

INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING
Monday July 22, 2013
6:00 P.M.

HAMPDEN TOWN OFFICE

A G E N D A

1. MINUTES OF 6/24/2013
2. OLD BUSINESS
 - A. Discussion of property conditions at intersection of 1A & Western Avenue and 1A and Kennebec Road
3. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. Water District Vacancy
4. PUBLIC COMMENTS
5. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JUNE 24, 2013

Attending:

Councilor William Shakespeare	Mayor Janet Hughes
Councilor Thomas Brann	Sue Lessard, Town Manager
Councilor Jean Lawlis	Kurt Mathies, Recreation Director
Councilor Carol Duprey	Terry McAvoy, resident
Councilor David Ryder	Roland Francis, Applicant Water Dist. Board
Marc Beauregard, Water Dist. Board	Jason Richard, Applicant Water Dist. Board

The meeting was opened at 5:35 p.m. by Chairman Shakespeare.

1. MINUTES OF 5/28/2013 – Motion by Mayor Hughes, seconded by Councilor Brann to approve the 5/28/2013 minutes as presented. Unanimous vote in favor.
2. OLD BUSINESS
 - A. PUBLIC WORKS/RECREATION REQUESTS
 1. ZERO STEER MOWER (Discussion postponed at April Meeting) Committee
After considerable discussion of the need for a new mower at this time, concern over use of Recreation Enterprise Funds, the need for review of equipment replacement schedules, the desire to make sure that the department has sufficient equipment to meet its needs, and concern over Committees overstepping their authority by considering the financial aspects of the proposal, a number of motions were made related to the subject. Motion by Councilor Lawlis, seconded by Councilor Duprey to postpone discussion of a new mower purchase until the next regularly scheduled Infrastructure Committee meeting. Vote 2 – 4 (Hughes, Ryder, Brann, Shakespeare) Motion failed.
Motion by Councilor Duprey, seconded by Councilor Lawlis to wait until next Spring to consider purchase of a new mower. Vote 3-3 (Hughes, Brann, Shakespeare). Motion failed
Motion by Councilor Shakespeare, seconded by Councilor Brann to recommend to the full Council the replacement of the zero turn mower and forward the issue to the Finance Committee for funding. Vote 1 – 5 (Brann, Hughes, Ryder, Duprey, Lawlis) Motion failed.
No further action on this item will occur unless or until it is placed on a future agenda.
 - B. WATER DISTRICT TRUSTEE INTERVIEWS
 1. ROLAND FRANCIS – Mr. Francis met with the Committee and discussed his long term record of service to Hampden through work with the Boy Scouts and the Masonic Lodge, his business expertise as a small business owner and former corporate controller, and his knowledge of some of the Water District operations from his friendship with District Trustees John Quesnel and Dana Skinner. He is interested in continuing to volunteer to benefit his community

and believes his background and experience would benefit the Water District as well.

2. JASON RICHARD – Mr. Richards met with the Committee and discussed his interest in the position, described his educational (Master’s Degree) and work experience credentials (Finance Officer S.W. Cole Engineering), and indicated that his reason for applying was to volunteer in some capacity for the community in which he lives. He is a current customer/user for the District.
3. RYAN FRANCIS – Not available on this date for an interview.
3. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. SIDEWALK PLOWING PRIORITY DISCUSSION – Councilor Ryder had requested that this subject be reviewed based on an estimated cost of keeping sidewalks plowed the same as streets that was much higher than the actual budgeted cost. The cost was reduced from when the policy was first implemented by hiring a part –time worker in the winter instead of paying regular full-time employees overtime for performing the work. No change was suggested for the current policy.
4. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None
5. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS – Councilor Ryder would like an agenda item at a future meeting to discuss the idea of changing the manner in which we dispose of waste wood to possibly save money for the Town. Mayor Hughes would like an agenda item added related to sidewalk improvements along Route 1A/Western avenue intersection. Councilor Brann would like an agenda item added relative to the cost of acquisition of the green house property at the corner of Route 1A/Western Avenue, and the former barbershop/town office at the corner of Kennebec Road/Route 1A.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Lessard
Town Manager