



HAMPDEN TOWN COUNCIL
HAMPDEN MUNICIPAL BUILDING
MINUTES

MONDAY

FEBRUARY 3, 2014

7:00 P.M.

Note: These minutes are action minutes only recording motions and votes. Video tapes of all meetings are available for review at the Town Office.

Attending:

Mayor Carol Duprey

Councilor Tom Brann

Councilor Ivan McPike

Councilor Greg Sirois

Town Clerk Denise Hodsdon

Rep. Brian Duprey

Councilor William Shakespeare

Councilor Jean Lawlis

Councilor David Ryder

Town Manager Susan Lessard

Town Attorney Tom Russell

Residents

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Mayor Duprey.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Mayor Duprey requested that all rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

A. CONSENT AGENDA – Resident Kristen Hornbrook provided public comment on items A-3-f, A-3-h and A-3-i in support of the appointment of those candidates. She also spoke on item A-4-d related to her right to speak at a prior council meeting.

1. SIGNATURES

2. SECRETARY'S REPORTS

3. COMMUNICATIONS

- a. Fresh Ginger Restaurant – Victualers License Renewal
- b. Jonathan Perry – New Applicant for Recreation Committee – Referral to Services Committee
- c. Nancy Fenders - New Applicant for Recreation Committee – Referral to Services Committee
- d. Nancy Foster - New Applicant for Recreation Committee – Referral to Services Committee
- e. Jessica O'Neill - New Applicant for Recreation Committee – Referral to Services Committee
- f. Jason Sharpe - New Applicant for Recreation Committee – Referral to Services Committee
- g. Matt Collier - New Applicant for Recreation Committee – Referral to Services Committee
- h. Paul Philbrick – Application for Appointment to Redistricting Committee
- i. Terry McAvoy – Application for Appointment to Redistricting Committee
- j. General Assistance Program Compliance Review

4. REPORTS

- a. Draft Planning & Development Committee Minutes – 1/15/2014
- b. Finance & Administration Committee Minutes – 1/21/2014 – **Councilor Shakespeare indicated that these minutes should show as draft since they were not approved by the Committee prior to appearing on the Council agenda. Motion by Councilor McPike, seconded by Councilor Sirois to table item A-4-b and A-4-c until approved by their respective committees. Unanimous vote in favor.**
- c. Infrastructure Committee Minutes – 1/27/2014
- d. Town Attorney Opinion – Citizen Comment on Agenda Items
- e. Water Quality Update – Pine Tree Landfill

Motion by Councilor McPike, seconded by Councilor Lawlis to approve the consent agenda. Unanimous vote in favor.

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS - *None*

C. POLICY AGENDA

1. PUBLIC HEARINGS

2. NOMINATIONS – APPOINTMENTS – ELECTIONS

- a. Julie Johnston – Reappointment to Appeals Board – Finance & Administration Committee Recommendation – **Motion by Councilor Sirois, seconded by Councilor Brann to reappoint Julie Johnston to the Appeals Board. Unanimous vote in favor.**

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

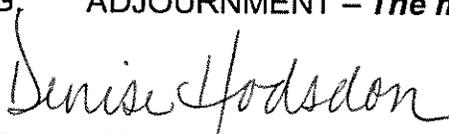
- a. Coldbrook Road Area Cancer Update – Mayor Duprey – **Mayor Duprey expressed concern that no further information was being received from the State in this matter. The Manager is to get in touch with the Maine Cancer registry to see if they have taken any further action to investigate.**
- b. Redistricting Committee Appointments/Meeting Date – **Mayor Duprey appointed Paul Philbrick, Terry McAvoy, Councilor Brann, Councilor McPike, Councilor Lawlis, Councilor Ryder and the Town Clerk to the Committee. The first meeting was scheduled for February 4, 2014 at 6 p.m. in the Council Chambers.**

Mayor Duprey turned the gavel over to Deputy Mayor Ryder for the remainder of the meeting.

4. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Draft Subdivision Ordinance Open Space Amendment – Referral to Planning Board – ***Motion by Councilor Sirois, seconded by Mayor Duprey to refer this item to the Planning Board. Unanimous vote in favor.***
 - b. Draft Shoreland Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment re Timber Harvesting – Referral to Planning Board – ***Motion by Councilor Sirois, seconded by Councilor McPike to refer this item to the Planning Board. Unanimous vote in favor.***
 - c. Draft Shoreland Zoning Ordinance Map Amendment re Wetland Areas – Referral to Planning Board – ***Motion by Mayor Duprey, seconded by Councilor McPike to refer this item to the Planning Board. Unanimous vote in favor.***
 - d. Town Attorney Attendance at Meetings – Mayor Duprey – ***This item was tabled.***
 - e. MDOT Project – Route 1A – Infrastructure and Finance & Administration Committee Recommendations – ***Motion by Councilor McPike, seconded by Mayor Duprey to endorse the Finance Committee recommendation to proceed with the MDOT Project on Route 1A with the Town share to come from Streets and Roads Reserve. Unanimous vote in favor.***
 - f. Video Streaming/Taping of Committee Meetings – Mayor Duprey – ***Motion by Mayor Duprey, seconded by Councilor McPike to refer this item to the Services Committee for a recommendation to the Town Council to be provided by March 3, 2014. Vote 5-2 (Mayor Duprey, Councilors McPike, Lawlis, Sirois, Ryder in favor and Councilors Shakespeare and Brann opposed). Motion carried. Public comments on this item were received from Janet Hughes, 34 Old County Road, Kristen Hornbrook, Main Trail, and Rep. Brian Duprey, Monroe Road.***
 - g. Elm Street East Culvert – Infrastructure and Finance & Administration Committee Recommendations – ***Motion by Councilor McPike, seconded by Councilor Sirois to approve the Finance Committee recommendation to proceed with the Elm Street East culvert replacement project with the funds coming from the Public Works operating budget for paving. Unanimous vote in favor.***
- D. COMMITTEE REPORTS – ***Councilor Lawlis reported that Services would be meeting the following Monday and meeting videotaping would be on the agenda. Councilor Ryder reported that in addition to items on tonight's agenda that the committee was looking into public works overtime.***

- E. **MANAGER'S REPORT – *The Manager's report is attached hereto and made a part of the minutes.***
- F. **COUNCILORS' COMMENTS – *Councilor Shakespeare noted that the Town website needs to be updated for Committee assignments, and that he and Councilor Brann appreciate the support of citizens who believe in their right to not participate in the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilor Lawlis stated that there is room for improvement at the transfer station operation. Councilor McPike expressed concern about the impact of a large increase in the school budget on the Town's budget. Mayor Duprey stated that the ideas she presented for additions to the Council rules were just ideas for improving things and not a personal agenda.***
- G. **ADJOURNMENT – *The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.***


Denise Hodsdon
Town Clerk

MANAGER'S REPORT
February 3, 2013

Dog Licenses – There is now a \$25 late fee for all dogs that were not licensed by 1/31/2014.

Transfer Station Decals – Per Council Policy, effective 2/1/2014 persons without 2014 transfer station decals were not allowed to use the Transfer Station. 500 vehicles utilized the transfer station this weekend and 112 were turned away. This resulted in MANY unhappy people at the counter today to get a current sticker. This policy has been in effect since 2008.

Video Streaming – Cable Channel 7 is now video streaming on justin.tv/hampdenmaine. I have put a link on the front of our webpage so that people can find it. I am in hopes – but not sure – that the audio is working because at the present time, the audio is also not working on the hard drive of our computer – only on the DVD. Matt Thomas is working on a solution for both issues. We formerly had used Ustream but that was not a reliable feed and kept 'kicking out' the channel every 24 hours.

Council Workshop – The Town Council Goals & Objectives meeting for 2014 will be held ^{on Sat. 2/8} in the Council chambers. The purpose of this workshop is for the Council to discuss what its priorities are for work in the next year's budget, what type of budget they want to see presented, and what the constraints are related to absorbing increases from the School and County budgets. It is not a meeting at which advocacy for or against town operations by the public will be discussed. Those discussions will be part of the budget deliberation and public hearing process for the budget in May and June.

Public Safety Director – Public Safety Director Joe Rogers was named Chief of the Year by the Maine Association of Police at their annual awards on January 25th. He received the Donald W. Pickering Chief's award. Not only is his leadership recognized within the public safety department in Hampden – but statewide. We are fortunate to have Joe as our Public Safety Director.

Farmer's Market - I have received a request for the Farmer's Market that has been operating in the parking lot of the old Hampden Academy for permission to operate this upcoming season in the parking lot here at the Town Office. This request will be on the Services Committee agenda for discussion at the meeting on February 10th.

Home Composter Sale – The Town has received information for the annual State of Maine backyard composter program that runs from February 1st through May 3rd. The Town has participated for the past five years or so and has contributed 50% of the cost of composter's purchased. This item will be on the Infrastructure Committee Agenda on February 24th.