



HAMPDEN TOWN COUNCIL
HAMPDEN MUNICIPAL BUILDING
MINUTES

MONDAY

MAY 2, 2016

7:00 P.M.

• **6:30 pm – Finance & Administration Committee Meeting**

Mayor Ryder called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

*Attending: Mayor Ryder
Councilor Sirois
Councilor McPike
Councilor Wilde
Councilor Marble
Councilor Cormier
Councilor McAvoy*

*Town Manager Angus Jennings
Town Clerk Paula Scott
Meghan Ireland and family
Citizens*

- A. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** - *Mayor Ryder led the Pledge of Allegiance*
- B. **CONSENT AGENDA** - *Motion made by Councilor Marble, seconded by Councilor McAvoy to accept the consent agenda. Unanimous vote in favor.*

1. SIGNATURES

2. SECRETARY'S REPORTS

- a. April 19, 2016 Meeting Minutes

3. COMMUNICATIONS

- a. Acknowledgement of receipt of Hampden's council action to retain fishing rights
b. Application for a renewal Victualer's license for Anglers Restaurant
c. Acknowledgement of trails improvement work by volunteers in the Outdoor Connections program
d. Information on the 11th Annual Stream Clean-up event May 7th

4. REPORTS

- a. Planning & Development Committee Minutes – *April 6, 2016*
b. Infrastructure Committee Minutes – *March 28, 2016*
c. Finance & Administration Minutes – *April 4, 2016*

NOTE: The Council will take a 5-minute recess at 8:00 pm.

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C. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

D. POLICY AGENDA

1. NEWS, PRESENTATIONS & AWARDS

- a. **Presentation of award to Meghan Ireland of Reeds Brook Middle School – for her winning essay entitled “If I Led My Community....” – On behalf of Maine Municipal Association the sponsor of the essay contest, and the Town of Hampden, Mayor Ryder presented Meghan Ireland with a Certificate of Excellence and a \$250.00 visa gift card for her winning essay.**
- b. **Announcement by Hampden Recreation and the Lura Hoit Memorial Pool staff introducing the online program registration system MyRec.com – Manager Jennings recapped how the use of I T Computer Reserve funds were used to set up the on-line recreation registration program. Each resident can set up their own account and sign up for anything from swimming lessons, to facility rental, to other rec programs. The accounting process is going very well and there is an expected 60% participation going forward.**

2. PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

3. NOMINATIONS – APPOINTMENTS – ELECTIONS - None

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. **Consideration of a request by the immediate prior owner for redemption of tax foreclosed property located at 1037 Kennebec Road and further identified as Map 1 Lot 56 of the Town of Hampden’s tax maps. – Councilor Sirois reported that this was discussed at length in Finance & Administration committee with a general consensus to offer redemption of the property. Councilor Sirois made a motion, seconded by Councilor Wilde to sell back to the former owner, for all money due the Town of Hampden the property located at 1037 Kennebec Road and also identified as Map 1 Lot 56. Unanimous vote in favor.**
- b. **RSU 22 Budget Discussion and upcoming RSU 22 Board meeting on May 4th, 2016 – Manager Jennings discussed the recent tracking of the RSU 22 budget by himself and other member**

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managers. The Council was given a memo on his review from which he read. (Memo attached as Exhibit 4.b.1 to these minutes) Discussion followed with councilors weighing in with concerns about the lack of correlation between the budget requests and the actual money spent, concerns about large contingency cushions not identified as such and the 23% increase in just 2 years. All councilors emphasized their support for quality education, with fiscal responsibility. The Council advised, by a unanimous show of hands, for the manager to continue pursuing and bringing forth answers and information regarding the school budget. The Council also encouraged residents to attend the RSU 22 Budget meeting to be held on May 4th at 6:00 at the Hampden Academy library.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Application for a renewal liquor license for Anglers Restaurant**
–Motion made by Councilor Sirois, seconded by Councilor McAvoy to approve the liquor license. Unanimous vote in favor.

- b. **Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance regarding off-premise municipal signs – referral from Planning & Development Committee to Planning Board** – *Councilor McPike reported on the additions made to 4.8.1 and discussion followed regarding off premise signs for businesses. Councilor McAvoy expressed concern regarding the broad scope in relationship to signs on private property. Manager Jennings acknowledged those concerns and stated that there is a public interest for the need to allow off premise signs, but it can be done without being vague. This will all be addressed in the ensuing Planning Board and committee meetings. Motion made by Councilor McPike, seconded by Councilor Wilde to refer to the Planning Board. Unanimous vote in favor.*

- c. **Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance regarding Accessory Apartments in Residential A District – referral from Planning & Development Committee to Planning Board** – *Councilor McPike explained the intent of the changes as addressing a need to allow for accessory living space at a single family dwelling and to make it easier for families that may need to have a family member living at home in a separate living area, such as elderly parents returning home to live with grown children. At this time there is nothing on the books and the intent here is to address that. Motion made by Councilor McPike, seconded by Councilor McAvoy to refer changes to Residential A District, accessory structures in the Zoning Ordinance to the Planning Board. Unanimous vote in favor. At this point Councilor Marble stated for the record that this is one more*

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instance where he could contest the need for three parking spaces at a single family dwelling and the emphasis is on family. He doesn't believe that this is comparable to private apartments and hopes that someone will review the parking aspect.

- d. **Town Manager's presentation of the proposed FY17 budget –** *Manager Jennings addressed the Council and the public by stating that his Budget Message attempted to address some key points as follows: To internalize recurring expenses formerly paid from Host Community Benefit account, Preventing the Sewer Fund from draining the General Fund, Utilizing TIF revenue to offset the budget, and re-activating the Environmental Trust. For the budget to include a Capital program that will help with establishing a Capital plan. To evaluate the operational effects of the Skehan Center, to budget for parks and recreation maintenance, and to strategize the feasibility of a Community Center. (The Proposed FY 17 budgets and message are attached to these minutes as Exhibit 5.d.1) The various departments within the entire budget will be discussed at several budget workshops and will be posted to the website. (Schedule of budget workshops attached to these minutes as Exhibit 5.d.2)*

E. COMMITTEE REPORTS –

Councilor Sirois reported that Finance & Administration Committee reviewed the foreclosed property process and made the recommendation that the Council acted on tonight, discussed the overview of the FY17 budget presented tonight.

Councilor McPike reported on the 4/20 Planning & Development meeting and discussions on the marina sign design, off premise signs, accessory apartments and the Shoreland Zone conformance update.

Councilor Marble reported on the Infrastructure Committee at which they considered the proposal from Pemco regarding LED streetlights. More research is needed on that. They considered a resident's request for a sidewalk crossing on Rte. 1-A, discussed private businesses selling food on town owned property and discussed the victualer's license process and requirements.

Councilor McAvoy reported that the next Services Committee meeting will be Monday the 9th.

- F. MANAGER'S REPORT –** *Manager Jennings reported that there is a meeting with the Farmers' Market representatives scheduled for May 3rd, they will again be starting the summer market on May 20th at the municipal office, work is continuing on the Harbor Ordinance as well as continuing work on the storm water process with a meeting scheduled for May 11th at 9:00 a.m.*

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G. COUNCILORS' COMMENTS –

Councilor McAvoy - reminded everyone to shop local and buy American

Councilor Cormier – no comment

Councilor Marble - reminded everyone about the annual stream clean up to be held on Saturday May 7th, the Hot Stove meeting is going to be on the 21st. He encouraged everyone to attend the budget meetings and congratulated Meghan Ireland once again.

Councilor Wilde – Stated he wanted to echo Councilor Marble's comment about attending the budget meetings and stated that this budget is the most transparent budget in years.

Councilor McPike – Reported that at this time Fiberight has 68,000 ton committed, stated the last meeting covered odor and traffic and the agenda stayed on topic.

Councilor Sirois – no comment

Mayor Ryder – Thanked the Hannaford employees that volunteered to clean up the Dorothea Dix Park trails. He also thanked Ralph Arbo who has completed all of the picnic tables for park and rec locations. He also thanked all of the citizens that have stepped up to be on committees.

H. ADJOURNMENT – *There being no further business, Councilor McAvoy made a motion, seconded by Councilor Marble to adjourn at 8:25. Unanimous vote in favor.*

Respectfully submitted,



Paula A. Scott, CCM
Town Clerk