

## FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Monday, June 6, 2011

### Attending:

Councilor Jean Lawlis  
Councilor Tom Brann  
Councilor William Shakespeare  
Councilor Kristen Hornbrook  
Mayor Janet Hughes

Town Manager Susan Lessard  
Mr. & Mrs. Alex King

1. Review Minutes of 5/16/2011 – The minutes of the 5-16-2011 meeting were reviewed. Motion by Councilor Shakespeare, seconded by Councilor Lawlis to approve. Unanimous vote.
2. Review & Signature of Warrants – The payment warrants were reviewed by the Committee. Councilor Hornbrook asked a question related to the weekly payments made to the Secretary of State. The manager explained that those payments were vehicle registration fees collected by the Town on behalf of the State of Maine. The warrants were signed as presented.
3. Financial Statements – May – The Town Manager presented the Financial Statements for May 31, 2011. Committee members asked questions related to investment rates and the Manager explained that cd rates and federal government securities, which is where all Town funds are invested due to their protected nature, were paying very low rates.
4. Old Business
  - a. Budget 2012 – Motion by Councilor Lawlis, seconded by Councilor Shakespeare to refer the Budget as presented to the Council to be introduced for a public hearing on June 20<sup>th</sup>. Unanimous Vote.
  - b. 2002 GMC Pickup Truck Bids – Forfeited Property – Motion by Councilor Shakespeare, seconded by Councilor Brann to award the forfeited property truck bid to high bidder Asian Auto Services for \$2,632.12. Unanimous vote.
  - c. Record Request Form – The Town Manager asked the Finance Committee what they wished to do about having a form for records requests made to the Town, and had provided a simple form for their consideration. The Manager was directed to put the form on the next Council agenda for consideration.
5. New Business

- a. 2010 Guaranteed Annual Tonnage Shortfall to PERC – The Manager explained that the Town had received a penalty from PERC for failing to meet the guaranteed annual tonnage to that facility in the 2010 year by 55 tons. Three options existed for paying the penalty ; writing a check, having the penalty deducted from the next quarterly distribution from the Municipal Review Committee (MRC) or having the amount deducted from the Town’s share of equity in the facility. The Manager recommended having the penalty deducted from the next MRC quarterly payment. Motion by Councilor Shakespeare, seconded by Councilor Lawlis to recommend to the full Council that the penalty be taken from the next quarterly MRC payment. Unanimous vote.
  - b. Request to reduce Guaranteed Tonnage to PERC – The Manager explained that the Town’s current Guaranteed Annual Tonnage (GAT) to the PERC facility is 3500 tons. In 2009 and 2010 the Town did not meet that amount by approximately 50+/- tons. No penalty was assessed for it in 2009, but has been for 2010. It is currently a time period in which Towns may request changes in their guaranteed annual tonnage amounts. The Manager recommended a request to the Municipal Review Committee to reduce the Town’s GAT by 50 tons to 3450. Motion by Councilor Lawlis, seconded by Councilor Brann to recommend to the full Council that the Town request a reduction in GAT from 3500 to 3450 tons per year. Unanimous vote.
6. Public Comment – Alex King, Hampden resident, expressed concern over the funding of the 2012 budget that is related to Outside Agencies. He considers that the way in which agencies are chosen for funding reflect the personal wishes of the Councilors and not necessarily the wishes of the Community. He feels that without a specific set of guidelines for you can apply for funding, it is not a fair situation. He also indicated that he did not consider entities such as The Hampden Garden Club or the Hampden Historical Society to be ‘Outside Agencies’ – that they were a part of the community.
7. Committee Member Comments - None

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Lessard  
Town Manager