

RPC TAC MEETING

Minutes

September 22, 2016
RPC Conference Room

Members Present: Art Ditto, Chair, Rye; Richard McDermott, Hampton Falls; Robert Clark, Atkinson; Joan Whitney, Kensington; Steve Gerrato, Greenland; Ken Christiansen, Brentwood; Juliet Walker, Portsmouth; Tavis Austin, Stratham; Chris Jacobs, Hampton; Dave Sharples, Exeter; Maria Stowell, PDA; and Carol Macuch, NH DOT.

Staff Present: Cliff Sinnott, Dave Walker, Scott Bogle and Roxanne Rines, RPC.

Others Present: Fran McMahon, Hampton Commissioner and RPC representative to the HBAC and John Nyhan, Chairman, Hampton Beach Area Commission.

Meeting Opened at 9:00 a.m.

1. Introductions

Attendees introduced themselves and stated what municipality they were from or the agency they represented.

2. Minutes of July 28, 2016, TAC Meeting

Motion: **McDermott** made a motion to approve the minutes of July 28, 2016, as written. **Clark** seconded the motion. **Motion carried with two abstentions.**

3. Hampton Beach Transportation Plan

John Nyhan Hampton Beach Advisory Committee (HBAC) handed out agendas for members to follow. He gave an overview of the work and projects that the HBAC has completed to date. He continued that millions of dollars have been spent on the beach side of Hampton Boulevard. The next project will be the reconstruction of Hampton Boulevard because of safety issues. Nearly \$8 million in funding has been secured so far. A study of transportation needs was recommended and VHB was selected as the manager.

He stated the 4 possible scenarios are: a) Ashworth Avenue; b) Ocean Boulevard (south end); c) Ocean Boulevard (north end); and d) Great Boars Head to Winnacunnet. He then explained each option.

Discussion ensued about traffic patterns, number of lanes, safety of pedestrians, parking issues, intersection changes, bike/ped lanes and their safety when deliveries are made, drainage concerns, travel lane widths, incorporating Sea Level Rise design guidelines and more.

Nyhan asked that any concerns, recommendations or questions be sent to bogle of D Walker and they will forward them. The next meeting of the HBAC will be held on October 27 at the Hampton Town Hall at

7 pm.

4. Transportation Alternatives Program – Regional Project Ranking

Bogle gave an overview of the TAP program and stated that municipality's must have one staff person certificated to be able to use funding and gave the dates of training. He continued with a powerpoint presentation of projects, maps and staff's scoring. As well as both the staff's and DOT's scoring criteria.

Clark stated the Salem project should be ranked lower, because they had a large development in the area and the Town didn't include funds for sidewalks as a condition of approval. Discussion ensued about project connectivity - regional vs. local; funding that needs used before it expires; communities that pay dues; funding distribution requirements.

Motion: **Clark** made a motion that staff review Salem's ranking as it pertains to the large project recently completed. **Jacobs** seconded the motion. **Sharples** recused himself because his town has a project.

Bogle explained the ranking process and discussion ensued. **Ditto** gave concerns about the rank of the New Castle project. **Clark** removed his motion. **Jacobs** removed his second. **D Walker** stated staff will look at the concerns voiced and re-rank projects if needed.

Motion: **Clark** made a motion to authorize staff to make changes to the project rankings if necessary and present those to the MPO for their approval. **McDermott** seconded the motion. **Motion carried with Sharples and Macuch abstaining.**

5. Long Range Transportation Plan – Needs Assessment

D Walker stated this item will be discussed at a future meeting due to time constraints. If you have any comments or concern, please contact him or Bogle.

6. SHRP2 Performance Based Planning Grant Update

D Walker reviewed the grant and stated staff is working with other agencies to create transportation performance goals and they should be complete by next summer.

7. Project Updates

A handout was distributed with other project updates.

Meeting adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roxanne M. Rines
Recording Secretary