

**Minutes
Hampden Town Council
Community Services Committee
March 18, 2008 @ 6:00pm**

The meeting of the Hampden Town Council Community Services Committee was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 18, 2008, at the Hampden Municipal Building by Chairperson Shannon Cox.

Bob Osborne, Town Planner
Gretchen Heldmann, GIS/IT Specialist
Kurt Mathies, Recreation Director
John Mahoney
Gayle Zydlewski
Don Katnik, Conservation Commission
Councilor Tom Brann
Councilor Shannon Cox
Councilor Matt Arnett
Jim Feverston
Chris Shrum, EMDC
Councilor Andre Cushing
Dean Bennett, Economic Development Specialist

1. Introductions of new people.

No introductions necessary.

2. Business

A. Minutes Acceptance

All minutes were motioned to be approved, seconded, and passed by all present.

B. Dorothea Dix

There was discussion of the formation of the Friends of Dorothea Dix Park and what the scope and purpose of such a group would be, and why it should be formed. One reason to form the group would be to gain greater recognition for the park and its importance, especially in an historic sense. It would also be useful in the guidance of the general care and maintenance of the park, obtaining funding to fix and maintain the wall, and so forth. It was noted that the town could give a donation to kick start the group, and it was also noted that there could be a donation reserve to fund the efforts as any donations to the town are tax deductible. It was stated that the group should remain under the confines of the town government instead of becoming an independent organization that works with the town. The Prentiss & Carlisle proposal for work on the park should go to this group.

C. Tree Board

Councilor Cox will contact the Appointments Committee chair to determine the status of these appointments. It was agreed that the board should take on the task of organizing an event with the schools at the end of May to do some more tree plantings there.

D. Project Canopy/Rain Garden

Gretchen is applying for Project Canopy grant money to help offset the costs of the rain garden. It was mentioned that there should be a piece in the newsletter about "what IS a rain garden??" and how it relates to stormwater rules. It was suggested that perhaps the Council could use a Stormwater 101 session as well.

E. Pool Green Space

Kurt received grant money (\$1,000) to move the gazebo from the town office location over to the pool and to refinish the wood as well as pour a cement slab for it to be situated upon. Kurt also received \$250.00 from the Woodmen of America to plant trees, as well as \$500.00 from ExxonMobil for a recreation project. He will put both amounts towards improving the outdoor space at the pool. EBS will be donating materials for refinishing the gazebo. The town will have to look at the site and do a site design working with both the pool and Council to create a plan to present to the Planning Board for a plan amendment for the location.

F. Contact With Other Groups

It was agreed that we need to get a meeting organized with all of the other groups and start working on concept plans for the next 10 years. Other groups include the library and pool boards, for example.

G. TPL & Regional Open Space Plan

Gayle reported that on 3/1 there was a kick off event, and on 3/20 there will be a stakeholder meeting at 6:30pm at the Bangor Police Department where they will review the "greenprinting process." Now that all of the paperwork associated with this project is complete, the project is starting to take off.

On a related note, it was mentioned that there is a landowner off of Ichabod Lane interested in doing a conservation easement on their property.

3. Comp Plan Discussion

Chris handed out summary sheets for chapters already discussed. Chris mentioned that there were three culverts in town identified by a recent Forest Service fish passage survey there were deemed an obstruction to passage. Gretchen asked him to forward the contact information for this project so she could obtain more details

and possible GIS information. The discussion centered on going over what we had already talked about for Water Resources. A lot of talk centered on incorporating Low Impact Development (LID) strategies into this chapter and others.

The next meeting is *April 1st* at **6:00pm for ComServ** and 7pm for Comp Plan discussion.

4. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned around 9:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gretchen Heldmann
GIS/IT Specialist