

**Minutes
Hampden Town Council
Community Services Committee
September 16, 2008 @ 6:00pm**

The meeting of the Hampden Town Council Community Services Committee was called to order at 6:05 p.m. on Tuesday, September 16, 2008, at the Hampden Municipal Building by Chairperson Shannon Cox.

Gretchen Heldmann, GIS/IT Specialist
Councilor Shannon Cox
Councilor Tom Brann
Councilor Matt Arnett
Jim Feverston
Kay Carter
Kurt Mathies, Recreation Director
Bob Osborne, Town Planner
Chris Packard
Lance Case

1. Introductions of new people.

Introductions were conducted.

2. Business

A. Minutes Acceptance

Minutes for Comserv for the dates of 5/6, 6/3, 7/1, 8/5, and 8/19 were motioned by Councilor Arnett to be approved and seconded by Jim Feverston, all voted in favor and the motion passed.

B. Dorothea Dix Park

An ongoing Eagle scout project at D.Dix park was discussed, concerning lighting the flag pole that was installed at the park. The father of the scout has called the office numerous times looking for information or help on getting the flag lit. The Public Works Director passed the task to ComServ and so discussion ensued about who does own the pole that the light would be mounted on, what type of light would be installed (solar vs. electric plug-in), who would pay for the electric bill, who would pay for the maintenance into the future, and so on. All agreed that it was not the towns responsibility to investigate these issues for the scout, as all of that should

by done by him and included in his project proposal. Kurt will try to help determine who owns the pole in question.

Gretchen gave an update on the status of the legal work, which is that the town attorney has subcontracted to someone to do more in-depth deed research of the surrounding properties. The town attorney asked Gretchen to contact the Public Works Director about any meeting minutes or other town record of the acceptance of Hopkins Rd.

Gretchen also updated the group on the status of obtaining a teleconference system. She has considered Skype and other similar online products. The town's phone system circuit board is maxed out and is in need of an upgrade to VoIP. She is considering and weighing all options and should be getting an estimate for the VoIP upgrade from the towns phone contractor Bricknet IT within a week or two.

Regarding the park and the vernal pools issue, more information was brought to the meeting. Lance brought an Audubon publication about forest mgmt and vernal pools and he will forward the link to the Audubon publications website.

Other groups/people that may want to be involved:

Audubon

Don Katnik

UM Archaeology

Rep. Sean Faircloth (did D.Dix research when they were renaming BMHI)

Garden Club

Kay will contact Rep Faircloth and the D. Dix Society (out of Roanoke, VA?) as well as visit the library and museum when she is in Augusta next. Councilor Cox will contact Audubon, Don Katnik, and UM Archaeology.

Gretchen will work with the library to obtain a book by Dorothy Clark Wilson that is about Dorothea Dix, and will work to get a list of other similar books.

Another idea proposed was to have an event at the park on April 4, 2009 (D.Dix's birthday) to bring attention to the efforts to clean up the park and the history of it.

Roles of all of the groups were discussed again. The meeting minutes from 8/19 were reviewed to determine the outcome of the last discussion. It was decided at this meeting that the Tree Bd has the strongest membership, is not a direct Council committee, and also has a vested interest in the outcome of the work done at the park so therefore they should be the base for the FoDDix work. Gretchen will send out an online poll to determine the best possible meeting time arrangement for all interested parties.

It was agreed by all that any and all document gathering (books, historical articles, etc) should come from the committee and not at the request of the Council or any Councilors. The new group should have a citizen step up and be the leader.

The next meeting to discuss D. Dix is Oct. 1st from 6:30-8:30pm.

4. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gretchen Heldmann
GIS/IT Specialist