

TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

November 9, 2009

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Hampden Town Council was held on Monday, November 9, 2009. 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, Andre Cushing, Thomas Brann, William Shakespeare, Jean Lawlis, Janet Hughes and Shannon Cox

Town Manager: Susan Lessard

Town Counsel: Thomas Russell

Department Heads/Staff: Town Planner Bob Osborne

A. CONSENT AGENDA

Treasurer's Warrants were reviewed and signed by the Finance Committee at its meeting prior to the Council meeting. Motion by Councilor Cox, seconded by Councilor Cushing to accept the balance of the Consent Agenda – unanimous vote in favor.

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

C. POLICY AGENDA

1. PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were none.

2. NOMINATIONS-APPOINTMENTS-ELECTIONS

a. ELECTION RESULTS – NOVEMBER 3, 2009

Town Clerk Denise Hodsdon reported the results of the Municipal Election and the Official Return of Votes was circulated for signatures of the Council.

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. REAL HEROES BREAKFAST – RED CROSS

Councilor Cox, who is the Executive Director of the Red Cross, informed the Council that this is an annual fundraising event for the Red Cross and will be held on November 19th. Hampden resident Brooke Staton is one of the hero reward recipients this year. The Red Cross is requesting that the

Town become a sponsor of this event and Manager Lessard suggested that the Council could sponsor a table at a cost of \$500.00.

Motion by Councilor Lawlis, seconded by Councilor Shakespeare to sponsor a table – Vote: 6-0 in favor; Councilor Cox abstained.

b. SHORELAND ZONING UPDATE – TOWN PLANNER

Town Planner Bob Osborne explained the purpose of the ordinance and updated the Council on the status of the draft Shoreland Zoning Ordinance. The Planning Board will hold a public hearing on the draft ordinance and map on November 18, 2009 and then it will be sent back to the Council with a recommendation.

c. SEWER COMMITMENT – 3RD QUARTER 2009

Motion by Councilor Cushing, seconded by Councilor Hughes to commit sewer user rates for the 3rd quarter – unanimous vote in favor.

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL – COUNTRYMEADOW, INC. d/b/a PIZZA GOURMET

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

D. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilor Cox reported that the Services Committee met to interview various applicants for Town committees. The Committee will have recommendations for appointment at the next Council meeting. The Services Committee will meet again tomorrow night at 6:00 pm.

Councilor Cushing reported that the Committee on Committees met last week and is focusing on preparing orientation materials for the advisory boards and committees.

Councilor Cushing further reported that the Planning & Development Committee also met last week and discussed several topics including shoreland zoning. The next meeting will be at 6:00 pm on December 2nd.

Councilor Brann reported that the Infrastructure Committee had its semi-annual meeting with the Hampden Water District on September 28th and at the request of the Water District, the Town has agreed to make a loader available to the Water District to help clear bulk snow around fire hydrants. The District will compensate the Town at the hourly rental rate the Town pays for the loader. Water District Trustees also informed the Committee that Bangor Water District is anticipating up to a 15% rate increase, which will trickle down to Hampden.

Manager Lessard reported that at its meeting earlier in the evening, the Finance Committee signed the Treasurer's Warrants and reviewed financial reports. She reported that tax collection is at 49.66% and revenues are doing very well. The

Committee also recommended that the Council have another goals and objectives session before the end of the year and that meeting was scheduled for 6:00 pm on November 30th.

E. MANAGER'S REPORT

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

F. COUNCILOR'S COMMENTS

Councilor Hughes commended Town Staff for its work on the Draft Shoreland Zoning Ordinance and because this is such an important item she encouraged anyone with questions to go to the Town Office to talk with staff. She congratulated Councilors Cushing, Cox and Arnett on their re-election to the Council.

Councilor Shakespeare said that several residents have asked what the Town is going to do with our trash when the landfill closes. Manager Lessard explained that our trash goes to PERC and our construction and demolition debris goes to another facility, not the landfill, so the closure will have no impact.

Councilor Lawlis informed everyone that the exploratory dog park committee will be meeting at 6:00 pm this Thursday in the Community Room.

Councilor Brann said he has heard from some residents asking if they need to wait for the special waste collection weekends to dispose of bagged leaves at the Transfer Station. He wanted everyone to know that they can bring them any time and put them in the compactor. Councilor Brann further commented that while at a meeting recently, he heard some positive comments relative to Hampden's Development Team and people are saying that Hampden is now a business-friendly community. He thanked the Staff for developing this new team and plan.

G. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m.



Denise Hodsdon
Town Clerk

MANAGER'S REPORT
November 9, 2009

Halloween – The Public Safety department and Edward's Shop n' Save did a great job again this year on the Halloween party for local children. It was a very well-attended event!

PUC Grant – We are preparing an application for grant funding through the PUC for replacement of the boilers at the Town Office and the Library. There are monies available for energy efficiency and given our success with the change-out at the pool, we could do equally well at this facility. If the grant is successful, we would need to provide a 10% match, which in this case would be \$8,500.

December 7th meeting – I will be having surgery on Monday, December 7th but will be back to work within two weeks, in time for the meeting on the 21st. Does the Council want to hold the December 7th meeting without me or just hold one regular meeting in December, and one special meeting for the Goals and Objectives session?

Newsletter – The deadline for the next edition of the newsletter is December 14th to editor Annie O'Reilly.

Landfill Closure Update – According to landfill personnel, the current waste stream at Pine Tree is the 'soft layer' required for shaping for final closure. The soft layer may include ash or FEPR or contaminated soils and fines. The landfill has therefore curtailed acceptance of construction and demolition debris and the overall traffic to the landfill itself has been reduced as a result. A limited amount of additional c & d may be required prior to final waste delivery, which can be no later than 12/31/09.

Assessor Applications – We have received a number of good prospects for the assessor position thus far. I will be setting up initial interviews for the week of the 17th and 2nd interviews with a panel including some councilors for the period from 11/30 – 12/3. One councilor has indicated an interest in participating, if there are one or two more – please let me know.