

**Minutes
Hampden Town Council
Community Services Committee
July 01, 2008 @ 6:00pm**

The meeting of the Hampden Town Council Community Services Committee was called to order at 6:10 p.m. on Tuesday, July 01, 2008, at the Hampden Municipal Building by Chairperson Shannon Cox.

Bob Osborne, Town Planner
Gretchen Heldmann, GIS/IT Specialist
Kurt Mathies, Recreation Director
Councilor Shannon Cox
Councilor Andre Cushing
Councilor Tom Brann
Councilor Matt Arnett
Chris Shrum, EMDC
John Mahoney
Sue Mock
Jim Feverston
Nancy Chaiyabhat

1. Introductions of new people.

People introduced themselves briefly before the meeting began

2. Business

A. Minutes Acceptance

No minutes available to be accepted.

B. Dorothea Dix

Councilor Brann's idea behind creating a friends of group, was to also create a friends of group for every park in town, to be formed by the neighbors in that part of town that may take an interest in maintaining the park and being its stewards. The tough part is determining how to physically actually manage all of these groups, whether they are subcommittees or stand alone groups, etc. Volunteers would end up doing a lot of the work, both mental and physical labor, with maybe a small budget from the town, and work would need town approval.

The mass meeting of all interested parties will be 07/16/2008 at 6:30pm at the Municipal Building, back in the Public Safety great room.

C. Recreation Committee Bylaws

The recreation committee updated their bylaws to reflect their true interests, which have nothing to do with parks- so they removed parks references from their bylaws. In addition, they made some formatting and grammar changes. There was a discussion about the recreation director section and the heading for that section was reworded. Councilor Cox reported that the Committee on Committees was working on determining what groups report to whom, and that they already had 2.5 pages of recommendations and an organizational flowchart. They should have a final concept within 60 days. This led to discussion of who the rec committee reports to, and it was noted that this committee has been around since the 80's and reports to the rec director. The purpose of the committee is to aid the rec director, and the committee can be changed or destroyed at the will of the rec director. Kurt noted he very much appreciates this committee, as it helps him do his job better and keeps him in better touch with the rec needs of the community.

D. Pool Plantings Update

Kurt reported that the concrete slab that was poured at the pool was 100% donated by Lane Construction, thank you Lane! The gazebo will be moved by either O'Donald Concrete or Lane Construction. EBS will donate supplies to paint/stain the gazebo and tables.

E. Bion's Mom's House Yard

Kurt reported that the yard associated with Bion's mom's house has been the neighborhood playground and sledding hill for years. When the house went up for sale, the residents in the area contacted Bion to see what would/could happen with the yard. There was some discussion of the possibility of Bion donating the land or the town purchasing it. Kurt was tasked with putting together a more formal proposal after speaking with Bion again.

3. Comp Plan Discussion

Chris added the three paragraphs of intro info to each section. Two sections are still missing, Finance and Public Facilities. Chris has been trying to coordinate with Susan about these sections. The Land Use section needs the map and memo from earlier that discusses Coldbrook Rd/202, Turtlehead, and 4misq areas. Chris will also add a Table of Contents.

According to the plan for the Hampden Water District, there are five aquifers in town. Gretchen will try to obtain updated aquifer information, as the info in the town's GIS only shows two aquifers. The HWD will send what they have to Gretchen.

Conversation drifted back to the waterfront area and the debate over industrial vs. hotel resort vs. open space types of uses for the area. There was some concern over the proposed boat building facility not being within the guidelines the committee had developed over the course of the last year. In addition to that, there was some concern over the longevity of the project, and the high impact it would have on the

area regarding a highly specialized development of a certain parcel- how easily convertible to another use would that parcel be in the future if the boat building facility moved? Discussion continued until all points had been made and noted by Chris for incorporation into the plan.

Chris will email a digital version of the current draft of Book 1 to Gretchen and she will email that to the committee for review. It was suggested that this summer would be made most useful for in-house staff review. Book 2: Inventory & Stats would be needed for staff to review.

The next meeting is *July 15th* at 6:00pm for ComServ, 7:00pm for Comp Plan. School officials and WBRC will also be present.

4. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned around 8:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gretchen Heldmann
GIS/IT Specialist