

**Minutes
Hampden Town Council
Community Services Committee
December 02, 2008 @ 6:30pm**

The meeting of the Hampden Town Council Community Services Committee was called to order at 6:35 p.m. on Tuesday, December 02, 2008, at the Hampden Municipal Building by Chairperson Shannon Cox.

Gretchen Heldmann, GIS/IT Specialist
Councilor Shannon Cox
Councilor Matt Arnett
Kurt Mathies, Recreation Director
Bob Osborne, Town Planner
Kay Carter

1. Introductions of new people.

No introductions.

2. Business

A. Minutes Acceptance

Minutes for 09/30/08 and 10/07/08 were unanimously voted on and approved.

B. D.Dix Update

Kay reviewed her work to date talking with Leon Cranmer about archaeology and Judy Markowsky about bird habitat.

Archaeology: Leon identified a few areas that may be of value and interest for an archaeological dig. Kay mentioned there are Historic Preservation Commission grants available for doing archaeological work, and noted that Freeport and Auburn have received grants that involved partnering with the schools in the area. Kay noted that the FoDDix Group will not be applying for a grant this year so that they can talk to stakeholders and develop similar partnerships to make for a stronger grant application. She stated that she will be discussing the park with the schools and will also try to involve a Winterport resident who is a retired UMaine archaeology professor. Kay mentioned there were old maps Leon showed her, from 1859 and 1875, with the house showing on the 1859 map but not the 1875 map. Bob and Kurt visited the park with

a metal detector and got some hits at various locations, including one not identified during the walkthrough.

Bird Habitat: Judy Markowsky wrote a report about her walkthrough of the park with members of FoDDix. The report will be put on the town website under the FoDDix section.

Regarding archaeology and bird habitat- the group would like to discuss staying out of certain areas as much as possible with Prentiss & Carlisle regarding the harvesting.

Kay stated that she visited the park recently and there were very recent harvesting activities going on, just involving downed woody debris from the recent wind storm. Kurt will speak to Sue about having Public Safety speak with the residents in the area again about not stealing timber from town property. Kurt stated he first wanted to verify if it was just trees that had fallen over the roadway or more serious removal.

Kay drafted a Charter for the FoDDix Group which was reviewed by this committee. ComServ members recommended adding Hampden Historic Preservation Commission to the member list, and that was done. ComServ motioned and approved to send this to the Council for approval at the 12/15 meeting.

C. Tree Bd Update

No citizen members of Tree Board were present and Gretchen missed the last meeting, but she attempted to recap their activities to date. The board had a meeting on 11/10 and they worked on their tree care plan per ordinance requirements. At the 10/27 meeting, one of the media interns, Melissa, was present to discuss with the board possible enhancements to their section of the website. Phil Stack is on sabbatical in California and has been attending via Skype over the internet. The board knows about their need to recertify their Tree City USA status, and they divvied up the tasks among the members. Town staff put together the official budget and had it initialed by Susan Lessard, Town Manager. Lastly, the board put together a calendar of upcoming events.

D. Gazebo Update

Kurt said he would like to see some donor recognition, including an all-weather plaque at the gazebo, and presentation of framed thank-you certificates at the 02/02/09 Council meeting. The announcements should be put in the newsletter and newspaper, on the website and the TV channel. Donors include: Lane Construction, EBS, J. Jones Construction, and Dick Madore. All present agreed this needed to be done. Kurt will take care of the plaque and Gretchen will take care of the framed certificates.

E. Rec. Committee By-Laws

Kurt brought the latest draft of the Recreation Committee By-Laws to the meeting for consideration. ComServ members indicated they would like to see revisions to the following sections:

2.01 – Article II title and 2.01 definition needs revision

3.01 – minimum of six and max of 9 should be reconsidered- may not always be able to get 9 members

4.05 – Planning Board should be ComServ

5.03 – membership needs to be clarified, choose a number instead of the current 50% rule

6.03 – should add something to the effect of forwarding the minutes to staff for posting into public record

Kurt will bring these recommendations back to the Rec Cmte for review and editing.

4. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned around 8:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gretchen Heldmann
GIS/IT Specialist