



HAMPDEN TOWN COUNCIL
HAMPDEN MUNICIPAL BUILDING
MINUTES

MONDAY

JANUARY 5, 2015

7:00 P.M.

Attending:

*Councilor David Ryder
Councilor William Shakespeare
Councilor Greg Sirois
Councilor Carol Duprey
Councilor Dennis Marble
Councilor Terry McAvoy
Councilor Stephen Wilde*

*Town Attorney Tom Russell
Town Manager Susan Lessard
Town Clerk Denise Hodsdon
State Representative Jim Davitt
Residents*

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Town Clerk Denise Hodsdon.

- **Swearing in of District Councilors** – Councilors David Ryder, Dennis Marble, Terry McAvoy and Stephen Wilde were sworn in to office by Town Clerk Denise Hodsdon.
- **Election of Mayor, Deputy Mayor** – Town Attorney Tom Russell presided over the election of Mayor and asked for nominations. Councilor Shakespeare nominated Councilor David Ryder, seconded by Councilor Sirois. Nominations were closed and vote was unanimously in favor of the nomination. The Town Clerk swore in the Mayor who then presided over the remainder of the meeting.

Councilor Marble nominated Councilor Sirois for Deputy Mayor, seconded by Councilor Shakespeare. Councilor Duprey nominated Councilor William Shakespeare for Deputy Mayor, seconded by Councilor Sirois. Nominations were closed. Vote on the nominations: 2 votes for Councilor Sirois (Marble and Ryder) and 5 votes for Councilor Shakespeare (Sirois, Wilde, Shakespeare, Duprey and McAvoy). The Town Clerk swore in Deputy Mayor Shakespeare.

- A. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Mayor Ryder led the pledge of allegiance
- B. **CONSENT AGENDA** – Motion by Councilor Shakespeare, seconded by Councilor Sirois to accept the Consent Agenda. Unanimous vote in favor.

1. SIGNATURES

2. SECRETARY'S REPORTS

3. COMMUNICATIONS

- a. **Maine Municipal Association – Annual Workers Comp Fund Membership Report**

- b. **Lowell T. Sherwood Jr. – Application for Re-appointment to Board of Assessment Review – Referral to Finance & Administration Committee**
- c. **MaryAnn Bjorn – Application for Re-appointment to Library Board – Referral to Services Committee**
- d. **Yvonne Lambert – Application for Re-appointment to Library Board – Referral to Services Committee**
- e. **Mark Russell – Application for Re-appointment to Library Board – Referral to Services Committee**
- f. **Karen Brooks – Application for Re-appointment to Pool Board – Referral to Services Committee**
- g. **Michael Jellison – Application for Re-appointment to Pool Board – Referral to Services Committee**
- h. **Victoria Levesque – Application for Re-appointment to Pool Board – Referral to Services Committee**
- i. **Sarah McVeigh – Application for Re-appointment to Pool Board – Referral to Services Committee**

4. REPORTS

- a. **Finance Committee Minutes – 12/1/2014**

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

State Representative Jim Davitt offered congratulations to the incoming Councilors and said he is looking forward to working with the Council. He encouraged the Council to reach out to him if he could do anything to help with legislative matters.

Jeremy Jones congratulated the new Mayor and members of the Council. He encouraged the Council to work together and suggested ten core guidelines for the Council to follow (copy attached).

D. POLICY AGENDA

1. PUBLIC HEARINGS

2. NOMINATIONS – APPOINTMENTS – ELECTIONS

- a. **Water District Trustee Appointment – Infrastructure Committee Recommendation – Mayor Ryder reported that the Infrastructure Committee had interviewed candidates for the Water District Trustee vacancy and recommended the appointment of Lauren Swalec. Motion by Councilor Shakespeare, seconded by Councilor Sirois to appoint Lauren Swalec to fill the vacancy on the Hampden Water District Board of Trustees. Unanimous vote in favor.**

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ten Core Guidelines for Our Town

1. - Abide by the United States Constitution
2. - Eliminate excessive taxes
3. - Eliminate our town's debt
4. - Eliminate deficit spending
5. - Promote free market business
6. - Promote civic responsibility
7. - Reduce the overall size of our bureaucracy
8. - Believe in The People
9. - Avoid the pitfalls of politics & ulterior agendas
10. - Maintain local independence, be self-sufficient

- a. **Update – Prentiss & Carlisle Project** – Mayor Ryder explained that the wood harvesting plan prepared by Prentiss & Carlisle had been on hold since 2008. He reported that the Infrastructure Committee had revisited the plan because the Council felt that the wood on the business park property should be cut before it got destroyed. The Town has now entered into a contract with Prentiss & Carlisle to proceed with the plan. He noted that the Business Park will be done throughout this year; cutting to establish walking trails within Dorothea Dix Park will be done this summer; and the LL Bean parcel will be done next year.

4. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Set Date for Council Goals & Objectives Meeting** – The Goals and Objectives Meeting was set for 8:00 am on Saturday, February 7, 2015 at the Town Office. Manager Lessard asked Councilors to bring a list of items they would like to see explored and discussed at the meeting.
- b. **Date for Second Council Meeting in January** – Due to the Martin Luther King Day holiday, the next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 20th.

- E. **COMMITTEE REPORTS** – Mayor Ryder indicated that he would be making committee appointments this week and will notify the Council of those appointments by the end of the week. It was noted that there would be no Planning & Development Committee meeting this week, but the Services Committee will be meeting next Monday, January 12th.

Mayor Ryder reported that the Infrastructure Committee had met on December 22nd and discussed the wood harvesting plan; completion of installing GPS units in all Public Works vehicles; and heard information on a group that is looking to create an outdoor sports field complex in Hampden.

- F. **MANAGER'S REPORT** – A copy of the Manager's Report is attached hereto and made a part of the minutes. At the request of Councilor Shakespeare, Manager Lessard will consult with Interim Public Works Director Nash about the possibility of leaving the brush area of the transfer station open during all regular hours for the disposal of Christmas trees and additional storm debris. Manager Lessard also reported that the new schedule for the Town Planner took effect today. The Planner's office will now be open Monday through Thursday from 7:30 am to 3:00 pm.

G. COUNCILORS' COMMENTS

Councilor Shakespeare offered congratulations to the new Councilors. He said he was pleased to have them onboard and was sure that they could all work together. He also thanked the Council for nominating him as Deputy Mayor.

Councilor Duprey said she looks forward to working with everybody this year and getting a lot accomplished in a very civil manner.

Councilor Marble echoed Councilor Duprey's comments and he reminded residents of District 2 that he will be holding an open meeting on the 3rd Saturday of this month,

January 17th, at 9:00 am at the Dyer Library.

Councilor McAvoy thanked everyone in District 3 who voted for him and said it was an honor and privilege to serve. He also wanted those who didn't vote for him to know that he was still going to try to reduce their tax burden this year. He urged everyone to shop local and buy American.

Mayor Ryder thanked the Council for having the confidence in him to serve as Mayor. He said he will strive to do the best he can for the Town and for everybody on this board.

H. ADJOURNMENT – *There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:33 pm.*



Denise Hodsdon
Town Clerk

MANAGER'S REPORT
January 5, 2015

Transfer Station Decal Reminder – 2015 Transfer station decals are on sale at the Town Office. This year's price is \$10 per sticker. Please bring a copy of the registration from the vehicle on which you wish to place the sticker at the time of purchase. Vehicles without 2015 stickers will not be allowed access to the Transfer Station after 1/31/15.

Dog Licenses – 2015 dog licenses are available at the Town Office. A \$25 late fee will be applied to any license issued after ~~12/31/15~~ 1/31/15 so please get your dog licensed soon!

Concrete Floor Bids – Bids for finishing concrete floors in the public safety section of the municipal building were opened on December 30th. The results of the bids will be discussed at the Finance Committee meeting prior to the second Council meeting in January.

Library Grant Application – Librarian Debbie Lozito has applied for a grant to replace the lighting at the library with all LED fixtures. This grant application is consistent with the plan of the Infrastructure Committee to look at light replacements in all town buildings as a cost saving measure.

Public Safety Annual Training and Awards - Hampden Public Safety held their Annual Training and Awards on Saturday, January 3, 2015. Many people were recognized for jobs well done. Lt. Lundstrom was named Employee of the Year. It's not the first time he's been the recipient of this award, so clearly, he continues to strive for excellence. Congratulations, Lt. Lundstrom!

Lt. Lundstrom, Sgt. Bailey, Officer Rice, FF/Medic Roope and FF/Medic LeBarnes were also presented with Certificates of Appreciation for going above and beyond the call of duty after a motor vehicle crash. A huge amount of food was thrown from the vehicle during the crash. They collected the packaged food, cleaned it, and transported it to a storage location. Their actions preserved the food and ensured it reached the food bank it was destined for.

2012/13 Real Estate Tax Foreclosure – The Town will foreclose on February 23, 2015 on unpaid 2012/13 real estate taxes. Notices of impending foreclosure were mailed to owners today. I am pleased to note that the number of notices sent this year is lower than last year and that we have not had occasion to actually take possession of any properties for sale as a result of real estate foreclosure in many years.

Hampden Business Association Meeting – January -Please note that the January Luncheon Meeting of the Hampden Business Association will be held tomorrow -- Tuesday, January 6 -- at 12 Noon at Anglers Seafood Restaurant. The guest speaker will be Rebecca Young, Multimedia Marketing Executive with Townsquare Media in Brewer. She will speak on the topic of: Advertising 101.

Annual Bangor Region Chamber of Commerce Awards Dinner – The 2015 Annual Chamber of Commerce dinner is being held on Wednesday, January 21, 2015 starting at 5 p.m. at the Cross Insurance Center. I am pleased to note that Councilor Dennis Marble will be receiving the Arthur Comstock Professional Services Award at that dinner. If any Councilors wish to attend, please let me know so that I can make reservations – which have to be done by January 9, 2015. It is also notable that R.H. Foster – a Hampden-based company – is receiving the Business of the Year Award.