

## TOWN BUSINESS – 2014

The following is a partial list of accomplishments for the Town of Hampden so far in 2014.

1. Approved development plan for second half of the business park
2. Working with Ammo Park owner on obtaining utilities and connectivity through the Business Park to increase business opportunities in Hampden
3. Route 1A Sewer line replacement and rebuild of two pump stations
4. 2 new businesses in the Old Hampden Academy since the Town transferred ownership
5. Removed open space requirement for minor rural subdivisions and removal of that requirement for rural cluster subdivisions is in progress
6. Completed first phase of Turtlehead Park paid for primarily with a grant from Chevron
7. Reduced staffing public works department by 1, in transfer station by 1/2, and in Building and Grounds by a seasonal employee.
8. Eliminated expense for wood disposal saving between \$17,000 and \$\$24,000/year
9. Street/Stream clean up conducted with over 50 volunteers
10. The Town is working to find ways to bring natural gas to Hampden
11. The Town Council is having all of the Town's ordinances codified so that residents/businesses can more easily find and understand the 'rules' that govern Hampden
12. Reviewed and proposed amendments to the Town Charter to correct portions that were outdated and not in compliance with state law
13. Began taping and re-broadcast of RSU 22 School Board meetings as a way of bringing more information to the public
14. Began video streaming of Cable Channel 7 to allow any resident with a computer/internet connection to see all of the public broadcasting from Hampden
15. Established You Tube sites for school board and Council meetings
16. Established a Town Twitter account for increased communications
17. Decreased the taxation support of the Lura Hoit Pool by funding a larger portion from user fees
18. Re-roofed the Pool entrance, located new fuel tanks at the town garage, repainted the Town Offices for the first time in 24 years, replaced a dangerous major culvert on Elm Street East and repaired sidewalks on Route 1A from Kennebec Road to Western Avenue using town employees and saving the town more than \$60,000, and added a snow blower attachment to the trackless sidewalk plow that prevented the need for a new machine
19. Amended Shoreland zoning ordinance to bring it in line with state law by not having more requirements than exists at that level
20. Used grant funds to locate emergency responder signs on significant intersections of streets
21. Amended the zoning ordinance to better serve residents/businesses on Western Avenue
22. Allowed the Hampden Farmer's Market to use the Municipal Office parking lot for Friday markets
23. Changed animal shelter contracts, saving the town more than \$6,000 per year
24. Instituted zero sort recycling which improves the town's recycling rate, makes it easier for residents, and saves money in solid waste disposal fees
25. Replace the town's antiquated phone system, upgraded the internet capacity at the municipal building, and continued used of the municipal building as a free wireless site
26. Completed Redistricting to allow districts to continue in Hampden and to insure that there was equal representation