

TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

JUNE 2, 2008

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Hampden Town Council was held on Monday, June 2, 2008. The meeting was held at the municipal building council chambers and was called to order by Mayor Briggs at 7:00 p.m.

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

Town Manager: Susan Lessard

Town Counsel: Thomas Russell

Department Heads/Staff: Public Works Director Chip Swan, Public Safety Director Joseph Rogers, Pool Director Darcey Peakall, Library Director Debbie Lozito and Recreation Director Kurt Mathies

A. CONSENT AGENDA

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

Councilor Colford was unable to attend the meeting and had requested an excused absence - Councilor Cushing so moved; Councilor Brann seconded the motion and vote was unanimously in favor.

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

C. POLICY AGENDA

1. PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were none.

2. NOMINATIONS-APPOINTMENTS-ELECTIONS

a. JUNE 10, 2008 PRIMARY/REFERENDUM ELECTION

Town Clerk Denise Hodsdon reminded everyone that there is a State Primary/Referendum Election and School Budget Referendum Election on June 10th. The polls will be open from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm. The Election Clerk schedule has been set for this election, but Denise indicated that

additional election clerks will be needed for the election in November and asked anyone interested in serving in that capacity to contact her at the Town Office.

b. APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. SCOTT LUCIANO – PERSONNEL APPEALS BOARD
2. MIKE LABUN – RECREATION COMMITTEE

Manager Lessard reported that the Appointments Committee has interviewed the two candidates and is recommending appointment of both. Motion by Councilor Arnett, seconded by Councilor Cushing to appoint Scott Luciano to the Personnel Appeals Board and Mike Labun to the Recreation Committee – unanimous vote in favor.

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was none.

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. DENNIS PAPER PROCLAMATION – 100 YEARS IN BUSINESS

Dennis Paper Company has been in business for 100 years and is now located in Hampden. There will be a celebration in the near future and a Proclamation from the Council will be presented to them at that time. Motion by Councilor Arnett, seconded by Councilor Cox to endorse the proclamation as proposed – unanimous vote in favor.

5. BUDGET

a. 20-20 LURA HOIT POOL

20-20-15-10 FUEL

Pool Director Darcey Peakall said that given the increase in fuel costs, this line item would probably need to be increased from \$73,185.00 to \$85,000.00. Motion by Councilor Arnett, seconded by Councilor Brann to increase this line item to \$85,000.00 – unanimous vote in favor.

With the above adjustment, the new proposed total budget is \$360,528.00.

b. 20-01 RECREATION

No change was made to the proposed total amount of \$124,942.00.

c. 20-10 DYER LIBRARY

No change was made to the proposed total amount of \$230,163.00.

d. CAPITAL RESERVES

Manager Lessard prepared a Capital Plan for the various departments from 2009 through 2018 for the Council's review. The plan includes capital projects for each department for the next ten years and after considerable discussion, it was decided that this plan will be forwarded to the Finance Committee for further review and analysis. It was also decided that funding of reserve accounts for 2009 would be done the same way as has been done in the past. No change was made to the proposed total amount of \$243,970.00.

D. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilor Cushing reported that the Committee on Committees met last week and is assessing the mission statements of the various citizen advisory committees. The committee is also looking at developing a training/information package for citizen advisory committee members. The next meeting will be June 12th at noon.

Councilor Cox reported that the Community Services Committee met and discussed the Friends of Dorothea Dix and the Prentiss & Carlisle proposal for the park. The next regular meeting will have to be rescheduled for another date.

Councilor Brann reported that the Comprehensive Planning Committee will meet following the next Community Services Committee meeting.

Councilor Arnett reported that the Communications Committee met and reviewed the editorial policy. The committee looked at the local cable television operation – the Town is part of a local consortium and the committee asked Manager Lessard to review the consortium's charter with other members of the consortium. Additionally, the Communications Community, in cooperation with the Dyer Library, Hampden Historical Society and the Reed's Brook School made application for a \$10,000 grant from the Maine Historical Society under a project they have funded for Maine Community Heritage, which is focused on the idea of communities developing both oral histories and documents that can be posted on the website and shared with the community.

Councilor Arnett also reported that the Charter & Ordinance Committee met earlier this evening and continues to review the required shoreland zoning ordinance mandated by the State. The committee is in the process of reviewing a new segment of the Zoning Ordinance to accommodate water uses and continues to discuss the issue of when building permits may be granted.

E. MANAGER'S REPORT

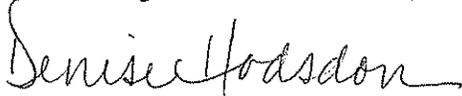
A copy of the Manager's Report is attached.

F. COUNCILOR'S COMMENTS

Councilor Cushing informed the Council that Dana Edwards of Edwards Family Shop 'n Save has opened a new store in Unity. He also encouraged all 17-year olds to participate in the upcoming Primary Election.

G. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:08 p.m.



Denise Hodsdon
Town Clerk

MANAGER'S REPORT

June 2, 2008

Right to Know Training Requirement – Per a new law passed in the last legislative session, all elected government officials in Maine are required to meet training requirements regarding Maine's 'Right to Know' law by November 1, 2008. For councilors, this requirement can be met by attending the Elected Officials Workshop in Bangor at Spectacular Events Center on June 17th (copy of brochure attached), or by going to the following website (www.maine.gov/foaa/index.htm), reviewing the information contained on the site and then filling out a form attesting to that fact that will be retained in the records here at the Town Office. Denise and I will be developing an appropriate form for this purpose.

Election Reminders – The School District Budget meeting is being held on Thursday, June 5, 2008 at the Hampden Academy new gym at 7 p.m. The referendum validation vote on that budget will be held on Tuesday, June 10th from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the community room of the Town office in conjunction with the State primary and referendum elections.

Landfill Meeting – I have a meeting with Landfill officials on June 10th to discuss the possibility of an early closure for the facility. Instead of the last waste acceptance date being 12/31/08, it may be 06/30/08. The volume of waste allowed is determined by the allowed slope and that may be attained earlier than anticipated.

Hampden Business Association Meeting – A reminder that the next meeting of the HBA is at noontime on June 3rd at Fresh Ginger – which is tomorrow.

Replacement at Transfer Station – The new employee, Chris Everett, started at the Transfer Station on Sunday, June 1st. He was hired to replace Tom Colpitts who resigned to take another job. He comes to us with transfer station experience from another community.

Bangor Rescue Mission – Peter Webb from the Bangor Rescue Mission has indicated that the mission will no longer be accepting sex offenders into their program. While that is positive news for the neighborhood, there is nothing to prevent them from changing that policy at some time in the future. There are no sex offenders residing there at the present time.

Budget Adoption Hearing – The budget adoption public hearing will be held on Monday, June 16, 2008 as part of your regular council meeting on that date.