

TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 2, 2008

Due to the Labor Day holiday, the regularly scheduled meeting of the Hampden Town Council was held on Tuesday, September 2, 2008. The meeting was held at the municipal building council chambers and was called to order by Mayor Briggs at 7:15 p.m.

Attendance: Councilors: Mayor Rick Briggs, Andrew Colford, Matthew Arnett, Thomas Brann, and Shannon Cox; Edward Murphy and Andre Cushing were excused.

Town Manager: Susan Lessard

Town Counsel: Thomas Russell

Department Heads/Staff: Public Safety Director Joseph Rogers and Lt. Ray Pipes of the Fire Department

A. CONSENT AGENDA

Treasurer's Warrants were circulated for approval and signatures of the Finance Committee. The balance of the Consent Agenda was accepted without objection.

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

C. POLICY AGENDA

1. PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were none.

2. NOMINATIONS-APPOINTMENTS-ELECTIONS

a. SIGN SAD #22 REFERENDUM ELECTION WARRANTS

The warrants for the SAD #22 Special Referendum regarding the proposed new school were circulated for signatures of the Council.

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL – BANGOR TENNIS & RECREATION

Motion by Councilor Arnett, seconded by Councilor Cox to approve the application – unanimous vote in favor.

b. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING REQUEST

A meeting of the Public Works Committee was scheduled for Monday, September 8th at 7:00 pm.

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. PROPOSED SEWER HOOK-UP – 421 OLD COUNTY ROAD

This item was referred to the Public Works Committee to be discussed at the meeting on September 8th.

b. AMERICORPS GRANT – FIRE DEPARTMENT

Public Safety Director Joe Rogers noted that there has been a decline in activity of the Call Fire Department. This grant would fund a position that will work for an 11-month period. The person will be an employee of Americorp and the main duties of the position are to recruit and train emergency response volunteers, increase available manpower for emergency response and enhance public safety initiatives. In return the Town would be required to provide an \$8,000 match for this position.

Motion by Councilor Brann, seconded by Councilor Arnett to accept the Americorp Grant and to pay \$8,000 from the Matching Grants reserve account – unanimous vote in favor.

D. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilor Arnett reported that the Communications Committee met and discussed a number of items including the next edition of the *Hampden Highlights* newsletter. He commented that the interns are working out well over the summer.

Councilor Arnett further reported that the Charter & Ordinance Committee met earlier in the evening and received an update from the Town Planner regarding shoreland zoning. There was initial discussion of some potential revisions to the Zoning Ordinance relative to customary rural businesses, which will be discussed further with Economic Development.

Councilor Cox reported that the Community Services Committee met on August 19th and held discussion about the nature of work and structure of the Friends of Dorothea Dix Park. A group from the Committee traveled to Ellsworth to look at the work done by Prentiss & Carlisle in clearing timber from Woodlawn Park. Councilor Cox said the project is similar in some ways to Dorothea Dix Park and it was beneficial to see how it was done.

E. MANAGER'S REPORT

A copy of the Manager's Report is attached.

F. COUNCILOR'S COMMENTS

Councilor Colford said he has received a request to have Public Works trim tree branches on Emerson Mill Road near the Manning Mill Road. In addition, the person asked whether it would be possible to have a Farm Crossing sign placed at that location.

Councilor Brann noted that there is no Snowmobile Crossing sign on the Kennebec Road near the pipeline and requested that Public Works look into that.

G. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.



Denise Hodsdon
Town Clerk

MANAGER'S REPORT

September 2, 2008

TAX BILLS – 2009 Tax bills were sent out on 8/25/08. We have already started receiving payments on them.

Town Clerk/Economic Development Consultant Update – Denise Hodsdon is home and recovering well from her surgery of 8/25. We look forward to her return by the end of the month. I am also happy to report that Bion Foster is also home from the hospital and recovering. We send them both our best wishes for speedy recoveries.

Nomination Papers – Thus far we have had 6 people take out papers for the four town council district seats – 2 from district 4, 2 from district 3, 1 from district 1 and one from district 2. Four individuals have taken out SAD #22 nomination papers and one person has taken out nomination papers for Water District Trustee. The deadline for papers to be returned is Friday, September 5, 2008 at 4:30 p.m.

Hampden Highlights Deadline – The deadline for articles for the next edition of Hampden Highlights is September 15th. Annie O'Reilly is collecting the articles for publication. If you wish to get something to her and do not have her email address – call or stop by the office.