

**HAMPDEN TOWN COUNCIL  
PLANNING/GOAL SETTING MEETING**

**March 17, 2012**

**Hampden Town Office**

**AGENDA**

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| 8:00 – 8:30   | <b>Gathering/Coffee</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 8:30 – 9:15   | <b>Warm-up Activity – Telling Our Stories</b> (5 minutes each)<br>- Share your “Public Service Odyssey”; 1) what experience led you to your current service on Town Council? and 2) What accomplishments would you like to leave behind?              |
| 9:15 – 9:30   | <b>Mutual Expectations and Ground Rules</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 9:30 – 10:30  | <b>Review of 2011 Planning Meeting Results/Discussion</b>                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 10:30         | <b>Break</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 10:30 – noon  | <b>Possible Areas of Focus – Brainstorming Session</b> – The group brainstorms a comprehensive list of possible areas of focus toward which the Council and the Town Government could devote time, energy, and resources over the next year or two.   |
| 11:30 – 12:00 | <b>Lunch</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 12:30 – 2:30  | <b>Developing Objectives and Goals:</b> - Beginning with 2012/2013 Budget, and then the next highest priority item and working downward, the council develops specific, measurable, and (hopefully) achievable two-year goal statement for each item. |
| 2:30 – 2:45   | <b>Next Steps...and Adjourn</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

**Public Involvement:** As with all Council Meetings, the meeting is open to the public, however, no public comments will be received at the meeting. Public Comments may be received by the public at the next Council Meeting, or specifically scheduled separately if so desired by Council.

**Pre-work:** Each participant in the Session should come prepared to “tell our stories” as outlined in the agenda item above; and 2) thoughts on goals for the Town Council and Town Government for the next two years.