

TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

JULY 23, 2007

A special meeting of the Hampden Town Council was held on Monday, July 23, 2007 for the purpose of updating the Council on the general direction proposed by the Comprehensive Planning Committee on land use and development patterns for the Town of Hampden. Mayor Briggs called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Attendance: Councilors: Mayor Rick Briggs, Robert Gilberti, Thomas Brann, Andrew Colford, Edward Murphy and Shannon Cox. Matt Arnett was absent.

Town Manager: Susan Lessard

Department Heads/Staff: Town Planner Bob Osborne, Economic Development Director Bion Foster and GIS/IT Specialist Gretchen Heldmann

Chris Shrum from Eastern Maine Development Corp., Economic Development Committee Chair Colby Clendenning, members of the Comprehensive Planning Committee and citizens

Councilor Brann noted that this discussion is a collection of thoughts of the Comprehensive Planning Committee and that the committee is looking for a consensus from the Council on their proposed direction. The area of focus for this discussion is from the Souadabscook Stream to the northeast section of Hampden towards Bangor, dealing mostly with the area of Coldbrook Road and the Hampden Business and Commerce Park and Route 202 corridor.

Chris Shrum from Eastern Maine Development Corp. distributed a memo outlining the Committee's recommendations (copy attached). He also included information regarding cluster residential development. Chris then explained in detail the items bulleted in his memo. There was considerable discussion about whether minimizing curb cuts along Coldbrook Road was a good idea. There was also extensive discussion about the cluster development concept. Chris explained that a cluster development subdivision pattern allows for the same number of lots as a traditional subdivision pattern, but there is considerably more open space. The lot sizes are much smaller, but the lots abut into open space so they appear larger and more rural.

Councilor Brann reiterated that the committee is looking for approval of the concept so they can work out the details. It was decided that the Council will absorb this information and agenda it for discussion at the next regular meeting.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Denise R. Hodsdon
Town Clerk