



HAMPDEN TOWN COUNCIL  
HAMPDEN MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
MINUTES

MONDAY

NOVEMBER 19, 2012

7:00 P.M.

*Attending:*

*Deputy Mayor Andre Cushing  
Councilor Jeremy Williams  
Councilor Jean Lawlis  
Councilor Tom Brann  
Councilor Kristen Hornbrook  
Councilor Shelby Wright*

*Town Manager Susan Lessard  
Citizens*

*The meeting was opened by Deputy Mayor Cushing at 7:03 pm.*

A. CONSENT AGENDA

1. SIGNATURES

2. SECRETARY'S REPORTS

- a. January 23, 2012 – Special Meeting
- b. May 21, 2012
- c. June 4, 2012
- d. June 18, 2012
- e. July 16, 2012
- f. August 6, 2012

3. COMMUNICATIONS

4. REPORTS

- a. Finance & Administration Committee Minutes – 10/29/2012
- b. Communications Committee Minutes – 11/13/2012
- c. Pool Board Minutes – 10/9/2012
- d. Library Board Minutes – 9/12/2012
- e. MSAD 22 NRPA Permit

*Motion by Councilor Lawlis, seconded by Councilor Hornbrook to accept the Consent Agenda. Unanimous vote in favor.*

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS - *There were none.*

C. POLICY AGENDA

## 1. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a. Application for Victualers License received from Elisaveta Turla d/b/a Restaurant Angelos of Hampden at 102 Main Road South – *The public hearing was opened by Deputy Mayor Cushing. No one spoke in favor or opposition and there were no questions or comments. The hearing was closed. Motion by Councilor Brann, seconded by Councilor Lawlis to approve the application. Unanimous vote in favor.*
- b. Application for Victualers License received from Substreet, Inc. d/b/a Subway Store #16760 at 7 Western Avenue – *The public hearing was opened by Deputy Mayor Cushing. No one spoke in favor or opposition and there were no questions or comments. The hearing was closed. Motion by Councilor Brann, seconded by Councilor Wright to approve the application. Unanimous vote in favor.*
- c. Application for Victualers License received from William Buxton and Cheryl Bouchard d/b/a Coffee Break Café at 75 Main Road North – *The public hearing was opened by Deputy Mayor Cushing. No one spoke in favor or opposition and there were no questions or comments. The hearing was closed. Motion by Councilor Brann, seconded by Councilor Williams to approve the application. Unanimous vote in favor.*

## 2. NOMINATIONS – APPOINTMENTS – ELECTIONS

- a. Official Return of Votes for November 6, 2012 Municipal Election – *Town Clerk Denise Hodsdon read the results of the Election. She noted that this was informational only and that the Return has been entered into the Town's permanent records.*
- b. J. Kelley Wiltbank – Application for Appointment as Full Member of Planning Board (currently an Associate Member) – *Planning & Development Committee Chair Brann reported that the committee had interviewed Mr. Wiltbank and unanimously recommended appointment as a full member. He then moved to appoint J. Kelley Wiltbank as a full member of the Planning Board. Councilor Lawlis seconded the motion and vote was unanimously in favor.*

## 3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

## 4. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Foreclosure – 1037 Kennebec Road – *Manager Lessard explained that unpaid taxes for 2009/2010 are now in foreclosure. The property owners had entered into a payment arrangement with the Town but have failed to keep up with the payments as agreed. She noted that this is not the primary residence of the owners and it is not the first time that the owners have fallen into foreclosure. Motion by Councilor*

*Lawlis, seconded by Councilor Williams to refer this item to the Finance & Administration Committee for discussion at its next meeting. Unanimous vote in favor.*

- b. *Historic Preservation Grant – Garden Club – Manager Lessard explained that this would be a pass-through grant in which the Town would apply as the governmental agency on behalf of the Garden Club for repair work at Harmony Hall. Motion by Councilor Brann, seconded by Councilor Williams to authorize the Town Manager to enter into a grant agreement with the Maine Historic Preservation Commission. Unanimous vote in favor.*
- c. *“I Love Hampden Because....” Video Contest – Communications Committee – Communications Committee Chair Hornbrook informed the Council that the committee is proposing a video contest as a fun creative way to get students and the community involved in the Town. The contest would begin on December 1<sup>st</sup> and run for 3 months. The videos will be limited to three minutes in length and prizes will be awarded monthly with a grand prize at the end of the contest. It was also suggested that the video entries could be linked to the Town’s website for citizens to vote on them. Motion by Councilor Lawlis, seconded by Councilor Wright to authorize a 3-month video contest beginning December 1<sup>st</sup> with monthly winners and a grand prize winner to be selected by citizens who vote online. Unanimous vote in favor.*
- d. *Library Furnace Grant Bids – Finance & Administration Committee Recommendation – Due to the cancellation of the Finance & Administration Committee meeting earlier, this item was postponed until the next meeting.*
- e. *MRC Board of Directors Ballot – Motion by Councilor Williams, seconded by Councilor Brann to cast a vote for Karen Fussell, Finance Director for the City of Brewer. Vote was 5-1 (Hornbrook); motion carried.*
- f. *Sewer Commitment – 7/1/2012 to 9/30/2012 – Motion by Councilor Williams, seconded by Councilor Lawlis to approve the sewer commitment. Unanimous vote in favor.*

#### D. COMMITTEE REPORTS

*Councilor Wright reported that the Infrastructure Committee will meet next Monday and agendaed items include truck traffic on Monroe Road and the condition of Route 69. She noted that a representative from the Maine DOT will attend the meeting and encouraged all interested citizens to attend.*

*Councilor Hornbrook reported that the Communications Committee had met on November 13<sup>th</sup> and in addition to the video contest idea, the members discussed ideas*

*for Channel 7 programming and the next newsletter, which will be published in January.*

*Councilor Brann reported that the Planning & Development Committee will be discussing the new sign ordinance, Hampden Academy reuse and will be setting priorities for the implementation of the Comprehensive Plan. The next meeting is at 6:00 pm on November 28<sup>th</sup>.*

*Councilor Lawlis noted that the Services Committee did not meet in November and the next meeting will be at 6:00 pm on December 10<sup>th</sup>.*

E. **MANAGER'S REPORT** – *A copy of the Manager's Report is attached hereto and made a part of the minutes.*

F. **COUNCILORS' COMMENTS**

*Councilor Williams congratulated the newly elected and re-elected Council candidates. He also reported that Bangor Hydro has received final approval for a new facility in Hampden. Groundbreaking for Phase 1 will be in March or April of 2013.*

*Councilor Lawlis commented that this was great news for Hampden.*

*Councilor Brann also offered congratulations to the newly elected Councilors and thanked all the candidates.*

*Councilor Hornbrook wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and safe travels. She noted that even with the economy the way it is, we still have a lot to be thankful for.*

*Councilor Wright thanked all the candidates and the citizens who voted to re-elect her for another term. She wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and encouraged everyone to shop locally and support small business owners this holiday season.*

*Councilor Cushing also wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and thanked the Clerk and staff for the great job they did in this election cycle. He thanked the citizens of Senate District 33 for the honor of serving as their State Senator. He said it has been a pleasure to serve Hampden, Newburgh and Dixmont as their State Representative. He was excited to announce that his daughter got engaged this weekend.*

G. **ADJOURNMENT**

*The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 pm.*

*Respectively submitted,*



*Denise Hodsdon  
Town Clerk*

MANAGER'S REPORT  
November 19, 2012

Reminder – Dog Licenses for 2013 are available at the Town Office. The deadline for getting a license before a penalty is assessed is January 31<sup>st</sup>.

Update – The meeting of the reconstituted Penobscot Valley Refuse Disposal District will be held on Thursday, November 29<sup>th</sup> at the Town Office in Orono. The purpose of the meeting is to ensure a full accounting of how the District's funds held for the benefits of its member communities were transferred to the control of the Eastern Maine Development Corp and to recover those funds for the benefit of the member communities.

Municipal Review Quarterly Payment – We received our quarterly payment from the Municipal Review Committee for reimbursement of the amount paid over and above the guaranteed tonnage price for the third quarter of 2012 in the amount of \$20,607.82

Lien on New High School – The Town was notified that a lien was being placed on property owned by the School District for nonpayment to a subcontractor related to the new high school construction. Upon review, it was determined that the property on which the lien was placed also included the old Hampden academy – which is now owned by the Town of Hampden and not SAD 22. SAD 22 indicated that there were still some items waiting to be completed at the new school before final payment was rendered and that they anticipated that their General Contractor would be paying the subcontractors when that was complete. In the meantime, the Town has notified the attorney who filed the lien on behalf of the subcontractor that they have cited the wrong property.

Library Grant – Librarian Debbie Lozito has received a grant for \$10,000 for the replacement of the furnace at the Library. The Finance Committee was supposed to meet tonight to discuss bids related to it but this will instead be put on the Finance & Administration Committee agenda for 12/3/2012.