

TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

October 4, 2010

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Hampden Town Council was held on Monday, October 4, 2010. The meeting was held at the municipal building council chambers and was called to order by Mayor Arnett at 7:00 p.m.

Attendance: Councilors: Mayor Matthew Arnett, Thomas Brann, William Shakespeare, Jean Lawlis, and Janet Hughes; Andre Cushing was excused

Town Manager: Susan Lessard

Town Counsel: Thomas Russell

Department Heads/Staff: None

Mayor Arnett noted that Councilor Cushing was unable to attend the meeting and asked for a motion to excuse him. Councilor Lawlis so moved; seconded by Councilor Hughes – unanimous vote

A. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Councilor Lawlis, seconded by Councilor Hughes to accept the Consent Agenda – unanimous vote in favor.

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

C. POLICY AGENDA

1. PUBLIC HEARINGS

a. ADOPTION OF FINAL DRAFT OF 2010 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

As Chair of the Comprehensive Planning Committee, Councilor Brann introduced the 2010 Plan and outlined the procedure leading up to this point. Mayor Arnett explained the public hearing process and then opened the hearing. There were no proponents, opponents and no one with general questions or comments. The hearing was closed.

Motion by Councilor Brann, seconded by Councilor Shakespeare to adopt the final draft of the 2010 Comprehensive Plan as submitted to and approved by the State Planning Office – unanimous vote in favor.

2. NOMINATIONS-APPOINTMENTS-ELECTIONS

- a. WARRANT FOR MUNICIPAL ELECTION – 11/2/2010 – COUNCIL SIGNATURE

The Warrant was circulated for signatures of the Council.

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. PENOBSCOT COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL MITIGATION PLAN ADOPTION

At the request of Manager Lessard this item was postponed.

4. NEW BUSINESS

- a. MAINE MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING VOTING DELEGATE NOMINATION

Motion by Councilor Shakespeare, seconded by Councilor Lawlis to appoint Mayor Arnett as the Town's voting delegate for the annual meeting and to authorize the Town Manager to sign the Voting Delegate form on behalf of the Council – unanimous vote in favor.

- b. APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF OUTDOOR WOOD-BURNING FURNACE LICENSE RECEIVED FROM PATRICK AUDET, 381 MAIN ROAD NORTH

Motion by Councilor Shakespeare, seconded by Councilor Hughes to approve the application – unanimous vote in favor.

- c. APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF OUTDOOR WOOD-BURNING FURNACE LICENSE RECEIVED FROM DOUG AND APRIL STANHOPE, 560 WESTERN AVENUE

Motion by Councilor Shakespeare, seconded by Councilor Hughes to approve the application – unanimous vote in favor.

- d. APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF LIQUOR LICENSE RECEIVED FROM WHITE HOUSE MOTEL, INC., FILIBUSTER LOUNGE, 155 LITTLEFIELD AVENUE

Motion by Councilor Shakespeare, seconded by Councilor Hughes to approve the application – unanimous vote in favor.

D. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilor Lawlis reported that the Services Committee will meet on October 12th at 5:30 pm

Councilor Hughes reported that the next meeting of the Planning & Development Committee will be at 6:00 pm on October 6th.

Mayor Arnett reported that a group called Sustainable Homes Hampden is working with the Maine Green Energy Alliance to help Hampden homeowners assess the energy efficiency of their homes and inform them about available energy rebates and tax credits. There will be an informational meeting on October 28th in the Community Room.

E. MANAGER'S REPORT

A copy of the Manager's Report is attached hereto.

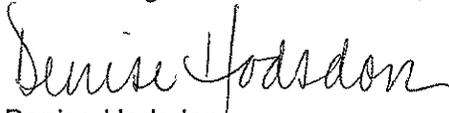
F. COUNCILOR'S COMMENTS

Councilor Hughes informed the Council that she and Councilor Cushing met with SAD #22 and representatives of Maine Department of Transportation regarding the improvements on Western Avenue and to discuss the need for sidewalks extending from the intersection of Route 202 to the Mayo Road. The Town has a grant application before MDOT for the sidewalk, but it was requested that SAD #22 consider adding sidewalk just within their project area, which would assist the Town in its plans to extend the sidewalk to the Mayo Road. SAD #22's engineers have offered to provide a conceptual plan of what a sidewalk would look like within their project area, but SAD #22 has requested that the Town provide some reasoning or need for them to provide a sidewalk on the interior of the Four-Mile Square. Councilor Hughes noted that this will be brought to the Planning & Development Committee in the next few weeks.

Councilor Lawlis informed everyone that the Dog Park group is meeting tomorrow at 6:00 pm.

G. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.



Denise Hodsdon
Town Clerk

MANAGER'S REPORT

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Groundbreaking – Katahdin Trust – The official groundbreaking for the new Katahdin Trust to be located next to Rite Aid on Western Avenue will be held at noon on Thursday, October 21st. Town Officials will receive invitations to the event and they indicated that they would be asking Mayor Arnett to say a few words at the ceremony.

Auditors – The Auditors completed their field work for our audit on Thursday, September 30th. I anticipate that we will receive the audit report within a month. At that time we will have the auditors present at a Finance Committee meeting to meet with Councilors to discuss the fiscal condition of the community. They were very pleased and very complimentary of the efforts of staff during their work here.

Maine Municipal Association Convention – The MMA Convention is being held next Tuesday and Wednesday at the Civic Center in Augusta. You all received programs for the meeting in the Maine Townsman magazine that you get monthly. If there are any of you that wish to attend – please let me know and I will make reservations.

Lot 12 Sale – I am happy to report that the sale of lot 12 in the Business Park was completed on Thursday, September 30th. This is the second lot in the park that has been purchased by Hampden Properties, LLC.

Second Candidate Forum – The second Candidate Forum involving RSU 22 School Board Candidates and State House (District 34) and Senate (District 33) Candidates will be held on Tuesday, October 12th at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Council chambers. The forum will be aired live and rebroadcast during the month before the election.

Tax Due Date – Tax due date for the first half of property taxes is Wednesday, October 6th. As of 10 a.m. today we had collected 30% of the tax commitment. By Thursday of this week we should be over 40%. Thank you to all the Hampden Taxpayers who do such a great job of meeting their property tax obligations in a timely manner!

LLBean Site Clean Up – The Public Works Department completed clean up of the LLBean site this past week. It was done separately from the Bangor Hydro and Dicenzo Lot cleanups due to the nature and size of debris deposited there. The final totals for debris removed from the LLBean Site were 71.92 tons of demolition debris. The cost of the project (demolition debris disposal, offsite containers, etc. was approximately \$6,000).