

**Planning and Development Committee  
Minutes of April 20, 2011  
6:00 PM  
Hampden Council Chambers - Town Office**

<b>Attendees:</b>	Tom Brann, Chair	<b>Guests:</b>	Staff:
	Kristen Hornbrook	Lee Landry	Robert Osborne
	Jean Lawlis	Chester Bigelow	Dean Bennett
	William Shakespeare		

**1. Approval of April 6, 2011 Minutes**

Approved by Majority

**2. Committee Interviews**

Chester Bigelow was interviewed as a candidate for the Conservation Commission.

**Committee Action:**

Committee agreed to recommend to Council the appointment of Chester Bigelow to the Conservation Commission.

(Note: It was asked if there was a minimum period of residency for service on boards and committees because during the discussion it was stated that Mr. Bigelow has resided in the town for less than one year. Town Clerk Denise Hodsdon indicates that there is no minimum length of residency requirement for service on the Conservation Commission and that Mr. Bigelow has established residency in the town).

**3. Old Business**

**a. Business Park Priorities Discussion**

CED Director advised that he has spoken with Rob Frank of WRBC in efforts to determine if the development cost of Phase 2 of the Business and Commerce Park was once estimated (at park inception) and if so, is it available. CED Director will update at next meeting.

b. Marina/Park Development Concept Update

CED Director advised the Committee on recent activities with regard to the Marina project consisting of the following:

- Services of Betsy Poulin, LA at Chevron Expense
- Ongoing communication with Preti-Flairety Law Firm
- Ongoing communications with DEP
- May 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting with Chevron Environmental Consultant
- May 18<sup>th</sup> Meeting in Augusta with Chevron Team, Town Manager, CED Director, Mayor and P&D Chairperson.

CED Directed stated optimism with caution as the potential for the project continues to grow in scope and likelihood of success.

c. Future of Property Assessment Clean Energy (PACE) Initiative

Lee Landry, Chairperson of Sustainable Homes Hampden Committee reported on the success of the group's educational efforts and success in Hampden. Discussion focused on the future of the Committee, its role and challenges.

**Committee Action:**

Committee agreed to recommend to Council that Council take action to make a commitment to support Sustainable Homes Hampden Committee in their efforts to educate Hampden citizens on ways to reduce fossil fuel consumption and associated costs.

d. Hampden Academy Reuse

Discussion was tabled until next meeting.

e. Dennis Paper Discussion Update

CED Director reported of ongoing discussions with Ron Dennis and his legal representative from Rudman and Winchell with regard to

the development of a TIF application to be presented to the Planning and Development Committee at the May 4, 2011 meeting. Proposed terms of the TIF will precede the May 4<sup>th</sup> meeting in order to allow the Committee time to prepare for proposal discussion.

**4. New Business:**

**5. Public Comments:**

Comments and discussion focused on the suggestion of caution when discussing issues related to the possible interpretation of infringement on property rights. It was noted that what is intended is always reflected in motion or stated decision.

**6. Committee Member Comments:**

CED Director shared advance copy of Hampden's featured article in Maine Ahead Magazine set for May issue publication.

**7. Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.