

Hampden *Highlights*

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Take a Video Tour of the New Hampden Academy!

Several months ago, the Town of Hampden and RSU 22 jointly sponsored the production of a video 'tour' of the new Hampden Academy. The idea was the brainchild of Hampden resident Jim Folsom, who approached the Town Council Communications Committee about the project. The Committee enthusiastically endorsed the idea as a means of showcasing the brand new school and allowing residents who had not taken a tour to see the facility.

Justin Foster, the Town's video intern from the New England School of Communications, did the filming and editing. Town Councilor and pilot Jeremy Williams volunteered his time and the use of his plane to do a

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RESIDENT SURVEY JANUARY 2013 NEWSLETTER!

The next edition of Hampden Highlights Newsletter will contain a Resident Survey. The Town Council is looking for input from residents on a range of items from budget to communications. When you receive your survey, we ask that you please take a few minutes to complete it and drop it off at the Town Office. Your voice is important and the Council wishes to hear from you before they begin work on the budget and work plan for 2013-2014. ■

The Old Hampden Academy... In Transition to the Future

On October 1, 2012, the Hampden Town Council took the final step to purchase the old Hampden Academy property from RSU 22. The final agreement between the two parties required a property 'swap' of 65 acres of land owned by the Town of Hampden in the four mile square area to the school district in exchange for the 26 acres and associated buildings that comprise the old Academy. The acreage that the school district obtained allows them to meet the wetland mitigation requirements of the new high school construction project, and to provide room for potential future growth adjacent to the school complex located there. This planning and evaluation of this site, both by the Town and the School District, began nearly five years ago, and the negotiations for the possibility of purchasing it have been ongoing for the past two years. The purchase agreement guarantees that the 1843 historic building and the bronco will remain and will be preserved. The Town has taken the necessary steps to evaluate the environmental liability for the site, and will therefore be eligible for Federal grant monies to do remediation of such things as asbestos and PCB containing materials if or when redevelopment of the property occurs. The Town is

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PUBLIC HEARING

October 15, 2012

DRAFT HAMPDEN COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

The Hampden Town Council will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, October 15, 2012 at 7 p.m. at the Hampden Town Office for the purpose of taking comments on the Draft 2010 Comprehensive Plan initially prepared by a comprehensive plan committee from 2007-2010 and then reviewed and amended by a council-appointed Citizen's Comprehensive Plan Committee in the fall of 2011. Per requirements of the Town Charter, this plan has been reviewed and recommended by the Hampden Planning Board. The plan has also been reviewed by the Maine State Planning Office for consistency with the Maine Growth Management Act. The Town is currently operating with the 2001 Comprehensive Plan in effect. The expiration date of that plan is December 31, 2012. The 2010 draft plan is available on the Town website at hampdenmaine.gov under the Comprehensive Plan tab on the left side of the home page. ■

Excise Tax Exemption

Active Duty Military Stationed Elsewhere – Information Needed!

The Hampden Town Council is currently considering the adoption of an ordinance that would allow an excise tax exemption for members of the military who are active duty and permanently stationed elsewhere, or deployed to some other location for a period of more than 180 days. In the last session of the legislature, a bill was passed that allowed communities to adopt such an ordinance if they chose to do so. In order to consider the fiscal impact of this proposed ordinance, the Town Council is seeking information on how many people this would affect. Since this newsletter goes to every mailing address in Hampden, we are asking those who would qualify, or who have family members on active duty who still keep Hampden as their residence although stationed elsewhere, to send us an email so that we could get an idea of how large a group we are talking about. Please email your response to manager@hampdenmaine.gov with 'military excise exemption' in the subject line. ■



Academy Video Tour *from page 1*

flyover for filming of the site, and Jim Folsom served as the planner, coordinator, and final editor of the project. We want to thank everyone who participated in this project, and in particular, Mr. Folsom for stepping forward with the idea and doing a lot of heavy lifting to make this very ambitious effort a reality.

The tour can be seen on Cable Channel 7 and also can be viewed by borrowing a DVD of the production from the Edythe Dyer Library. The Town Council Communications committee meets the second Tuesday of every month at 6 p.m. at the Town Office. The public is welcome and we encourage residents with ideas of how the Town can improve its communications to attend and participate. Or, like Mr. Folsom – if you have a program idea – come talk to the Committee and see if there is a way to turn the idea into programming for Channel 7. ■

FROM THE DESK OF THE MANAGER



Susan Lessard, Town Manager

Did you remember? Tax due date for first half of 2012/2013 property taxes was October 3rd.

- **Dog Licenses for 2013**

2013 dog licenses are available at the Town Office beginning on October 15th. All dogs over the age of 6 months must be licensed annually. Proof of rabies vaccination and spaying/neutering, if applicable, is required at the time of licensing. The deadline for licenses is January 31, 2013, after which a \$25 late fee is added to the cost of the license. ■



Reading is Magic!

Mark your calendars on Saturday October 20th for the *Magic is Reading Show* at the Town Office Community Room! The program will start at 11 a.m. This show is a collaboration between the Edythe Dyer Library and SAD#22 Adult Ed. ■

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making plans for the eventual sale/lease of the property for development consistent with the visioning sessions held by RSU #22 in which many residents participated several years ago. In the interim, the Council has directed the Town's Recreation Department to utilize the Skehan Center for Town recreation activities through the end of the 2012/2013 fiscal year. There has been a great deal of community interest in the use of that facility for local recreation programming for a variety of age groups and this period will allow the Town and the Council to evaluate how that might work. The remainder of the facility will be 'winterized' and shut down to reduce operational costs related to heat and electricity. ■

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Candidates, Candidates Everywhere!

The November 6th election is just around the corner and there are eight candidates running for three at-large seats on the Town Council and three candidates running for two seats on the RSU 22 MSAD 22 School Board. There is one candidate running for one seat on the Water District Board of Trustees. This article is an effort to help residents get-to-know those who wish to serve. It features a photo of each candidate and a brief in-their-own-words statement about themselves and their candidacy.

The Council Communication Committee also sponsored a Candidate Forum on October 2nd which is being rebroadcast regularly on Cable Channel 7, or which you can view on DVD by checking out a copy at the Edythe Dyer Library. This forum offers an introduction to each candidate, answers to questions relevant to the positions they are seeking, and a closing statement by each candidate.

Candidates are presented in this article by the office for which they are running and in the order in which their names will appear on the ballot.

Town Council Candidates 3 Seats Available



WILLIAM W. SHAKESPEARE – Hampden Town Council Candidate – Three-Year Term



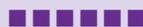
I am a long-term resident of Hampden, have raised my family here and own and operate a small business. Although I believe in keeping our mill rate as low as possible, I also believe in maintaining the excellent services of the Town. Public safety, ambulance, fire, Public works, the pool, library, recreation, and the school system are, in my opinion, the best in the area. I hope to return to the Council to once again serve the residents of Hampden. Thank you for your support.



JAMES E. DAVITT – Hampden Town Council Candidate – Three-Year Term



Brief Bio: Graduate of Georgetown College and Law School; served in Vietnam; attorney in Washington, D.C.; moved to Maine in 1991; ran a successful small business in Bangor; Associate Professor of Justice Studies at UMA-Bangor. Reasons for Running: Help our education system remain one of the best; keep property taxes at current level; facilitate more assistance for expansion of local businesses; promote Hampden as a place to live and build a business. Overall goal: Represent all of Hampden; use my ability to find common ground among divergent views. Promise: I will listen well and work hard.



DAVID I. RYDER – Hampden Town Council Candidate – Three-Year Term



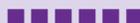
My name is David Ryder. I live on the Meadow Road with my wife Melissa. Together we have four children and two grandchildren. I am part of five generations that have lived, graduated from, and worked in Hampden. During my time here I have had various roles in the community. I coached for the Hampden-Newburgh Little League and was co-leader of the 4-H Baby Beef Club. I also owned a pick your own pumpkin and strawberry business on the family farm. I am running for Town Council to help assure that my grandchildren and their children will want to live in Hampden. Thank you for your support.



MARK S. CORMIER – Hampden Town Council Candidate – Three Year Term



I am a life-long resident of Hampden. I am running for Town Council to ensure my fellow residents are represented in their best interest. I believe in a government that adheres to our constitution. If elected I will work to protect property rights. For the past two years I have attended town council meetings as well as many other committee meetings to educate myself in our town's vision and direction. I, and many other residents I have spoken with, are concerned with the vision and direction our town council is promoting. The residents of Hampden have created a town that is highly desirable and deserve to have a town government that represents all.



SHELBY D. WRIGHT – Hampden Town Council Candidate – Three-Year Term



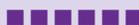
Shelby Wright is a community outreach coordinator, grant writer and enthusiastic volunteer for community enhancing projects. A dedicated and tireless advocate for the Hampden community, she is an independent minded, results oriented leader with a “can do” attitude who brings her balanced, common sense approach to local decision-making. She has served one term on the Town Council and seeks another so that she can continue to work on the many important projects facing the Community.



GREG SIROIS – Hampden Town Council Candidate – Three-Year Term



I am a longtime resident of Maine, raised in Caribou and have resided in Hampden for the past 15 years with my wife and three sons. I am an Army veteran and have extensive experience in the banking industry with over 23 years working as a Manager/Executive with local banks such as Fleet, MBNA, Bank of America, and most recently Camden National Bank. I am pursuing the Town Council position due to a desire to serve the community in which I live and to utilize my past experience to assist the Town of Hampden in addressing its current and future needs.



Town Council Candidates continued



CAROL S. DUPREY – Hampden Town Council Candidate – Three Year Term



I became interested in politics when my husband Brian Duprey served on the Hampden Town Council and as the Hampden Representative in the Maine Legislature. I am a 10-year U.S. Navy Veteran, a small business owner and a mother to 5 children. I believe in a limited government that lives within its means and follows the U.S. Constitution. I support low taxes and private property rights. I will work tirelessly to ensure that Hampden remains the absolute best community in central Maine to live and raise a family. I would appreciate your vote on November 6th.



KELLEY A. PAUL – Hampden Town Council Candidate – Three-Year Term



My name is Kelly Paul. I am 41 and I have lived in Hampden for 10 years. I earned my Masters Degree from the University of Maine in 1996 and am a licensed Speech-Language Pathologist. I am married and have one daughter. I have a great passion for the principles upon which the United States was founded. I believe strongly in our inalienable rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness which are protected by the 200 vested rights in our US Constitution. I believe that our personal liberties are being eroded, especially property rights.

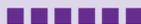


MSAD 22 School Board – 2 Seats Available

RICHARD MOORE – Candidate for MSAD #22 School Board



I live in Hampden with my wife Lucienne and our three children. Jacob and Whitney are both in college and Conar is a freshmen fortunate enough to attend the brand new Academy. It is such an exciting time to live in Hampden with all the opportunities associated with the new school. I have enjoyed serving on the board and hope to continue service to the students and parents of the district. Whenever an issue arises with the board, my first thought is “How will this affect the student(s)”? I look forward to helping provide the best education possibilities for all of our students. I am on the Board of Directors of the Bangor Humane Society.”



JESSICA SCOTT – Candidate for MSAD #22 School Board



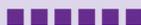
I enthusiastically introduce myself as a candidate for the MSAD #22 School Board. My husband Andrew and I have two daughters who attend the McGraw School. I am currently completing my Master's degree in Education in Secondary Life and Physical Sciences. People will tell you that my positive attitude and sense of humor would best describe my personality; this coupled with my knowledge and experience of educational fundamentals will serve the board well. Important considerations face the Board. It is my goal to utilize my experiences to meet the needs of our children while balancing fiscal responsibility. I sincerely appreciate your support.



JACOB D. BURNS – Candidate for MSAD #22 School Board – Three-Year Term



I will be nineteen at the time of the elections. I graduated from Hampden Academy in June 2012, and spent my life from age 5 on in the SAD 22 system. I know and learned from teachers of many of the schools including Leroy H. Smith, Samuel L. Wagner, and Hampden Academy. I've experienced the school system, know the teachers and more importantly I've known the students. I hope to be able to help students become more proactive in their schooling, and want to act to help Teachers get fair contracts (an issue that is very important right now).



Hampden Water District – 1 Trustee Position

JOHN P. QUESNEL – Candidate for Hampden Water District Board of Trustees – Five-Year term



John moved to Maine in 2001 and has lived in Hampden for the last eight years with his wife, Bonnie, and his daughter, Samantha. John holds a Master's Degree in Business Management from Albertus Magnus College in New Haven, Connecticut and has more than 25 years of banking experience. John serves as a V.P. Business Banker at People's United Bank in Bangor. John has served as a Trustee for more than six years, during which time many positive changes have occurred including, eliminating unnecessary expenses, prioritizing replacement of aging infrastructure, locating a secondary water source and keeping water rates reasonable.

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WHO DOES WHAT?

Several months ago, Hampden Public Safety conducted an online survey in an attempt to rate the overall performance of the police, fire and ambulance services. The results are very positive. The survey provided several questions designed to elicit information from respondents as to what services are important, what issues are seen as a problem, and the overall rating of the police, fire and ambulance services.

The following is a synopsis of the results:

- Speeding, distracted driving and drug use/trafficking were perceived as a problem.
- Educational programs in the schools, crime prevention programs/community relations, criminal investigations, and checking on the welfare of senior citizens are important police services.
- Educational programs, community relations/events, fire prevention for adults and first-aid/CPR/AED courses are important fire and medical services.
- Police officers and fire/ems personnel are perceived as being professional, courteous, and knowledgeable.
- 74% of respondents rated the overall performance of the police department as good. (91% with good and average combined)
- 89% of respondents rated the overall performance of the fire/ems department as good. (97% with good and average combined)
- 78% of respondents agree they are happy with Hampden Public Safety. (88% with agree and slightly agree combined)

A committee made up of Hampden Public Safety personnel has been formed to evaluate the results of the survey and to decide how to improve the delivery of services to the citizens of this community. All public safety employees would like to thank everyone who took the time to complete the survey. Your feedback is appreciated! ■



HAMPDEN HISTORICAL SOCIETY TO HOLD CHRISTMAS FAIR

The Hampden Historical Society will host its annual Christmas Fair “An Old Hampden Christmas” on Saturday, November 17, 2012 from 8 AM to 2 PM at the Kinsley House, 83 Main Road South in Hampden. We will offer homemade baked goods, hand sewn, crocheted and knitted items, Thanksgiving and Christmas decorations, and a White Elephant Room with unbelievable prices. We’ll have a few antique items, jewelry, and house plants.

We are selling raffle tickets now with the winners to be drawn at 2 PM on November 17th. First Prize is a beautiful Double Bed Size

Quilt and Second Prize is a Gift Certificate Package donated by local businesses. You can buy these tickets at the fair or prior to by calling Jerry 862-3463 or Vivian 862-3676.

If residents have items they are willing to donate to be sold, please call the numbers above, or drop them off on Friday, November 16th at the Kinsley House.

All profits go to maintaining the Kinsley House and the accessory buildings and grounds. ■

HAS YOUR U.S. FLAG WORN OUT?

Thomas D. Turlo, Pack 41 Committee Chair

The U.S. Flag code states, “The flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning.”

Pack 41 Hampden Cub Scouts would like to help! We will be collecting worn and tattered flags for proper disposal at an official Flag Retirement Ceremony in the Fall of 2012. The purpose of this program is twofold:

- To teach Citizenship and civic duty to our young boys
- To provide area residents with a means to properly dispose of the symbol of our great nation

Collection methods:

- Drop off your flag at one of two collection boxes located at the Hampden Redemption Center or at the Hampden Transfer Station
- Reach out to any Pack 41 Scout or Scoutmaster

Pack 41 will announce the date and location of the Flag Retirement Ceremony and the public will be welcome to attend. Thank you for your support and participation.



Help for Hampden Fundraiser



Please save the date of December 8, 2012 for the inaugural Hampden Holiday House Tour. Select Hampden residents will open their homes that will be decked out in holiday finery. Details are still being finalized for this spectacular event, which will include a light meal and holiday music. All proceeds will benefit the Help for Hampden Fund, which is an emergency fund that provides heating and utility disconnection assistance to residents of Hampden, Newburgh, and Winterport. This event is supported by the Hampden Historical Society, the Hampden Congregational Church, UCC Hampden Highlands United Methodist Church, and St. Matthews Church. For additional information, call 862-5248. ■

New Air Handler Installed at Lura Hoit Pool...

The Lura Hoit Pool is now open again after being closed for a period of several weeks to allow for the installation of a new air-handling system at the facility. This very important - and very expensive! – equipment regulates air exchanges in the building, should help to insure more efficient fuel utilization by the pool boilers, and provide a more comfortable environment for staff and patrons. The old equipment had been failing for some time and the new system was necessary in order to be able to continue operation of the pool.

Thanks to the Pool Board of Trustees for the fundraisers which have helped to defray part of the cost of the system, and to the donors who have pledged to assist in the equipment replacement. The pool is open seven days a week and offers programs and swimming opportunities for all ages. You can check out the Pool through the town website at hampdenmaine.gov or by stopping by the facility at 146 Western Avenue. ■



CHILI COOK-OFF AND AUCTION

*To Benefit 2013 Hampden
Children's Day*

The Hampden Children's Day Committee will sponsor a Chili Cook-Off Contest and Auction on Friday, November 2, 2012 at 6 PM at the new Hampden Academy cafeteria.

Restaurants and individuals may bring their chili for tasting with the winners receiving a Hannaford gift certificate.

Auction items will be donated and all profits will benefit the 2013 Hampden Children's Day Fireworks and Events. Anyone wishing to donate an item for auction should call Kurt at 862-6451 or e-mail recreation@hampdenmaine.gov.

Tickets are \$5.00 at the door which gets you a paddle for the auction and tickets to vote for your favorite chili. Rolls and dessert will be included. Children under 12 are free and hot dogs will be provided for them. ■



New Budget Method for Lura Hoyt Pool Income and Expenses

During this year's budget review, the Hampden Town Council made the decision to change the manner in which the funding of the Lura Hoyt Pool was done, in order to make it more consistent with the manner of funding of other Town Recreation activities. Property taxation was raised to cover the cost of salaries and benefits for the people who work at the pool. All other expenses for the pool are to be covered by revenue generated by the use of the pool. These expenses include heating, electricity, supplies, maintenance, training, and equipment. Funds received from pool fees will be maintained in an enterprise account which allows them to remain dedicated to expenses generated by the pool from year to year. The Pool staff and Board of Trustees also work on outside projects and fundraisers to help cover the cost of operational and long term pool needs. Non-pool recreation is treated this same way, in that personnel expenses for the Director and Assistant Director are paid for through property taxation, but the cost of operation of all the programs and other personnel that work on those programs that are run by the department are paid for through program fees. ■

Hampden Garden Club to Sponsor Craft Fair

The Hampden Garden Club will hold its second annual craft fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., October 27 at Harmony Hall, 24 Kennebec Road.

Fourteen talented artisans from this area will offer a wide variety of unique, handcrafted items. This is an ideal opportunity to do some early Christmas shopping for that very special one-of-a-kind gift. In addition, Garden Club members will be selling their famous homemade pies, usually only available at the spring plant and pie sale. Visitors to the Craft Fair will also have the opportunity to see the results of the club's recent restoration work on historic Harmony

Hall. The latest of these renovations was the replacement of the front porch and entry steps and the addition of a handicapped access ramp.

Also club members want to thank the residents of Hampden for donating their used plant pots at the plant pot box located at the Hampden transfer station. Thus far, 750 plant pots have been collected. These pots will be filled with plants to be sold next Spring at the club's Perennial Plant & Pie Sale on May 18, 2013. All proceeds from the sale will be used to continue the restoration of Harmony Hall. Thanks to everyone for your support of the Hampden Garden Club! ■

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New Youth Services Librarian at Edythe Dyer Library!

M eet Mary Beckett, the new Youth Services Librarian at the Edythe Dyer Library. Mary comes to us most recently from Fogler Library at The University of Maine and before that Bangor Public Library's Children's room. In May she will receive a Master's Degree in Library and Information Science from the University of South Carolina.

Along with the very popular programs you remember attending with Mrs. Beck, Mary has added a book group for third and fourth graders called Read 'em and eat! They meet in the Friends' Room upstairs every other Tuesday at 4 p.m. Mary is looking forward to meeting you soon!