

**Minutes
Hampden Town Council
Community Services Committee
April 15, 2008 @ 6:00pm**

The meeting of the Hampden Town Council Community Services Committee was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 15, 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
Nancy Chaiyabhat
Gene Weldon
Chris Shrum, EMDC
Councilor Andre Cushing
Dean Bennett, Economic Development Specialist

1. Introductions of new people.

No introductions necessary.

2. Business

A. Minutes Acceptance

No minutes available to be approved. There will be three sets at next meeting.

B. Dorothea Dix

It was determined that the group wants the Friends of D. Dix group to be a subcommittee of Community Services Committee per discussion of Kurt's memo. There were some questions about the town forming this group instead of a bottom-up grassroots approach. It seems that people want this group but do not know how to create one, or perhaps feel it would overlap jurisdiction- there are not any other friends of type of groups in the area. The committee wants to start the group but then hopes it will take off and the members would keep it alive and give it direction.

C. Prentiss & Carlisle Proposal

Prentiss & Carlisle submitted a proposal to work with the committee to develop a plan for Dorothea Dix Park. There was a preference to not use chemicals to control the exotic invasives as offered as a control option in the proposal. People wanted to know the implementation costs of the actual project (harvesting, fixing & creating trails, etc) but it is difficult to know that until the committee really determines a future vision for the park. This would be a starting point and foundation for the Friends of Dorothea Dix group. It is estimated that the town could harvest enough from the park to offset the costs of doing the work with some possible revenue as well.

D. MASD22 Policy Statement

Gretchen typed up a one page open letter to the MSAD22 group as requested by ComServ, but Councilor Cox determined it was not going to be necessary.

E. Library Board of Trustees

Councilor Cox went to the most recent meeting of the library board and she asked them to forward-think and support the library director in capital budget ideas. Councilor Cox also extended an invitation to all the members to partake in the ComServ and Comp Plan meetings.

F. Misc Other

The Town Council Committee on Committees will be creating a matrix or flow chart type of document that will clarify the purpose of each committee, to whom each committee reports, and so forth to try to minimize confusion.

May 28/29th there will be an open space meeting for the regional open space plan, it was also mentioned in the latest Hampden Highlights newsletter. Councilor Brann had a one hour phone call with TPL about the regional open space planning project.

May 24th Arbor Day celebration: The committee voted to authorize Jim Feverston to head up organizing an event and contact the potential tree board members to get them involved and start planning the event as well. Jim also reported that he cleared up all Tree City USA issues and we WILL be obtaining Tree City USA status!

May 10th Hike for the Homeless, meet at Hampden Academy at 9:30am. Fundraiser for the Bangor Area Homeless Shelter. Whatever town gets the most volunteers "wins" and each of the other area towns participating would have to wear the winning town's colors at their next Council meeting.

May 17th Stream Cleanup 8am, bring a volunteer! Hampden Marina.

3. Comp Plan Discussion

JUNE 30, 2008 PROJECTED COMPLETION DATE, per Chris Shrum.

END OF APRIL: FULL DRAFT, DEFINITELY BY MAY, per Chris Shrum.

Councilor Arnett does not see it finishing up until Fall 2008. Discussion then ensued about the timeline for when the committee thought the comp plan process would be finished (public meetings, advertising it, etc). It was suggested that we create a marketing plan to "sell" the comp plan, which would take place from May to September through various forms of media including public meetings, newsletter, cable channel, website, etc. It was suggested that we create a one page fact sheet type of thing to snail mail to all residents.

The first order of business would be to ensure that all departments and other groups directly affected are on board, because many key department heads have not been to any meetings (i.e. Public Works, Public Safety). Also, all chapters would have to be sent back to their respective committees for final review before going public. The committee determined they needed Chris to develop a rough timeline of when things could actually be accomplished.

Comp plan chapter discussion finished up Housing and then moved on to Critical Natural Resources. This chapter was renamed to just "Natural Resources." The General Goals for the chapter were reworded, and the term "critical" was struck from the chapter wherever it was found. Recommendation 1 should also be included in the Water Resources chapter. Recommendation 2 was reworded such that "concentrated" should be changed to "encouraged." More wording was deemed necessary to define "preserve natural resources" such as: better drained soils in certain areas are preferable for development, there are less resources in the areas where development should be encouraged, etc.

The next meeting is *May 6th* at **6:00pm for ComServ** and 7pm for Comp Plan discussion.

4. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned around 9:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gretchen Heldmann
GIS/IT Specialist