

INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING  
MINUTES  
MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 2010

6:00 PM

HAMPDEN TOWN OFFICE

*Attending:*

*Mayor Matthew Arnett (6:10 p.m.)*

*Brent Marquis, Resident*

*Chairman William Shakespeare*

*Councilor Thomas Brann*

*Councilor Shannon Cox*

*Councilor Janet Hughes*

*Councilor Jean Lawlis*

*Public Works Director Chip Swan*

1. Minutes of 11/23/09 Meeting – *The minutes of the 11/23/09 meeting were reviewed and no changes or amendments were proposed.*
2. Old Business
  - a. Street Light Locations – Dunton Circle/Western Avenue and Dunton Circle/Silver Drift Trail – *Brent Marquis a resident of Town Farm Road who has land on Dunton Circle requested lights at 3 different locations in Hawthorne Ridge. A letter from the Public Safety Director was added to the meeting packet. The Department supports streetlights at road intersections so that motorists can identify their location more easily.*

*Councilor Lawlis made a motion to forward to the Council. Mayor Arnett made a second motion to forward to the Finance Committee. The committee, with some reservations, voted to forward this to the Council and Finance Committee 5-1.*
  - b. Update on Route 1A MDOT project – *The Public Works Director explained MDOT has postponed the RTE 1A project until the summer of 2011 because of budget constraints. Chairman William Shakespeare voiced concern of the general public's awareness of the status of the project. The Public Works Director offered to put a statement in the next newsletter concerning the project.*
  - c. Road opening language (not ready for discussion)
  - d. Mayo Road Resident meeting update – *The Public Works Director explained there would be a public information meeting on the reconstruction of Mayo*

*Road on January 27, 2010 at 6pm in the Community Room in the municipal building.*

3. New Business

- a. Sewer Manhole Cover Risers – *The Public Works Director explained this year's paving program would require 72 sewer manhole riser rings. The cost would be \$10,500.00. He asked the committee to waive the bid process as the Etheridge Foundry in Portland was the only vendor in the state that made these rings.*

*Mayor Arnett made a motion to approve this request and forward it to the Council. The motion passed unanimously.*

- b. Truck & Loader Bids – *The Public Works Director asked the committee if he could advertise bids early for a new truck and loader prior to the next budget cycle. He explained this was done last year and public works was able to receive a new truck prior to the winter season. The truck would be \$140,000 less trade and the loader has a guaranteed buyback of \$55,000. A new loader is in the range of \$137,000. The two vehicles would cost approximately \$200,000. Mayor Arnett asked if the Town Manager agreed with the Public Works Director. He stated that she was on the same page. Councilor Brann suggested bidding the loader 3 ways: Guaranteed buy back, trade, and straight sale.*

*Councilor Hughes made a motion to recommend putting these bids out in March 2010 and forwarding this to the Council. The motion passed unanimously.*

4. Public Comments – *None*

5. Committee Member Comments – *Councilor Brann had reservations about approving street lights. The Town would be setting a precedence and that every intersection in town would require a street light. Most of the committee members expressed similar thoughts. More discussion would be needed in Finance Committee.*

*The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 pm by Chairman Shakespeare.*

*Respectfully Submitted,*

*Chip Swan, Public Works Director*