

Hampden *Highlights*

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Town Council and RSU#22 Candidates

The Town of Hampden is fortunate this year to have many fine candidates seeking office on the Hampden Town Council and the RSU#22 School Board. In order to provide residents with information about those running for office, the Town sponsored a candidate forum for Town Council Candidates on Tuesday, September 29th and a candidate forum for School Board Candidates on Thursday, October 2nd. Both forums were recorded and are being aired on local Cable Channel 7, via live streaming at live.hampdenmaine.gov and on the Town's You Tube channel which can be accessed from the front page of the Town website at www.hampdenmaine.gov. These forums afford the candidates the opportunity to share their views, in their own words, on a variety of topics.

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Turtlehead Park Now Open!

The first phase of Turtlehead Park, located off Marina Road near Hamlin's Marina is now completed. There are several walking trails and a new parking lot thanks to the Supplemental Environmental Project funded through a grant from Chevron. The Town is working on plans for increased amenities at the park such as picnic tables, benches, and trash cans. Take a few minutes and pay a visit to this beautiful eight and half acre treasure located on the banks of the Penobscot River. ■

HAMPDEN COMMUNICATIONS OPPORTUNITIES

Did you know that the Town of Hampden has many online resources to help keep you informed? Our website features the latest town announcements, public notices, meeting agendas, minutes, ordinances, and much more. We also offer online services where you can renew most registrations for your vehicle or trailer. You can even get a hunting or fishing license online.

The Edythe Dyer Library also offers a website featuring upcoming events, an online catalog, and online eBook and audio book downloads. The library offers many programs for both children and adults and the full schedule is available online.

Town Council and RSU22 Board of Directors meetings can be viewed on Time Warner Cable Channel 7 and online. We maintain a video archive of past meetings in case you miss one.

The town also maintains a Twitter account and several departments maintain Facebook pages featuring news, community services, and upcoming programs. Please take a moment to follow our social media accounts listed below for important updates.

Websites:

hampdenmaine.gov
www.edl.lib.me.us

Facebook:

facebook.com/EdytheDyerLibrary
facebook.com/HampdenRecreationSkehanRecreationCenter
facebook.com/hampdenpublicsafety

Twitter:

twitter.com/hampdenmaine

Town Council and RSU22 Meetings

Live: live.hampdenmaine.gov
Archive: video.hampdenmaine.gov

Winter Heating Safety

By Kandy McCullough
Hampden Public Safety

The days are getting longer and the nights are getting colder. Another Maine winter will soon be upon us. We would like to take this opportunity to remind and encourage you to check your smoke/fire and Carbon Monoxide detector batteries. This is also the perfect time for a routine check of your heating system and a thorough chimney cleaning. If power outages require you to use a generator, please remember to keep it outside a safe distance away from the home.

Lives are lost every year due to accidental carbon monoxide poisoning. It is never a good idea to use a stove, oven or kerosene space heater as primary heat sources. While we are always here and prepared to respond, we would definitely prefer to see all members of our community safe, warm and happy during this upcoming cold winter season! ■

FROM THE DESK OF THE MANAGER



Susan Lessard, Town Manager

Dog Licenses are now available for 2015. All dogs must be registered by January 31, 2015 to avoid a \$25 late fee.

Transfer Station Decals will be available for 2015 as of December. The fee will be \$10 per sticker. At the time of purchase, residents must provide a copy of the registration for the vehicle on which the sticker will be placed. A reminder also that collection weekends for construction/demolition debris/metal/wood/etc. are the 2nd and 4th weekend of each month and that the weekend collection days includes Fridays.

New GIS/IT Staff Person Hired

Kyle Severance has been hired as the new GIS/ IT Specialist for the Town of Hampden, replacing Gretchen Heldmann who had served in the position for nine years. His first day on the job was October 14th.

Check the calendar on the town's website at www.hampdenmaine.gov to stay current on meeting times/dates.

Meeting Reminders:

- **Council Meetings** are held on the first and third Monday of each month at 7 p.m. In the event of a Monday holiday, meetings are held on the Tuesday following at the Town Office.
- **Council Finance & Administration Committee Meetings** are held on the first and third Monday of each month at 6 p.m. prior to regular Council Meetings at the Town Office.
- **Council Planning & Development Committee Meetings** are held on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Town Office.
- **Council Services Committee Meetings** are held on the second Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Town Office.
- **Council Infrastructure Committee Meetings** are held on the fourth Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Town Office.
- **Planning Board Meetings** are held the second Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m. at the Town Office.

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Town Council and RSU 22 Candidates *from page 1*

The Town also provides space in the Town newsletter for each candidate to 'introduce' themselves to their fellow residents. These 100 word or less items written by each candidate accompanied by a photo are presented so that residents have an opportunity to know a little more about who is running and why. The candidate profiles are presented in the same order that they will appear on the ballots that you will see when you vote. Not all candidates have chosen to provide statements. ■

School Board Candidates

BRIAN DUPREY – Candidate RSU#22 School Board - 1 Year Term



American children are now ranked 30th in Math, 23rd in science and 20th in reading compared with the rest of the world. Why can't the wealthiest nation on Earth be number 1 in all subject areas? Hampden students perform better than many school districts in Maine, but the rest of the world is still beating us badly. It's time to start thinking outside the box when it comes to educating our children. I am not afraid to bring bold, fresh ideas to the RSU#22 School Board in an effort to help our children compete in today's global economy. Thank you!



ANTHONY LIBERATORE – Candidate RSU#22 School Board - 1 Year Term



My name is Anthony Liberatore and I am not a politician. I am running for the RSU #22 Board of Directors in order to ensure that the quality of education is preserved in RSU #22. As a father of three young children, I have a personal stake in the education being delivered. As an Orthodontist, I treat children of all ages and I understand the diversity of needs that exist within our community. It is said that an education is the single greatest gift you can give a child. I believe that it is both a gift and a societal obligation.



KYMPTON LOVLEY – Candidate RSU#22 Board of Directors – Three Year Term



I was born and raised in the great State of Maine and I believe that we must rethink the way we do business and truly consider the burden we are placing on the residents of Hampden and the surrounding communities that are a part of the RSU#22 family! While it is easy to sit on the sidelines and criticize our School Board, it's an entirely different matter when one chooses to get involved. My motto is this, "Don't find fault with what you don't understand!" Simply put, I want to understand, not find fault! That's why I am running for office.

KAREN HAWKES – Candidate RSU#22 Board of Directors – Three Year Term



As the mother of two young children, I decided to run for the School Board to give back to the community that I call home. For 10 years I have worked in professional settings that have allowed me ample opportunities to assist many school districts with policy development related to athletics, health/ wellness, tobacco, and substance use. My profession has also provided me with experience in fiscal management and advocacy, two qualities that I feel are valuable additions to the Board. I look forward to serving the Hampden community and will always welcome community perspectives to help inform my decision-making.



JASON SHARPE – Candidate RSU#22 Board of Directors – Three Year Term



My name is Jason Sharpe and I originally moved to Hampden in 1977, at the age of three. I am a proud graduate of Hampden Academy, '91 and St. Michael's College '95. I currently live on Deer Hill Lane with my wife, Heidi and daughters Kennedy, 10 and Olivia, 7. I am seeking a seat on the RSU 22 School Board, as I feel an obligation to the students of our Community, to provide them with a better future through better schools. As a School Board member, I will maintain a focus on our students, leadership, stability and financial responsibility.



NILES PARKER – Candidate RSU#22 Board of Directors – Three Year Term



I am proud of our school system and grateful for our many excellent teachers and hard-working staff who continue to make RSU 22 one of the highest-functioning systems in Maine. It is a chief reason families continue to move to Hampden and is the primary driver of our town's economy. I believe in the power and importance of public education and the need to continue to invest in our schools. From the role of technology, to the rise of charter schools, to proficiency-based education, significant issues demand our attention. The town and its children deserve our support.



LESTER FRENCH – Candidate RSU#22 Board of Directors – Three Year Term



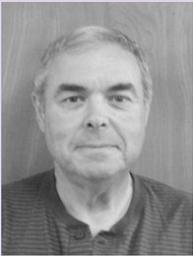
I am a 12-year Hampden resident, married to Laura Wilson, with a daughter and son in Hampden schools. I have 15 years of teaching experience and currently work at UMA as an Assistant Professor. Education is the foundation of a strong community and my goal for the district is to improve the educational opportunities for all of our students. As a member of the school board my priority is to give the teachers in our district the structure, training, and tools to educate our students to their highest potential.

Town Council Candidates

STEPHEN WILDE – Hampden Town Council Candidate – District 1



IVAN McPIKE – Hampden Town Council Candidate – District 1



A Hampden resident since 1951, I graduated from Hampden Academy in 1966. After Navy service during the Vietnam War, I graduated from the University of Maine, majoring in Accounting. I have owned two businesses and retired from Maine Salt Co. four years ago after turning its operation over to my son Ryan. I have the time/experience to give back to my community. Financial problems - national, state and local - will continue to be problems in the coming years, and proper attention and planning will become extremely important. I hope to continue to fill that role for the benefit of Hampden residents.



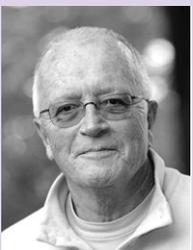
MARK GRAY – Hampden Town Council Candidate – District 2



Native Mainer who graduated from Brewer High School in 1987, married to Kim Gray since 1995, has 2 sons in the Hampden school system. A resident of Hampden since 2005, Mark is an Eagle Scout, Former Scout Master for Troop 1 in Brewer, Registered Maine Guide, Member of the Grand Lake Stream Guides Association, President of the local Ruffed Grouse Society Chapter, President of the Save the St. Croix Fisheries and a small business owner. If elected, Mark looks forward to working with the residents in District 2 as well as working with the other Town Council members.



DENNIS MARBLE – Hampden Town Council Candidate – District 2



I'm Dennis Marble, I live at 58 Cottage Street, and I'm a candidate for the Hampden Town Council representing District 2. I am running for office to contribute some calm and level-headedness to the Council, and to ensure that the work we do is in fact town business in the best interest of the citizens of Hampden. If you are a resident living in District II, I'd appreciate your vote. If I've managed to get my computer up and running by the time you receive this, you should be able to reach me with comments and questions at drmmaine@gmail.com. Thank you for your consideration.



JEAN LAWLIS – Hampden Town Council Candidate – District 3



Since 2009, Jean Lawlis has served on town council, supporting town services as chair of the Services Committee. Jean believes in fiscal prudence, property rights, and the power of community. She believes councilors should behave with honesty, integrity, compassion and kindness; personal attacks and politics have no place on council. As an engineer and manufacturing executive, she managed large budgets in difficult financial times before starting a second career teaching. Her sons and her husband Rob have given her a life of joy and adventure that includes roller blading, skiing, and kayaking. Hampden is both her home and her community.



PHILIP T. McAVOY – Hampden Town Council Candidate – District 3



DAVID RYDER – Hampden Town Council Candidate – District 4



My name is David Ryder and it has been an honor to serve the people of District 4 for the last 2 years. In that 2 years I saved \$20,000 a year in brush disposal. I pushed to get the Shaw Hill Road extension paved. I also pushed to get Fridays open on all trash weekends. I worked to eliminate open space in the rural district on minor subdivisions. I have also worked with the Council for changing zoning to help businesses, and on the sale of the old academy. I would be honored to continue to represent the people of District 4.



ANDREW COLFORD – Hampden Town Council Candidate – District 4



Hello, my name is Andrew Colford and I am looking for your vote in district four. I can proudly say I served as Hampden's deputy Mayor in 2008. While in office I was able to assist with obtaining fulltime paramedic coverage, paving dirt roads and the closure of the landfill. I would like to serve Hampden again and bring stability to the council. As a veteran and active resident I will work diligently to hear the concerns of the town and work to achieve change. I look forward to meeting you at the polls. Your vote is appreciated.



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OCTOBER IS NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

By Kandy McCullough
Hampden Public Safety

Domestic violence is the leading cause of injury to women – more than car accidents, muggings, and rapes combined. Domestic Violence can be defined as a pattern of behavior used to control or gain power over another person. Abuse is physical, sexual, emotional, economic or psychological actions or threats of actions that influence another person. It can happen to anyone of any race, age, sexual orientation, religion and gender. It affects all socioeconomic and education levels. Only 25% of all physical assaults perpetrated by intimate partners are reported to the police. Together, we can stop domestic abuse. We all deserve to be in a loving, respectful and healthy relationship.

If you are in immediate danger, call 9-1-1. ■

HELP IS ALWAYS AVAILABLE.

24 Hour Hotlines:
1-800-863-9909 (Spruce Run)
1-800-799-7233 (National Domestic Violence Hotline)

Hampden Recreation's HALLOWEEN OPEN HOUSE

Come join the Hampden Recreation Department on Friday, October 31, 2014, as we celebrate Halloween with our annual Halloween Open House. This free event will be held at the Skehan Recreation Center from 4-6:30 p.m. Stop by and enjoy some fun as we will have bounce houses, children's games, prizes, costume contests, a concession stand and much more! Don't miss out on this spooky event! ■



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN THE FUTURE OF HAMPDEN'S TOWN PARKS?

The Services Committee of the Hampden Town Council is seeking interested residents to assist the Committee with developing policy related to the future of parks in Hampden. How many should we have? How should we care for them? How should we pay for it? How should they be developed? Should they be developed at all? This Committee will work on a policy for eventual presentation to the Hampden Town Council for consideration.



Please take a few minutes to fill out a Committee Application form which can be picked up at the Town Office or found on the town website at www.hampdenmaine.gov under Town Officials/Town Boards and Committees. Not sure but want to find out more? Attend the next meeting of the Council Services Committee on Monday, November 10, 2014 at 6 p.m. at the Town Office. ■

Zero Sort Recycling Comes to Hampden



In July of 2014, the Town of Hampden contracted with Casella Waste to bring Zero Sort recycling to the Town of Hampden. Zero Sort is a more user-friendly way to encourage people to recycle because all recyclable items can go in one tote/bag for transport to the Transfer Station and are dumped in one compacter upon arrival. No more need for multiple containers at home and there is one-stop dumping at the transfer station! In addition, the Town is now able to take a much wider variety of plastics, and glass jars can be disposed of in the same compacter as other recyclables.

The more recyclable material that the Town can remove from its waste stream, the less solid waste that has to be sent to the PERC plant for incineration. This reduces the amount paid to PERC for that cost, and is a more environmentally friendly way to manage the recyclable portion of the waste stream. This program is only a few months old and already the Town is on track for this year to recycle over 40% more tonnage than it did under the former program – nearly 100 tons more than it did last year. ■



What do The Walking Dead, Game of Thrones and Downton Abbey have in common?

They were all books before they were popular television programs. The Edythe Dyer Library Staff invites you to join fans of your favorite TV show for a night of discussion and trivia. The Walking Dead event was October 15, but the other two are coming up!

Game of Thrones is Wednesday, November 19, at 6 p.m. and Downton Abbey will be Wednesday, January 7, also at 6 p.m.

Would you rather discuss straight up books? We have two adult book discussion groups. They meet the second Wednesday of each month at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. — each discussing different books. In November the afternoon title is *Under the Wide and Starry Sky* by Nancy Horan. The evening group will discuss *Still Life* by Louise Penny.

This is your library, so stop in often, there's a lot going on! ■



Have you visited the Lura Hoit Pool Lately?

By Pool Director Darcey Peakall

Maybe it has been a while since you went swimming at the Lura Hoit Pool. Maybe you drive right past the pool as you travel Western Avenue. I would like to invite you to stop by the Lura Hoit Pool and take advantage of this unique local resource.

I call our pool unique because it provides swimming opportunities to all members of our community, regardless of age or ability. Many infants in town take their first dip in our pool, and many toddlers learn to swim here. The Hampden Academy Swim Team call the Lura Hoit Pool home, and many of those scholar-athletes become our lifeguards. Whole families attend open swim sessions. Those recovering from injury or debilitation discover many ways to rehabilitate at our pool, whether it be through lap swimming or structured classes. Our aging and elderly population can remain active through aquatic exercise well beyond the time when other activities have become impossible.

Whether to host a birthday party, swim some laps, sign up for swim lessons, or learn about the classes offered at our facility, I urge you to drop by the Lura Hoit Pool and rediscover what a local treasure we all have here in Hampden. ■

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CHECK YOUR DISTRICT WHEN VOTING!

In June of 2014, voters approved the Redistricting Plan put forward by the Hampden Town Council to redraw lines for voting districts. This was necessary because the law requires the Town to review its voting districts every ten years after the census to insure that they are comparable in population. The Registrar of Voters sent a letter to every registered voter in Hampden whose voting district changed as a result of the redistricting.

There will be a map at the polls on November 4th so you can 'see' your district and the voting list itself has the correct district printed next to your name. With different council ballots for all four districts it is important to make sure that you check your district on the map on the way in to vote. If you have a question related to your district – please ask the Election Warden at the polls. ■

Have you seen the new red signs at intersections?

The red number signs on top of street signs at the intersection of some roadways in Hampden were put there with grant monies received by the Fire Department. Their purpose? To help improve emergency response time for police, fire, and ambulance. These signs denote the street numbers in each direction from the sign, allowing response vehicles a quick and easy way to find the reported emergency. The Town Council approved use of the grant funds for this purpose. ■