

TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

FEBRUARY 7, 2011

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Hampden Town Council was held on Monday, February 7, 2011. The meeting was held at the municipal building council chambers and was called to order by Mayor Arnett at 7:05 p.m.

Attendance: Councilors: Matthew Arnett, Andre Cushing, Janet Hughes, Thomas Brann, Jean Lawlis, William Shakespeare and Kristen Hornbrook

Town Manager: Susan Lessard

Town Counsel: Thomas Russell

Department Heads/Staff: Town Planner Bob Osborne and Community and Economic Development Director Dean Bennett

Citizens

A. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Councilor Cushing, seconded by Councilor Hughes to accept the balance of the consent agenda - Unanimous vote in favor.

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sally Leete of 344 Main Road North commented that when the residents left the Council strategic planning meeting on Saturday, a remark was made by a Town Council member that was very detrimental and it was heard by many. She said it was inappropriate and made the residents feel that there was a lot of contempt toward them. She said what they want to do is open up new dialogue and to rectify things to understand what is going on in the Town and to have a better relationship with the Town Council.

C. POLICY AGENDA

1. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a. ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT re SETBACKS OF SMALL ACCESSORY STRUCTURES IN COMMERCIAL SERVICE DISTRICT – SECTION 3.3

Town Planner Bob Osborne explained that the purpose of the proposed amendment is to relax the yard setback requirements for small accessory buildings in the Commercial Service District. He

noted that this amendment came about at the request of the Hampden Mobile Home Park to allow for small accessory buildings within the park. The Planning Board has returned an "ought to pass" recommendation.

Mayor Arnett explained the procedure for the public hearing and then opened the hearing. No one spoke in favor or in opposition and there were no general questions or comments. The hearing was closed.

Motion by Councilor Brann, seconded by Councilor Hughes to adopt the amendment as proposed – unanimous vote in favor.

- b. MOBILE HOME PARK ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENTS re
REQUIRED SEPARATION BETWEEN SMALL UTILITY
STRUCTURES AND MOBILE HOMES – SECTIONS 1.6; 5.13;
and 6.7

Town Planner Bob Osborne explained that this is the companion piece to the Zoning Ordinance text amendment and relates to the interior aspects of the mobile home park. The amendments would relax the setback requirement between the mobile home and the accessory structures.

The public hearing was opened and no one spoke in favor or in opposition and there were no general questions or comments. The hearing was closed.

Motion by Councilor Brann, seconded by Councilor Hughes to adopt the amendment as proposed – unanimous vote in favor.

2. NOMINATIONS-APPOINTMENTS-ELECTIONS

- a. RICH ARMSTRONG – NEW APPOINTMENT – BOARD OF
ASSESSMENT REVIEW – INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDATION

Councilor Shakespeare reported that the Infrastructure Committee had interviewed Mr. Armstrong and recommends appointment. Motion by Councilor Shakespeare, seconded by Councilor Cushing to appoint Rich Armstrong to the Board of Assessment Review – unanimous vote in favor.

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. POWER LIFT STRETCHER BID RESULTS –
INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Councilor Shakespeare reported that it is the recommendation of the Infrastructure Committee to accept the bid from Stryker EMS

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Proposed Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance

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3.3. Commercial Service District

3.3.1. Purpose - This district is intended for the location of heavy commercial uses, wholesale uses, office buildings, automotive type of uses such as sales and service, convenience stores and commercial service type of uses. In general this area is devoted to service or wholesale uses.

3.3.2. Permitted Uses (Subject to Site Plan Review) - Any retail or service business, hotel and motels, business or professional offices, take-out restaurant, small restaurant, sit-down restaurant, automobile service, place of assembly, outdoor recreation and accessory uses or structures. Essential service and buildings for essential service, single family dwellings in existence on the date of this amendment. (Amended 12-6-04)

3.3.3. Conditional Uses (Subject to Site Plan Review) - Fast-food restaurant, outdoor dining restaurant, tavern, bar, dance hall, commercial school, drive-thru business, wholesale distribution, truck terminal, light industrial operations (but not including excavation, gravel pit and quarry activities) which do not exceed 10,000 square feet, such as warehousing assembly or fabrication. Functionally water-dependent uses along the Penobscot River. Any establishment which provides in excess of 5,000 square feet of outdoor display or storage of goods or equipment. Stockpiles (subject to Article 4.9) not accessory to excavation, gravel pit and quarry activities. (Amended 4-7-03, 12-6-04, 12-17-07, 03-01-10)

3.3.4. Lot Dimensions

Minimum Lot Area	-	20,000 sq. ft.
Minimum Road Frontage	-	100 feet
Minimum Setbacks:		
Street Yard	-	40 feet
Other Yards	-	30 feet
Maximum Ground Coverage	-	25 percent
Maximum Building Height	-	35 feet

3.3.5. Special District Regulations

1. Where a commercial or industrial use abuts any residential use or residential district, the other yard setback shall be double where it abuts the residential property.
2. Notwithstanding the maximum building height regulations in Article 3.3.4. building height may be up to 50 feet under the following standards. Buildings in excess of 35 feet in height shall provide additional setbacks on all yards as herein stipulated: Subtract 35 feet from the proposed building height and add that difference to each yard setback requirement. (Amended 03-01-10)

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EXAMPLE: A 48 foot tall building is proposed. By subtracting the base Commercial Service District maximum building height from the proposed height the following is the result $48' - 35' = 13'$.

Then add that amount to each yard or setback.

Setback Type		Base Setbacks:	Total Setback
Street Yard	-	40 feet	53 feet
Other Yard	-	30 feet	43 feet

3. Notwithstanding other requirements in this section any structure which requires access to rail service shall not be required to setback from the railroad siding. *(Amended 8-17-92, 10-4-93)*
4. Fast-food restaurant use shall be located on a lot having a minimum lot size of 1.5 acres, minimum frontage of 200 feet and no part of the vehicle queue shall be located within 100 feet of a residential structure. *(Amended 12-6-04)*
5. Sale or consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited for outdoor dining restaurant uses in conjunction with take-out restaurants and fast-food restaurants. *(Amended 12-6-04)*
6. Outdoor dining areas proposed for outdoor dining restaurant uses shall be clearly delineated on a site plan including barriers required under M.R.S.A. *Title 28-A*. Outdoor dining restaurant uses proposing outdoor consumption of alcoholic beverages shall comply with M.R.S.A. *Title 28-A: LIQUORS §1051. Licenses generally* which requires that outside areas be controlled by barriers and by signs prohibiting consumption beyond the barriers. *(Amended 12-6-04)*
7. Notwithstanding the maximum building height regulations buildings used for functionally water-dependent uses along the Penobscot River are not subject to the maximum building height standard in Article 3.3.4. or 3.3.5.2. provided the lot area for such a use is at least five acres in size. *(Amended 03-01-10)*
8. Notwithstanding the above requirements, residential use accessory structures which are not attached to a residential principal building may be located on a lot in accordance with the following:

<u>Accessory Structures Ground Floor Area</u>		<u>Up to 150 Square Feet</u>
<u>Maximum Height</u>	-	<u>16 Feet</u>
<u>Minimum Other Yard</u>	-	<u>5 Feet</u>

Once located in accordance with the foregoing requirements, said accessory structures shall not be attached to a principal building unless said structures are in compliance with the Other Yard requirement of the District.

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Proposed Amendments to the Mobile Home Park Ordinance

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ARTICLE 1
GENERAL PROVISIONS

1.1. Title. This Ordinance shall be known as the "Mobile Home Park Ordinance of the Town of Hampden, Maine," and shall be referred to herein as the "Ordinance."

1.2. Authority. This Ordinance is enacted under the authority granted to the Town by the constitution and statutes of the State of Maine.

1.3. Purposes. The purposes of this Ordinance are:

1. To promote the public health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Town;
2. To establish standards for mobile homes located in mobile home parks;
3. To establish standards for the maintenance and operation of mobile home parks;
4. To establish standards for the maintenance and occupancy of mobile homes and mobile home lots located in mobile home parks; and
5. To establish a licensing and enforcement mechanism for mobile home parks.

1.4. Applicability. The provision of this Ordinance shall apply to all mobile home parks, and the mobile homes located within mobile home parks, as defined by this Ordinance and by Title 30-A M.R.S.A. § 4358, located within the Town of Hampden on or after May 1, 2004.

1.5. Conflict With Other Ordinances. Whenever the requirements of this Ordinance are in conflict with the requirements of any other rule, regulation, ordinance, or statute, the more restrictive requirement shall prevail, unless otherwise prohibited by state law or expressly provided for in this Ordinance.

1.6. Definitions. For the purposes of this Ordinance, the following definitions shall apply:

Accessory Structure: A structure of a nature customarily incidental or subordinate to the principal structure.

Code Enforcement Officer: A person or persons appointed by the Town Manager to administer and enforce Town Ordinances. The term shall also include Building Inspector, Fire Inspector, Local Plumbing Inspector and the like, if applicable.

Licensee: The mobile home park owner or the applicant for a mobile home park license.

Mobile Home: Two types of mobile homes are included in this definition:

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1. *Certified mobile home.* Those units constructed after June 15, 1976, which the manufacturer certifies are constructed in compliance with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development standards, meaning structures transportable in one or more sections, that in the traveling mode are fourteen (14) body feet or more in width and are seven hundred fifty (750) or more square feet, and that are built on a permanent chassis and designed to be used as dwellings, with or without permanent foundations, when connected to the required utilities, including the plumbing, heating, air-conditioning and electrical systems contained therein. This term shall also include any structure that meets all the requirements of this paragraph except the size requirements and with respect to which the manufacturer voluntarily files a certification required by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development and complies with the standards established under the National Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards Act of 1974, 42 United States Codes 5401, et seq.
2. *Non-certified mobile homes:* Those units constructed prior to June 15, 1976, meaning structures, transportable in one (1) or more sections, which are eight (8) body feet or more in width and are thirty-two (32) body feet or more in length, and which are built on a permanent chassis and designed to be used as dwellings, with or without permanent foundations, when connected to the required utilities, including the plumbing, heating, air-conditioning or electrical systems contained therein.

Mobile Home Owner: A person having ownership and/or legal control of a mobile home herein after referred to as home owner.

Mobile Home Park: A parcel of land under unified ownership approved by the Town for the placement thereon of three or more mobile homes.

Mobile Home Park Lot: The area of land on which an individual mobile home is situated within a mobile home park and which is reserved for use by the occupants of that mobile home.

Mobile Home Park Owner: A person having ownership and/or legal control of a mobile home park herein after referred to as Park Owner.

Mobile Home Stand: The part of an individual mobile home lot which has been constructed and reserved for the placement thereon of a mobile home.

Person: An individual, partnership, corporation, limited liability company, limited liability partnership, trust or any other form of legal entity recognized under the laws of the State of Maine.

Structure: Anything constructed or erected, the use of which requires a location on the ground or attachment to something located on the ground, including, but not limited to, buildings and mobile homes.

Utility Structure: A structure located on a mobile home lot not exceeding 150 sq. ft. and located on a mobile home lot which is designated and used for the storage and use of personal property of the mobile home occupants.

Non-Combustible Utility Structure: A metal structure not exceeding 100 sq. ft. floor area located on a mobile home lot which is designated and used for the storage and use of personal property of the mobile home occupants.

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ARTICLE 5
OBLIGATIONS OF PARK OWNERS.

- 5.1. The Park Owner shall provide the occupants of the mobile home park with a copy of this Ordinance, and inform the occupants of their duties and responsibilities under this Ordinance.
- 5.2. The Park Owner shall operate the mobile home park, or cause the same to be operated, in compliance with this Ordinance, and shall provide adequate supervision to maintain the park, its facilities, improvements, and equipment in good repair and in a clean and sanitary condition, as well as in compliance with all state and local laws, regulations, or ordinances.
- 5.3. The Park Owner shall maintain all streets, roadways and driveways in the mobile home park in good repair, and shall keep the same clear of snow, ice, standing water, and debris. In addition, the streets and roadways in the mobile home park shall be constructed and maintained so as to comply with the "Fire Lane" requirements of the Town of Hampden Fire Prevention Code.
- 5.4. The Park Owner shall maintain the mobile home park in a clean, orderly, safe and sanitary condition at all times.
- 5.5. The Park Owner shall remove any abandoned, burned, dilapidated, or abandoned mobile home from the mobile home park within ten business days of a notice from the Code Enforcement Officer.
- 5.6. The Park Owner shall not permit the presence or any accumulation of any (1) abandoned, unregistered or un-inspected motor vehicles, or parts thereof, or (2) discarded, worn-out or junked plumbing, heating supplies, electronic or industrial equipment; household appliances; furniture; discarded, scrap or junked lumber; old or scrap copper, brass, rope, rags, batteries, paper trash, rubber debris, waste or scrap iron, steel or other scrap ferrous or nonferrous material, or other solid waste or debris in the mobile home park, whether on the streets or other common areas under the control of the Park Owner or on the individual mobile home lots.
- 5.7. The Park Owner shall be responsible for the proper placement of each mobile home on its mobile home stand, which includes securing its stability and installing all utility connections. Owner shall also be responsible for the disconnection of all utilities prior to the departure of a mobile home from the park.
- 5.8. The Park Owner shall conspicuously post a copy of the license in Park Owner's office or on the premises of the mobile home park at all times.
- 5.9. The Park Owner shall notify the Code Enforcement Officer and Tax Assessor, in writing, of the arrival or impending departure of any mobile home or any change of ownership that occurs within the park.
- 5.10. The Park Owner shall make adequate provision for the storage, collection, and lawful disposal of all refuse from the mobile home park, and shall take adequate measures to prevent the creation of health

hazards, rodent harborage, insect breeding areas, accident hazards, or air, water, or ground pollution. All refuse and garbage shall be bagged in plastic garbage bags by the homeowner or occupant for storage in fully and tightly enclosed, watertight, rodent-proof containers, which shall be provided by Owner in sufficient number and capacity to prevent any refuse or garbage from overflowing. Satisfactory container racks or holders shall be provided by the Owner and shall be located not more than 150 feet from any mobile home lot, or the Park Owner shall cooperate with the Code Enforcement Officer to establish mutually agreed upon locations.

5.11. The Park Owner shall bring all nonconforming non-certified mobile homes into compliance with the safety standards of Article 8. The Code Enforcement Officer may, as part of a conditional license, enter into a schedule of compliance with the Owner.

5.12. The Park Owner shall provide adequate supervision to ensure that the mobile home park, mobile home lot, mobile homes, and the owners or occupants of mobile homes comply with the provisions of this Ordinance. Owner shall include provisions in rental agreements requiring that individual owners or occupants of mobile homes shall comply with the provisions of this Ordinance, and Owner shall be obligated to pursue legal remedies for any breach of those requirements.

5.13. The Park Owner shall cooperate fully with the Code Enforcement Officer in the administration and enforcement of this Ordinance, including providing assistance in gaining access to mobile homes for the required inspections. The Park Owner shall co-apply with mobile home owners and or occupants for any building permit for a utility structure or non-combustible utility structure and shall insure that the location selected for such structures minimizes any negative impacts on safety and egress.

5.14. The Park Owner shall not assign or transfer the license without the prior approval of the Code Enforcement Officer. Any assignment or transfer shall be subject to the condition that the transferee agree in writing to abide by the terms and conditions of the license and this Ordinance.

5.15. The owner(s) of the land on which the mobile home park is located shall be ultimately responsible for compliance with this Ordinance, and shall remain responsible therefore regardless of the fact that this Ordinance may also place certain responsibilities on the license holder, or mobile home owners and/or occupants. This shall be so regardless of any agreements between the owners of the land and the license holder or owner/occupants of mobile homes as to which parties shall assume such responsibility.

ARTICLE 6 OBLIGATIONS OF MOBILE HOME OWNERS OR OCCUPANTS.

6.1. It shall be the duty of the owners or occupants of mobile homes in a mobile home park to give the Code Enforcement Officer access to the mobile homes at reasonable times for the purpose of conducting an inspection thereof to determine satisfactory compliance with the requirements of this Ordinance.

6.2. The owners or occupants of mobile homes in a mobile home park shall comply with all applicable requirements of this Ordinance, and shall maintain his/her mobile home, mobile home lot, and any facilities, improvements, or equipment, in good repair and in a clean and sanitary condition. The home owner or occupant shall not cause or permit the presence or accumulation of the items specified in Article 5.6 on his/her mobile home lot, or at any other location within the mobile home park.

6.3. No home owner or occupant shall allow animals in his/her custody to run at large, or commit any nuisance, within the mobile home park.

6.4. No home owner or occupant shall permit his/her mobile home to be occupied by a greater number of

persons than that for which it was designed.

6.5. The space directly beneath each mobile home shall be kept clean and free from refuse, or other combustible materials.

6.6. No home owner or occupant shall permit the parking of vehicles or the storage of personal property so as to interfere with access to the lots or mobile homes in the mobile home park by other owners or occupants, or especially with access by emergency vehicles or personnel.

6.7. No home owner or occupant shall locate or use a utility structure or non-combustible utility structure on his/her lot unless it is located ~~no closer than 10 feet to any mobile home or other utility structure, and is made of noncombustible materials. In addition, said structure shall not exceed 150 square feet in area and 10 feet in height.~~ In accordance with the standards found in Article 8.3.18 of this ordinance and they have first receiving a Building Permit from the Town of Hampden. Home owners and occupants shall co-apply with Park Owners for a building permit for a utility structure or non-combustible utility structure and the Park Owner shall insure that the location selected for such structures minimizes any negative impacts on safety and egress.

6.8. No home owner or occupant shall dispose of any garbage or refuse except by first bagging the garbage or refuse into a plastic garbage bag and the placing them into provided facilities in a clean and sanitary manner.

6.9. The individual owner of a non-certified mobile home shall be responsible for bringing the mobile home into compliance with the safety standards set forth in Article 8. The Code Enforcement Officer is authorized to enter into a schedule of compliance with such a home owner.

Equipment. Motion by Councilor Shakespeare, seconded by Councilor Cushing to accept the bid from Stryker EMS Equipment in the amount of \$12,571.20. Following discussion, vote on the motion was 6 -1 (Brann); motion carried.

b. PAPER TALKS AD REQUEST

Motion by Councilor Cushing, seconded by Councilor Lawlis to remove this item from the table and refer it to the Communications Committee – Vote 6 -1 (Shakespeare).

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. BACKYARD COMPOSTING PROGRAM 2011 –
INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Upon recommendation of the Infrastructure Committee, Councilor Shakespeare moved to participate in the backyard composting program again this year and subsidize 50% of the cost of the composters for Hampden residents. Councilor Cushing seconded the motion and vote was unanimously in favor.

b. AUTHORIZATION TO SOLICIT BIDS – 2012 PLOW TRUCK –
INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

It was the recommendation of the Infrastructure Committee to authorize solicitation of bids for a 2012 plow truck. Motion by Councilor Shakespeare, seconded by Councilor Cushing to authorize the Public Works Director to go out to bid for a 2012 plow truck; following discussion, vote on the motion was 6 -1 (Brann).

c. SEWER COMMITMENT – 10/1/10 to 12/31/10

Motion by Councilor Lawlis, seconded by Councilor Brann to accept and sign the commitment – unanimous vote in favor.

D. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning & Development – Councilor Hughes reported that last month's Planning & Development Committee meeting was cancelled due to snow. The next meeting will be at 6:00 pm on March 2nd and the BEAR program will be on the agenda.

Communications – Councilor Hornbrook reported that the Communications Committee meeting scheduled for last week was also cancelled. The meeting was rescheduled to February 23rd at 6:00 pm.

Services – Councilor Lawlis reported that the next meeting will be on February 14th. The committee will hear reports on the MSAD #22 trail proposal and the dog park.

Infrastructure – Councilor Shakespeare reported that in addition to the items already discussed this evening, at the last meeting the Public Works Director discussed the need to replace two existing F450 2-wheel drive trucks with two F350 4-wheel drive trucks in the upcoming budget.

Finance – The Town Manager reported that the Finance Committee reviewed and signed the warrants, discussed ideas related to the Hampden Academy re-use project and the Hamlin Marina land swap. The Committee endorsed the application for reappointment from Scott Luciano to the Personnel Appeals Board contingent upon an opportunity for Councilors to meet with him prior to the next Finance Committee meeting.

Mayor Arnett reported that the Council held a strategic planning session on Saturday, February 5th and a number of items came up related to the Comprehensive Plan and the comprehensive planning process. Because it was a strategic planning session, the Council agreed to take no formal or binding votes, but in light of the number and strength of conviction of people in the room, it was important to allow a fuller discussion of the issues expressed by the public in that meeting. It was agreed that at tonight's meeting the Council would consider delaying the next meeting of the Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee which was scheduled for February 16th and consider scheduling a special meeting to discuss the concerns raised by the citizens.

Motion by Councilor Lawlis, seconded by Councilor Cushing to suspend the rules to add an item to the agenda – unanimous vote in favor.

Motion by Councilor Brann, seconded by Councilor Cushing to add to the agenda a discussion of the request to delay the next meeting of the Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee and to address the idea of a special meeting – unanimous vote in favor.

Following considerable discussion, Councilor Brann moved and Councilor Shakespeare seconded to proceed with the Comprehensive Plan Implementation meeting on February 16th; vote on the motion was 2 in favor (Brann & Shakespeare) and 5 opposed (Lawlis, Arnett, Cushing, Hornbrook and Hughes).

Motion by Councilor Cushing, seconded by Councilor Hornbrook that a public forum on comprehensive plan implementation be held on March 1st from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm – unanimous vote in favor.

E. MANAGER'S REPORT

A copy of the Manager's Report is attached.

2nd Council Meeting of February: It was determined that there would not be a quorum on February 22nd and Councilor Cushing moved to cancel the second meeting in February. Councilor Lawlis seconded the motion and vote was 6 – 1 (Arnett).

F. COUNCILOR'S COMMENTS

Councilor Shakespeare commented that the Council received an email from a resident who was upset about the February 1st enforcement deadline at the transfer station. He explained for the public that last year the Council decided to give a 30-day grace period and January 31st is the last day to use the transfer station without the current year's sticker. Councilor Shakespeare also noted that the Council appreciates citizens' involvement in the Comp Plan and encouraged everyone to please come and be involved.

Councilor Lawlis reminded everyone that the Town's website is a wonderful resource; it has agendas and minutes, ordinances, rules and regulations, and the Comprehensive Plan and maps. There is also a page that has telephone numbers and email addresses of all the Council members.

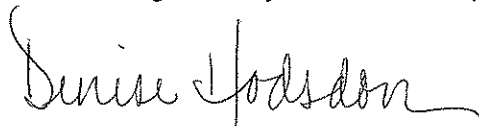
Councilor Cushing wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day. He commented that the concept of what the Council started on Saturday was productive and he feels that it is important for Councilors to get together and inventory what has happened in the community over the last 10-15 years and reflect on that as we go forward.

Councilor Hughes commented that one of the things she heard several times at the meeting on Saturday was the term "Comprehensive Land Use Plan" and she feels that that gets misconstrued with what a comprehensive plan is. She noted that they are two totally different things and she suggested starting off the special meeting by describing what the Comprehensive Plan is all about and its components.

Councilor Hughes also suggested that the Council schedule another strategic planning session to continue with the budget discussions. By a vote of 6 – 1 (Hornbrook) a goals and objectives meeting was scheduled for Saturday, March 12th from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm in the municipal building council chambers.

G. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m. by Mayor Arnett without objection.



Denise Hodsdon
Town Clerk

MANAGER'S REPORT

2/07/2011

Foreclosure Date – 2009 Taxes – Liens on unpaid 2009 property taxes will mature on February 12th.

Adult Spelling Bee – I will be participating as a contestant in the Adult Spelling Bee at Weatherbee School on Friday, February 11th. This is a fundraiser for the school.

Transfer Station Decal Enforcement Deadline – We have received several calls in regard to people who are unhappy with the February 1st enforcement deadline for transfer station decals. The facility began enforcing the rule this past weekend.

Bus Evacuation Day – For anyone wondering why buses were lined up in the Town Office parking lot today – they were conducting an evacuation exercise for the school that involved their use.

Public Works Thank You – A thank you to the public works department for the yeomen's effort they have put forward during this difficult and stormy winter season thus far. They have done an exceptional job of keeping the roadways passable.

Water District Meeting Reminder – A reminder that we have a meeting with the Water District Trustees on February 28th at 6 p.m. at the Water District. The agenda supplied by the Water District was included on the consent agenda for this Council meeting.

Senior Citizens Trip – The Hampden Senior Citizens group is going on a trip on Saturday, February 12th to Portland to see the Ice Capades. The transportation for this trip is funded from the appropriation that the Council sets aside annually for local programs for Seniors.

Outside Agency Budget Items – Contributions to Outside Agencies (Eastern Area Agency on Aging, PENQUIS, Historical Society, American Folk Festival, Red Cross, Bangor STD Clinic) that were approved as part of the 2010-2011 Budget were sent out in January. We have received thank you letters from many of them.

2nd Council Meeting of February – A reminder that the second Council meeting of February will be on Tuesday, February 22nd due to the President's Day holiday on Monday February 21st.

March 1st Meeting – I have talked to staff about preparing information for the March 1, 2011 meeting being held to discuss citizen concerns in regard to the Comprehensive Plan. Gretchen is compiling the list of issues that were cited by people at the meeting to insure that staff is able to provide information and a response to each of them. From that list I will be preparing a mailer to all residents inviting people to attend the meeting on March 1st. I will send a draft of the mailer out to each of you for feedback before distributing it. I am in hopes to have that ready for distribution by the first of next week. The tapes from the meeting are being given to our media intern to convert to files that can be put on a dvd for use on a computer. Denise has already posted the new meeting date on the website and I asked Dean to notify people that the Comprehensive Plan Implementation Meeting was cancelled for February 16th.