

**North Hampton State Beach
Town of Hampton Presentation
January 25, 2012**

Director Phil Bryce opened the meeting and welcomed the attendees and the community access TV audience. This presentation is being held to answer questions on the project prior to the deliberative session on February 4th. Interested citizens can register for e-updates on the North Hampton webpage at www.nhstateparks.org.

Presentations and Remarks

Senator Stiles – Spoke about bringing the towns of Rye, North Hampton and Hampton together to figure out how to connect to the Rye force main that passes by the North Hampton State Beach bathhouse. Environmentally this would be the best option rather than pumping and trucking the sewage to Hampton waste water treatment plant. The hookup will not increase the cost of sewage treatment to Hampton.

Executive Councilor Sununu – He commended the towns and the Division of Parks and Recreation on working together on the process and the design of the facility. Noted that the project is an added benefit to the seacoast region and will revitalize the facility. It is an environmentally beneficial and cost effective project.

Tom Mansfield, Department Architect – Presented an overview of the project explaining the history of the site and its current condition. It is estimated that the facility will generate approximately 50,000 gallons of effluent in a four month period mid-May – mid-September. This is a small fraction of what is currently being sent to the waste water treatment plant through the sewer system; 38 million gallons from Rye and over 1 billion gallons from Hampton. It is estimated that the amount of effluent to be generated would be equivalent to a three bedroom house during the time the bathhouse is in operation.

Mark Gearreald, Town Attorney – In 1989 an agreement was signed between Hampton and Rye to accept the sewage and is in place until 2019. The town is paid on a per gallon basis plus a fee for capital costs. In 2011 Rye paid Hampton \$62,700 and in 2010 \$67,000. The flow from North Hampton State Beach will be metered and Rye will charge DRED for its usage. The pump station design is being reviewed by the towns of Rye and Hampton and will meet technical specifications of the system. It is expected the service of the pump station will be contracted out. Rye's flow is slightly less than 4% of total processed by Hampton.

Keith Noyes, Hampton Public Works – Has participated in the work group and can see no negative effects. It is better for the system for the effluent to come via the municipal sewer system than by truck which requires more labor to off-load.

Steve Fournier, North Hampton Administrator – It is not the intention for the Town of North Hampton to request additional access to the force main for residents or others. This project is at the request of DRED and will benefit the residents of North Hampton and

Hampton plus enhance the seacoast region. He thanked Rye and Hampton for participating in the working group.

Peter Kasnet, Rye Sewer Commission – Environmentally this proposal makes sense & the flow rate will be minimal. Thanked Hampton and North Hampton for working with the Rye Sewer Commission.

Comments

Richard Nichols, Chair Hampton Board of Selectmen – Asked if the \$450,000 in funding for the construction of the facility is secured.

- Tom Mansfield said yes.

Brian Warburton, resident – Stated that communication is very important not only between the towns but to the general public so they know what to expect when they arrive at the park. Need to advertise who is in charge of the Seacoast Area and the project. The bathrooms should be open when the pay stations are in effect. He believes the usage is higher than represented and asked how it was calculated. He also wanted to encourage further state park renovation to continue up the coast at Jenness and Wallis Sands.

- Mark Verostick, Project Engineer VHB – The flow rates were calculated from existing water use that is metered by Aquarion. The highest water use that we have records for is 37,000 gallons per DRED bills. Increased the anticipated use to 50,000 gallons because of increased number of fixtures. He multiplied the average daily flow by 6 to cover maximum use and to help size the pumps and piping.

Chris Wheeler, resident – Water use will be driven by the number of people who use the facility. He questioned if the town is being adequately compensated by Rye through the agreement. He calculated that Hampton receives \$1.24/thousand gallons from Rye, while Rye charges its customers \$6.28/thousand gallons. He also asked about what impact the commercial business across the street has on the facility.

- Mark Gearreald – Rye charges its customers for flow costs plus capital costs of installing and maintaining the system. His figures from HDPW are that Rye is charged between \$1.49-1.78/thousand gallons.

Mary Louise Woolsey, resident – Wanted to know if other towns also needed to present warrant articles (no). She was a selectman at the time the original agreement was signed and she was the only member not to vote in favor. She believes that the force main is a magnet for development and encourages Rye and North Hampton to work on long-term plan to meet their community goals. She asked for clarification on the language re: maintenance of the pump station.

- Mark Gearreald – The language on maintenance may be changed. The warrant is scheduled to be signed by the selectmen this week. The warrant can be amended until it is posted.
- Steve Fournier – It is not the intention of the Town of North Hampton to pursue additional hookups, it is for DREDs use.

- Phil Bryce – Encouraged the communities to work together for a regional solution.

Arthur Moody, resident – Is the 4% cited flowage or capacity?

- Mark Gearreald – Flowage.

Mr. Moody is opposed to the hookup because there are Hampton residents that don't have access to municipal sewer or water.

Fred Rice, NH State Representative and resident – Project development and its outcome is a great example of “command influence”. Supports the project and hooking up to the force main and says the contribution will be miniscule.

- Peter Kasnet – Rye is well below its allocated capacity, even in peak times.

John Nyhan, Chair Hampton Beach Area Commission – Supports the project and warrant article.

Final Comments by the Panel

Senator Stiles encourages the passing of the warrant article and is concerned about the consequences if the bathhouse can not connect to the sewer.

Meeting Adjourned approximately 8:15 pm