discussion invitation for 2/23/17 Meeting. – Delayed**

**3. HBAC Lane Use guidelines – Sub Committee Report – 180 Ashworth Avenue**

Mr. Preston reported that the subcommittee of Mr. Nyhan, Mr. Rage, and himself looked at the 180 Ashworth Avenue architectural drawings and did a walk-about. The current conditions are not adding value to the beach; however if a new 45 foot tall building, set back from the street were built, it would increase the Town's tax base and would, all in all, be a positive project.

He said the building would be all one-bedroom units, with a good clientele which could be rented on a weekly basis. There are 18 units now and there will be 18 additional added. There will be 18 parking spaces with some additional guest parking. After the meeting, the subcommittee recommended support for the project. A letter with this recommendation from the HBAC was sent to the ZBA.

**4. April meeting request – Town – update on beach sewer project.**

Mr. Welch and Mr. Jacobs will report to the Commission on the sewer project that was voted down at the Town Election at the April meeting.

Mr. Griffin reported that there have been multiple bids that are lower, and he is not yet aware of what happened to the appeal to the DEP. He also said there was one contractor who was in contact with the Town who felt the repair could be done at a lower price – a million or more dollars less. Mr. Griffin did report there is a plan in place should a problem develop with the line during the summer. In case of an emergency, it can be handled. He concluded by stating that the DPW is good at figuring things out.

**5. Other New Business**

Mr. Rage reported that Thursday 3/24/17 is the Annual Village Beach District election with the annual meeting at 7:00 pm. There will be a vote on the budget as well as other new business. Residents of the Village District are the only ones who can vote, and Mr. Ladd added that one has to go to the meeting in order to vote.

Mr. Rage also shared with the HBAC that March 25<sup>th</sup> is Greek Independence Day.

Next meeting: Thursday, April 27, 2017

**Adjournment**

**MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Houseman, seconded by Mr. McMahon to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 pm.**

**VOTE: 9 in Favor, 0 Opposed**

**MOTION PASSED**

Respectfully submitted,  
Anne Marchand, Secretary

**Thank you Channel 22.**