

TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

December 13, 2010

Due to a snowstorm on December 6th, the regularly scheduled meeting of the Hampden Town Council was held on Monday, December 13, 2010 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 Kristen Hornbrook

Town Manager: Susan Lessard

Town Counsel: Thomas Russell

Department Heads/Staff: None

Members of Boy Scout Troop 41

A. CONSENT AGENDA

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

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Eric McVay of Cottage Street said we wanted to recognize Senator Debra Plowman and Representative Andre Cushing who have both been elected to Assistant Majority Leadership in the Senate and House of Representatives. Mr. McVay noted that this is truly an honor for the Town of Hampden to have both legislators elected to leadership positions.

C. POLICY AGENDA

1. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a. APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF VICTUALER'S LICENSE RECEIVED FROM CARROLL CREW, LLC d/b/a PAT'S PIZZA AT 662 MAIN ROAD NORTH

Mayor Arnett explained the procedure for the public hearings 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 approve the application – unanimous vote in favor.

- b. APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF VICTUALER'S LICENSE
RECEIVED FROM KLITON XHEMALI d/b/a ANGELO'S PIZZA AT
102 MAIN ROAD SOUTH

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

2. NOMINATIONS-APPOINTMENTS-ELECTIONS

There were none.

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. SEWER EASEMENT – ELM STREET WEST – INFRASTRUCTURE
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Councilor Shakespeare reported that a resident of Elm Street West has requested an easement from the Town for a private sewer line over a portion of the Town right of way on Elm Street West. The Public Works Director has reviewed the proposed easement drafted by the Town Attorney and the Infrastructure Committee has discussed the request and recommends that the easement be granted according to the terms outlined in the easement prepared by the Town Attorney.

Motion by Councilor Shakespeare, seconded by Councilor Brann to grant the easement as recommended – unanimous vote in favor.

- b. RANDALL ARENDT WORKSHOP UPDATE

This item was informational only. Manager Lessard reminded the Council of the workshop to be held from 4 to 9 pm tomorrow evening.

- c. SALE OF 1991 E-1 FIRE TRUCK TO TOWN OF DETROIT –
INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Councilor Shakespeare reminded the Council that the Town had advertised this truck for sale earlier this year but all bids were rejected at that time because they did not come in within the range expected. Public Safety Director Joe Rogers informed the Infrastructure Committee that the Town of Detroit, Maine has now offered \$20,000 for the truck and recommended that the Council sell it to them. Councilor Shakespeare reported that it was the recommendation of the Infrastructure Committee that the truck be sold to the Town of Detroit for \$20,000 and he so moved; Councilor Lawlis seconded the motion and vote was unanimously in favor.

- d. USE OF PORTION OF PROCEEDS FROM SALE OF 1991 E-1 FIRE
TRUCK TO PURCHASE POWER STRETCHER FOR AMBULANCE –
INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Councilor Shakespeare reported that the Infrastructure Committee heard a proposal from Public Safety to use a portion of the proceeds from the sale of the fire truck to purchase a power stretcher at a cost of \$14,000. It was the recommendation of the Infrastructure Committee to use part of the proceeds from the sale of the fire truck to purchase a power stretcher for the front line ambulance. Public Safety informed the Finance Committee earlier this evening that they have received a grant in the amount of \$5,000 from Hannaford toward the purchase of the power stretcher, therefore the department is requesting use of \$9,000 from the proceeds of the sale of fire truck to complete the purchase.

Motion by Councilor Shakespeare, seconded by Councilor Lawlis to purchase a power stretcher in the amount of \$14,000 to be funded by a \$5,000 grant from Hannaford and \$9,000 from the proceeds of the sale of the fire truck – unanimous vote in favor.

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. HAMPDEN GARDEN CLUB – HISTORIC PRESERVATION GRANT

Manager Lessard explained that the Hampden Garden Club is seeking a grant from Maine Historic Preservation Commission to make needed repairs to Harmony Hall and the application needs to come through the Town. This would be a matching grant and there would be no cost to the Town. She recommended that the Council endorse the grant.

Motion by Councilor Brann, seconded by Councilor Cushing to endorse the grant – unanimous vote in favor.

b. VFW – ANNUAL BINGO AND GAMES OF CHANCE LETTER

Motion by Councilor Brann, seconded by Councilor Cushing to approve the request and authorize the Town Manager to sign the letter to the Gaming and Weapons Section of the Maine State Police on behalf of the Town – unanimous vote in favor.

D. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilor Hughes reported that the Planning & Development Committee will meet on December 15th at 6:00 pm and agenda items will include Hampden Academy reuse, Hampden Business Park and Comprehensive Plan implementation. She reported that the Committee has made recommendations relative to amendments to the Mobile Home Ordinance and to the Zoning Ordinance regarding medical marijuana dispensaries and she requested that those items be included on the next Council agenda. The Committee also interviewed two candidates for the Planning Board and recommended appointment of both.

The Council discussed that the Medical Marijuana Moratorium Ordinance had just expired and it was decided that the Town Attorney would prepare another ordinance to be introduced at the next Council meeting for public hearing at the first meeting in January.

Councilor Cushing reported that the Communications Committee hopes to have the new digital Leightronix system in place after the first of the year. He hopes to have the Committee on Committees report by the end of January.

Councilor Lawlis reported that the Services Committee will meet at 5:00 pm on Wednesday, December 15th.

Mayor Arnett reported that members of the Council met with School Board members on November 30th relative to the reuse of Hampden Academy. He felt it was a productive meeting which clarified some legal issues and what the School Board sees as its needs.

Manager Lessard reported that at its meeting earlier in the evening, the Finance Committee received an update regarding the Hamlin Marine/Town land discussion. The Department of Environmental Protection is considering the proposal by Chevron to grant the Town \$250,000 for the purchase of the land adjacent to the marina and should have a decision by the first of January. The Council set a tentative date of January 22, 2011 for its strategic planning and goals and objectives session.

E. MANAGER'S REPORT

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

Manager Lessard also thanked Hampden Kiwanis for sponsoring the very successful tree-lighting event.

F. COUNCILOR'S COMMENTS

Councilor Shakespeare commended the members of Boy Scout Troop 41 for all their achievements and challenged each of them to rise up to become Eagle Scouts.

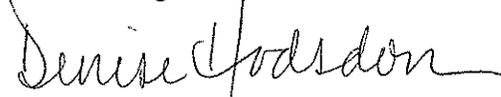
Councilor Cushing thanked Eric McVay and the citizens for their kind thoughts in regards to his and Senator Plowman's positions.

Councilor Hornbrook commented that she has heard from some constituents about the need for more parking spaces for people who ride the bus. This will be referred to the Infrastructure Committee.

Mayor Arnett thanked the Public Safety Department for their involvement in the annual tree-lighting.

G. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.



Denise Hodsdon
Town Clerk

MANAGER'S REPORT

December 13, 2010

Newsletter Deadline – The deadline for the information for the next edition of the newsletter is the end of this week. Anyone with articles should submit them to editor Annie Gabbianelli O'Reilly.

Employee Christmas Luncheon – The annual Christmas luncheon is on Wednesday, December 15th from 11:30 to 1:30 p.m. Everyone is bringing a food contribution and it is an opportunity for the 'team' that is the Town of Hampden to get together to celebrate the season. Councilors are welcome to attend.

Randall Arendt Workshop – A reminder of the workshop for tomorrow. Dean indicates that he has had confirmation from many who plan on attending. We are in hopes that many businesses will take advantage of the HBA luncheon/workshop as well.