

SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING

MONDAY, JULY 8, 2013

6:00 P.M.

HAMPDEN TOWN OFFICE

A G E N D A

1. MINUTES OF 6-10-2013 MEETING
2. OLD BUSINESS
  - A. REC DIRECTOR PROGRAM UPDATE
  - B. PAPERMILL ROAD PARK UPDATE
  - C. DOROTHEA DIX PARK UPDATE
  - D. UPDATE COMMUNICATIONS
    1. YOU-TUBE IDEA
  - E. RE-APPOINTMENT OF POOL TRUSTEE – JAMES FEVERSTON
3. NEW BUSINESS
  - A. DISCUSSION – SENIOR PROGRAMS
4. PUBLIC COMMENTS
5. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Monday, June 10, 2013

Attending:

- Councilor Jean Lawlis
- Councilor David Ryder
- Mayor Janet Hughes
- Susan O'Brien, Pool Board Candidate
- Benjamin Curtis, Pool Board Candidate
- Jeremy Jones, Papermill Rd Park Patriots
- Kurt Mathies, Recreation Director
- Terry McAvoy, Resident

The Meeting was opened at 6 p.m. by Chairman Lawlis

1. Minutes of 5-13-2013 Meeting – The minutes of the 5-13-2013 meeting were reviewed and approved with no changes
2. OLD BUSINESS
  - A. RECREATION DIRECTOR PROGRAM UPDATE – Recreation Director Kurt Mathies presented a report about items received from the closure of the Bangor Auditorium. He indicated that there were many items that were given that were needed at the Skehan Recreation Center. Items such as chairs and tables, 2 way radios, concession stand equipment and much more have been cleaned and most have already been used at the center. An update on the happenings at the Skehan Center was also given. Programs for this summer look great and the department expects another fun filled session. A question was raised about the line item in the Skehan Center Budget dealing with cleaning. Comments were made that instead of using a cleaning service, it might be more cost effective to just hire staff to put on our payroll to just deal with the deep cleaning of the building and still leave the light cleaning duties to staff. Director Mathies concurred and will look into that. It was also reported that Kids Korner Registration for the next school year began on June 2. It was reported that the expansion had cleared the Weatherbee school in the afternoon to no wait list but still left McGraw with a wait list range of 3 to 9 participants and the morning program with a range of 8 – 13. We have discussed it within our staff and decided we need to look at expanding the morning so we will be looking at changes in structure, meeting with RSU#22 building principles and reorganizing current staff to make that happen. Lastly, Councilor Lawlis asked Director Mathies about an update the Hampden Seniors. Was mentioned that with no outside agencies such as the Hammond Street Senior Center in Bangor receiving moneys what was the plan for the Skehan Center as it relates to seniors. Kurt mentioned a reduction in the senior activities line in the Enterprise Budget but that money was allocated for the soul purpose of paying for buses for senior trips which were not being very well attended. A line item in the Skehan Center Budget allows for some resources to be used for senior programs. Many in the senior Fitness Class had mentioned wanting

to see activities such as walking programs, dances and special events and entertainers. Kurt was going to be meeting with the The Hampden Seniors group on Friday at 9:30am.

- B. PAPERMILL RD PARK – There is a park clean-up day scheduled for June 15, from 9-3 to clean up brush, work on expanding the trails and general park maintenance. All are welcome to help. Also, the portable toilet was delivered which has already been received well from the public. The park was sprayed on June 5<sup>th</sup> for Poison Ivy. With only small amounts this year, this application should take care of the problem for a few years and with regular inspections of the park, shouldn't be much of an issue for the future.
- C. DOROTHEA DIX PARK – A clean-up day is scheduled for this park also and will be on June 20<sup>th</sup> from 4-8pm. This is organized by The Friends of Dorothea Dix Park. Again, all who wish to join are welcome. During that same day, staff will be working on installing the water fountain and planting a few more trees. There were 3 trees planted there on May 22 for Arbor Day by Gretchen Heldmann, Town GIS/IT, Kurt and Denny Babcock and Paul Weaver from Public Works. Materials will be delivered prior to that day so volunteers can work on trails, filling in the driveway and fixing the gardens.
- D. UPDATE COMMUNICATIONS – Youtube Idea. Was not ready for a report this evening. Will be added to next Services Committee Meeting.

### 3. NEW BUSINESS

#### A. INTERVIEW POOL BOARD APPLICANTS

- 1. Susan O'Brien – Teacher of 33 years, avid swimmer and runner. Looking to advocate for the Lura Hoit Pool as it is a fantastic asset to the town. Has experience writing grants as a teacher and wants to support further program growth. Motion was made by Mayor Hughes, seconded by Councilor Ryder to the full Council appointment of Susan O'Brien to the Lura Hoit Pool Board.
- 2. Benjamin Curtis – Teacher who feels the pool is an intricate part of the community. Supports the swim team and was a part of his high school's swim team. He saw how that program while he was growing up was so big for the community and would like to see that here. Also talked about the safety aspects of having the opportunities to learn to swim and be safe around water. Motion was made by Mayor Hughes, seconded by Councilor Ryder to the full Council appointment of Benjamin Curtis to the Lura Hoit Pool Board

### 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Resident Terry McAvoy asked how many cemeteries we have in town and why do we mow the areas of Western Ave Cemetery not with graves. Councilor Ryder said we have 5 and because it's respectful to those who have loved one's buried there to have the area cleaned.

### 5. COMMITTEE MEMBERS COMMENTS

- Councilor Ryder had mentioned that this would be a good time to start looking at the long term goals and objective for the Recreation Department. He asked that Recreation Director Mathies ask Gretchen Heldmann, who is the town's GIS

specialist, to formulate a few maps so we can see where the town has land and what that land looks like so that we can look at building over time a proper recreation complex.

6. Meeting adjourned at 7:30



Check One:  Initial Application  
 Reappointment Application

TOWN OF HAMPDEN  
APPLICATION FOR TOWN BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

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OCCUPATION: Consultant/Research & Development Specialist

BOARD OR COMMITTEE PREFERENCE:  
FIRST CHOICE: Pool Board.

SECOND CHOICE (OPTIONAL): \_\_\_\_\_

How would your experience, education and/or occupation be a benefit to this board or committee? \_\_\_\_\_

Previous Leadership and Pool Board.  
experience, Pool Board Projects leader.

Are there any issues you feel this board or committee should address, or should continue to address? Financial stability

- CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
- BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW
- PERSONNEL APPEALS BOARD
- LURA HOIT MEMORIAL POOL
- ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
- FRIENDS OF DOROTHEA DIX PARK

3 YEAR

- DYER LIBRARY
- RECREATION COMMITTEE
- BOARD OF APPEALS
- HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
- TREE BOARD

5 YEAR  
PLANNING BOARD

<b>FOR TOWN USE ONLY</b>		Date Application Received: <b>MAR 12 2013</b>
COUNCIL COMMITTEE ACTION: _____	DATE: _____	
COUNCIL ACTION: _____	DATE: _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> NEW APPT	<input type="checkbox"/> REAPPOINTMENT	DATE APPOINTMENT EXPIRES: _____