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Hull at the Crossroads: From Summer Playground to the Next Big Thing

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Time: 7:00 – 8:00 pm

Nantasket Beach Resort

45 Hull Shore Drive, Hull, MA



By the early 1900s, the town of Hull had transformed itself from a quiet fishing village to a thriving summer resort, and its fortunes during the next 100 years would be linked to the amusement industry. As the town outgrew the carnival economy and developed into a year-round suburb, it set its sights on finding the “next big thing” - from urban renewal plans to a casino proposal to the eventual focus on residential condominium development. Today, Hull is at another crossroads, with shifting demographics and new development projects on the horizon. What is Hull's "next big thing" as it grapples with the remnants of old development models, an aging population, climate change, and its ongoing search for identity? This community presentation will look back at the path that got us here and offer a glimpse of the road ahead.

Christopher Haraden grew up in Hull and has worked to preserve its history since the 1980s. A longtime contributor to The Hull Times weekly newspaper, he is a past member of the Hull Historical Commission and the Fort Revere Park and Preservation Society, and currently is treasurer of the Hull Historical Society and a member of the Advisory Board of the Friends of the Paragon Carousel. He holds a bachelor's degree in Journalism and Public Administration from New York University and is completing his Master's in Education at Worcester State University.

