

TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

May 17, 2010

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Hampden Town Council was held on Monday, May 17, 2010. The meeting was held at the municipal building council chambers and was called to order by Mayor Arnett at 6:05 p.m.

Attendance: Councilors: Mayor Matt Arnett, Andre Cushing, Thomas Brann, William Shakespeare, Jean Lawlis, Shannon Flavin Cox, and Janet Hughes

Town Manager: Susan Lessard

Town Counsel: Thomas Russell

Department Heads/Staff: Recreation Director Kurt Mathies and Darcy Peakall Lura Hoit Pool Director
Matthew Reynolds and Steven Rabasca – Technical Advisors for the Town on Landfill issues

William Lippincott - Hampden Citizen's Coalition
Martin Panther – Owner, Nealley's Corner Store

A. CONSENT AGENDA

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

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

C. POLICY AGENDA

1. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a. APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF VICTUALER'S LICENSE RECEIVED FROM MWP ENTERPRISES D/B/A NEALLY'S CORNER STORE AT 1230 KENNEBEC ROAD
(CONTINUED)

The hearing was reopened by Mayor Arnett. Martin Panther (owner) spoke in favor of the renewal and indicated that the remaining work necessary for the issuance of the license had been completed. No one spoke in opposition and no one spoke neither for-nor-against. The Mayor closed the public hearing.

Motion by Councilor Brann, seconded by Councilor Cushing to table the decision until May 18th to allow for the Fire Inspector to check the work that has been done. Unanimous vote

2. NOMINATIONS-APPOINTMENTS-ELECTIONS

- a. SAD #22 WARRANT – BUDGET VALIDATION
REFERENDUM ELECTION 06-8-2010.

The Council signed the notice.

- b. NOTICE OF PRIMARY/REFERENDUM ELECTION – 06-08-2010

The Clerk provided a copy of the State Primary and Referendum notice to the Councilors

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

- a. LANDFILL UPDATE (6:05 -7:41p.m.)

The Town Manager introduced the Town's Technical Consultants. One of the Consultants disclosed that his wife had been made a partner in an engineering firm that does work for the Pine Tree Landfill but indicated that he felt he could be objective in his work for the Town in this matter. The Council acknowledged the disclosure and asked him to proceed. The Consultants did a powerpoint presentation regarding construction activities at the landfill, landfill closure, and water quality and environmental concerns (copy attached).

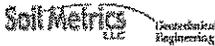
- b. MANAGER REVIEW/CONTRACT

The Finance Committee recommends delaying discussion until the meeting of May 18th.

- c. TREE BOARD – FOREST MANAGEMENT
RECOMMENDATION – VISION FOR DOROTHEA DIX PARK

Councilor Lawlis reported that the Services Committee had reviewed this and recommends that the Council endorse the vision and the forestry management plan.

Councilor Cushing stated that he believed that the Friends of Dorothea Dix should have the opportunity to review and comment on this proposal.

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|  | Drumlin Environmental, LLC <i>Hydrogeologic and Engineering Consultants</i> |  |
| Soil Metrics, LLC | | |

MEMORANDUM

To: Susan Lessard & Hampden Town Council
From: Matt Reynolds & Steve Rabasca
Date: May 13, 2010
Subject: Pine Tree Landfill – Closure, Corrective Actions and Water Quality Update

We have prepared this memorandum to provide the Town with an overview of recent activities and findings at the Pine Tree Landfill (PTL) related to closure, corrective actions and water quality monitoring. We look forward to meeting with the Town Council on May 17, presenting additional information on these topics and discussing any questions that the Town may have regarding the PTL.

I. Landfill Closure Status

In accordance with the October 2006 Schedule of Compliance agreed to by the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (MDEP) and the Town of Hampden, PTL is in the process of final closure of the landfill. The key milestones associated with this closure are:

1. Closure of Phase VII & VIII-C, Stage 3 - Final Cover constructed 2008
2. Closure of Phase VI - Final Cover constructed 2009
3. Final Receipt of Waste December 31, 2009
4. Closure of Phase VIII-A & VIII-C, Stage 1 & 2 - Final Cover being constructed 2010

PTL began the final closure construction activities in late 2009 and early 2010 with the installation of gas extraction infrastructure and piping. PTL is currently grading waste material that was brought on-site at the end of 2010 to achieve the final waste grades. PTL has hired Sargent Corporation to conduct the 2010 closure activities. Sargent also conducted the 2008 and 2009 components of the closure. Sargent mobilized to the site in April and has developed a closure schedule for completion of the cover system in October 2010.

Variance Request for Cover System Clay Thickness Reduction: During the design of the final cover system for Phase VIII-A and VIII-C, Stage 1 & 2, PTL and their consultant Sevee & Maher Engineers (SME) proposed changing the thickness of the clay component of the composite cover from 24 to 18 inches. SME evaluated the impacts that this reduction in clay thickness would have on the overall performance of the cover system. The evaluation was based on a comparison of seepage analyses through the synthetic liner and underlying clay layer, for both clay thicknesses. We reviewed the SME

evaluation and were in agreement that the thickness reduction would have an insignificant change in the performance of the cover system performance.

Phase VI Sump fire: In December 2009, PTL discovered smoke escaping from the Phase VI leachate collection header during a routine inspection. Further investigation of this situation pointed to an exothermic reaction, caused by the oxidation of the steel exposed in the tire chips. This heat reaction increased the temperature of the tire chips to a temperature that caused the HDPE leachate cleanout pipe melted. The fire was extinguished by letting the leachate level rise in the sump. Carbon monoxide readings were made by PTL on a regular basis at other gas wells and cleanouts in the vicinity of the sump to determine if the fire had spread beyond the immediate sump area. These readings suggested that the fire had not spread.

The exact cause of the fire is not known at this time, but temperature monitoring probes have been set within the tire chip layer around the sump. No further elevated temperatures have been detected. With the approval of the MDEP, PTL is now drawing down the leachate in the sump to normal levels and the monitoring and investigation will be on-going.

Cover System Performance and Settlement: The cover system installed over the last two construction seasons appears to be performing well. Unusually wet weather during the 2009 construction season delayed the construction progress. The heavy rainfalls experienced during the construction season placed the various cover system components under stresses that will not normally be experienced during the life of the system. Long exposed areas of the drainage layer on top of the liner received significant rainfall and held up without signs of slippage on the liner.

In the winter, some portions of the vegetative cover system had no grass growth. These areas were stable, with no significant erosion. In these regards, the system held up very well under these construction-type conditions for the relatively steep 2.5H:1V side slopes.

An aerial survey was made in December 2009. Spot checks of the survey indicate the sides that were constructed with a steep 2.5H:1V slope (Phase VI and VII) have now flattened to approximately 2.65H:1V due to settlement. The flatter slope improves the factor of safety for sliding along the cover system components.

II. Corrective Action Status

There are several corrective actions that have been implemented to mitigate impacts to groundwater from the PTL facility. Corrective actions and/or systems that control and mitigate impacts to groundwater and surface water include the following.

- A gas collection system was installed in the Conventional Landfill during its closure and collects a portion of the landfill gas generated by decomposition waste in the Conventional Landfill;

- A gas collection system has also been installed in the Secure Landfill that overlies the Conventional Landfill. Both gas collection systems are connected to the Gas to Energy (GTE) plant constructed at the site in 2007.
- The Secure landfill liner system functions as a cover for the Conventional Landfill and limits the quantity of water infiltrating the waste in the Conventional Landfill;
- The perimeter drain borders the west, south and east sides of the Conventional Landfill and intercepts some shallow groundwater;
- The Secure landfill is in the process of being covered to limit infiltration into the waste. Two phases of cover construction have been completed and the final phase is underway; and
- Two groundwater extraction wells (EW-2R and EW-3R) have been installed near the southeast corner of the landfill.

During 2009 PTL constructed two additional corrective action systems based on assessments completed during 2007 and 2008.

1. PTL installed 2 new groundwater extraction wells (EW-101 and EW-102) along the northeast corner of the landfill. PTL also reconstructed extraction well EW-6 (now EW-6R). Extraction well EW-5R is also located along the northeast corner of the landfill. During the later months of 2009, when these four wells were operational, PTL extracted groundwater migrating from the northeast corner of the landfill at a rate of 7 gpm.
2. During early 2009, PTL constructed two systems to assist in the management of methane gas from the landfill toward the east and southwest. East of the landfill PTL installed a series of 9 gas collection wells. After testing the gas quality and potential gas flow from these wells, three wells with high methane concentrations and good gas permeability were connected to the landfill gas collection system in May 2009.

Southwest of the landfill PTL installed a passive air infiltration trench. This trench was designed to augment gas flow back toward the existing collection system under the landfill.

These additional corrective action systems were intended to reduce the migration of groundwater from the landfill toward the northeast and reduce the migration of gas from the landfill to the east and southwest. The effectiveness of these corrective actions will be determined based on monitoring and operational data. Some preliminary water quality monitoring data suggest that these systems may limit migration from the landfill and as a result improve groundwater quality.

III. Water Quality

Groundwater and surface water is monitored three times each year at a network of 30 sampling locations around PTL. Water samples are also collected from 6 water wells on nearby properties three times per year. Water collected from these locations is analyzed

for a suite of compounds associated with landfill leachate and specified in the Maine Solid Waste Regulations.

The water quality data collected during 2009 was generally consistent with earlier data. The majority of monitoring wells exhibited variable concentrations, with a few parameters increasing in concentration, a few decreasing and the majority having no increasing or decreasing trend. Where there were deviations from previous data, the differences could often be explained by specific activities at the landfill. Noteworthy monitoring data include the following.

- The concentration of several landfill-related compounds increased in 2009 in wells 641 and MW-02-801B, located south of the landfill. This appears to be due in part to reduced pumping of extraction wells EW-2R and EW-3R in 2009. The reduced pumping was due, in part, to freezing at EW-2R and construction activities around EW-3R. The pumping rate was increased some in late 2009 and water quality data from April 2010 showed somewhat lower concentrations in these wells.

The 2009 Annual Report included plots examining the relationship between pumping in EW-2R and EW-3R and water quality at selected monitoring wells south of the landfill. These plots showed a general correlation at wells 641 and MW-801B, but less correlation at other monitoring wells south of the landfill. The overall effectiveness of the groundwater extraction system south of the landfill will need to continue to be evaluated through monitoring in future years.

- With the exception of methane, most parameters showed an increasing concentration trend at MW03-803A & B, located southwest of the landfill. This trend will be monitored with future water quality sampling and if it persists, some additional corrective actions may be appropriate in this area.
- During the 2008 construction season PTL identified and repaired a leachate collection pipeline located along the northeast perimeter of the landfill. This repair resulted in a significant improvement in the groundwater quality at monitoring well MW01-602B, located near the leachate line. Four sampling events have been completed since the repair and the data demonstrate the beneficial effect on groundwater quality at MW01-602B.

During 2009, PTL installed 2 new extraction wells along the northeast side of the landfill and reconstructed EW-6R. These new wells were put into service during the later part of 2009. No significant improvements in groundwater quality have been observed since these extraction wells began operation, however, monitoring will continue to determine their effectiveness over time.

- In May 2009, PTL began active gas extraction from three wells located east of the landfill. These wells are screened in sandy soil near the bedrock surface and the goal of extracting gas from these wells is to control gas migration to the east. Historic monitoring data from wells east of the landfill (e.g., MW-916, MW-917, DW04-109)

have shown high concentrations of dissolved methane, bicarbonate and other gas-related parameters.

Data from later 2009 and early 2010 suggest that gas extraction from these perimeter wells is reducing the methane concentration to the east at well MW-916. Well MW-916 historically had methane gas concentrations that ranged up to 70% methane, however, methane gas concentrations in MW-916 were less than 0.1% in July and October 2009 and in April 2010. The concentration of dissolved methane in groundwater at MW-916 has also dropped from 5,600 ug/L in October 2009 to 5 ug/L in April 2010.

The effect of this additional gas extraction from outside the landfill will continue to be monitored to determine whether water quality improvements continue at monitoring wells such as MW-196 and whether the beneficial effects on groundwater quality extends further to the east at the residential wells DW-103, DSW-111 and DW04-109

VI. Gas to Energy

During 2009 PTL has collected gas from the Conventional and Secure landfills and used that gas to power the Gas to Energy (GTE) plant installed east of the landfill. As closure has proceeded, PTL has observed that the rate of gas production within the landfill has decreased, possibly due to a decrease in the moisture within the waste. PTL has indicated that they believe that the lower moisture content is attributable to (a) the disposal of more construction and demolition debris (CDD) in 2007 to 2009, (b) the elimination of putrescible waste after May 2007, and (c) the installation of the impermeable cover system.

In the summer of 2009, PTL proposed to conduct a pilot study to determine whether controlled recirculation of leachate back into the landfill could increase the gas production rate by increasing the moisture content. There are other landfills owned by Cassella and others in the US that recirculate leachate in order to enhance gas production, however most of these landfills were used to dispose of municipal solid waste (MSW), while PTL received waste with a lower organic content and lower moisture. The pilot test was approved by the MDEP in August 2009 and conducted between August and December 2009.

The pilot project consisted of two methods to introduce leachate into the landfill waste; (1) through a 200 foot long trench at the top of the landfill and (2) through existing gas extraction wells. Prior to the start of the project, a series of project objectives and monitoring procedures were established and agreed to by the DEP and the Town's technical consultants. The monitoring procedures included leachate level monitoring in the liner drains, resistivity testing of the waste to detect relative changes in the waste moisture content, slope monitoring for signs of leachate breakouts, settlement monitoring hydrogen sulfide screening, and gas composition testing. The information from the pilot project was summarized in a report from PTL dated April 2010.

The total amount of leachate introduced over the five month pilot project duration was 1,858,000 gallons, with an average of 19, 979 gallons per day. By comparison, an estimated yearly average of 5,000,000 gallons of precipitation has fallen on the 4-acre open area on top of the landfill in each of the last 3 years.

We have reviewed the pilot study report and attended several meetings on full scale implementation. Our comments related to the study are summarized in a letter to the town dated April 19, 2010. The issues related to the full scale implementation can be boiled down into following:

- Impacts on global stability of the landfill . This issue is likely the most critical to address at this point, because if the introduction of leachate to the top of the landfill will reduce the factor of safety to un acceptable levels, the project will likely go no further. A meeting will be held on Friday May 14 to discuss the parameters under which this issue will be evaluated.
- How is leachate introduced into the landfill and distributed to the waste mass.
- How will the system be operated.
- System monitoring and action criteria. Plans for monitoring need to be developed and as well as action criteria for to be implemented in case of a problem.
- Potential impacts on GTE facility as it related to sulfur treatment.

We expect that these issues will be discussed in more detail over the next few months. If there are no critical limitations identified in the next few weeks or months (i.e. stability), PTL will be installing the infrastructure for the system beneath the closure area prior to placing the final cover.

The information discussed in this memorandum is intended to provide an overview of the primary data and activities associated with water quality issues at the PTL facility. We are planning to attend the upcoming Council meeting on May 17 and will discuss these topics in more detail and be available to discuss any questions that the Council or others in the Town may have during the meeting.

If you have any questions that you would like to discuss before the meeting, please give us a call at your convenience.

Tree Board Vision for Dorothea Dix Park

Dorothea Dix Park will be developed as a safe, inviting, passive recreation town park with a natural character. The area will be maintained following healthy forest management practices as recommended by the Hampden Tree Board. Forest management recommendations will promote forest development, maintain and enhance wildlife habitats, and control invasive species.

The front half of the park and more open areas of the park will be available and maintained for light recreation such as picnicking and playground areas, but not for formal organized recreation or motorized recreation. The rest of the park will be maintained as a safe and healthy forest which will foster various soft nature recreational experiences such as hiking, trail running, bird watching, and nature study. The development of the park will provide increased educational opportunities surrounding the natural ecosystems and the historic value of the park.

In honor of Dorothea Dix's mission in life, some high quality areas of the park will be developed in such a way as to be accessible to individuals with physical and/or mental challenges.

Motion by Councilor Lawlis, seconded by Councilor Cox to forward the documents to the Friends of Dorothea Dix for use in their work. Vote 5 – 2 – 0 (Councilor Brann and Mayor Arnett).

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. BAT FARE INCREASE PROPOSAL

The Town Manager explained that the City of Bangor was proposing a fare increase (copy attached). The Finance Committee recommended that the Council support the proposed fare increase but not the proposed elimination of holiday service.

Motion by Councilor Cushing, seconded by Councilor Hughes to accept the Finance Committee recommendation. Unanimous vote.

b. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES - MARINA PROJECT – FINANCE AND PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Councilor Hughes reported that the Planning and Development Committee needed assistance in completing the Environmental Screening Form to submit to the National Park Service as part of the Marina Project. Moyse Environmental was the lowest price obtained for the work in the amount of \$2,900. The Finance Committee recommended that this expenditure be made from Economic Development Reserve funds.

Motion by Councilor Hughes, seconded by Councilor Lawlis to award the work to Moyse Environmental for an amount not to exceed \$2,900 to be paid from Economic Development Reserve. Unanimous vote.

c. PAPER TRADE CASE – REQUEST FOR COUNCIL SUPPORT

Dan Lawson of Monroe, ME formerly worked at VERSO paper and now works for the Alliance for American Manufacturing. He requested that the Council endorse the resolution in support of the Paper Trade Case.

Motion by Councilor Brann, seconded by Councilor Cushing to endorse the resolution. Vote 6 – 0 – 1.

d. SALE OF LOT 7 – BUSINESS PARK

Councilor Hughes reported that it is the Planning and Development Committee recommendation to enter into a purchase and sale agreement for the sale of Lot 7 in the business park. No action will be taken until the final draft of the agreement is ready.

MEMO

To: To Whom It May Concern

From: BAT Community Connector

Date: April 26, 2010

Subject: Proposed Fare Increase & Service Reductions

BAT Community Connector is considering fare increases and service reductions outlined in the attached Public Notice. As required by the policy governing changes to fares and service (also attached) the BAT Community Connector seeks your input. The comment period ends May 31, 2010 at 4:00pm.

Contact Information:

Bus Superintendent
481 Maine Ave.
Bangor, ME. 04401

email: joe.mcneil@bangormaine.gov

tel. 207-992-4671

PUBLIC NOTICE

Proposed Fare Increase & Service Reductions – BAT Community Connector

Pursuant to FTA C.90301A, the City of Bangor, operator of BAT Community Connector, is seeking public input on proposed fare increases, and service reductions.

BAT is considering fare increases as follows:

- The full-fare cash fare will increase from \$1.00 to \$1.25
- The ½ price cash fare will increase from 50¢ to 60¢
- The 5-ride strip of tickets will increase from \$4.00 to \$5.00
- The monthly pass will increase from \$40 to \$45

BAT is also considering service reductions as follows:

- Elimination of Saturday service on the Mall Hopper route.
- Elimination of holiday service, on Bangor routes, on 6 public holidays, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, President's Day, Patriot Day, Columbus Day, Veteran's Day and the Friday after Thanksgiving Day.

If approved, these changes would become effective July 1, 2010

Anyone wishing to comment or express their concerns should contact BAT.

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PUBLIC COMMENT PROCESS FOR FARE AND SERVICE CHANGES

Pursuant to FTA C. 90301A, the City of Bangor: operator of BAT – Community Connector, has adopted the following policy governing public participation leading up to increases in basic fare structure and major service reductions;

1. Intent to increase basic fare structure and/or significantly reduce bus service will be announced by public notice in the Bangor Daily News, at least 60 days before the changes are to take place.
2. The public notice will include a description of the intended changes, and a provisional implementation date.
3. Notices will also be posted on the buses, and at the downtown hub.
4. Notices will be mailed to persons and organizations in the database of transportation stakeholders maintained by the Bangor Area Comprehensive Transportation System (BACTS)
5. A 30-day public comment period will follow the announcement.
6. If sufficient public comment is received, or a request for a Public Meeting is made, a Public Meeting will be held at the end of the public comment period.
7. At the public meeting, a presentation will be made to describe the proposed changes and the reasons for them. Then, anyone wishing to make a comment will be invited to do so. The comments may be in written form. After all comments have been heard (or accepted, if in written form), the facilitator will explain the next steps in the process (Steps 8-11).
8. The proposed changes will be reviewed in the light of issues and concerns raised in the public comments. All public comments will be responded to.
9. Form of response: a report comprising all the comments and responses will be sent to all those persons providing a mailing address. The report will include the final decision on the proposed changes. The same report will be posted on the BACTS website <http://www.bactsmo.org/>
10. A record of each public comment, and the response made, will be maintained.
11. A public notice will be published in the Bangor Daily News to inform the public of the final decision on the proposed changes, and notices will also be posted on the buses and at the downtown hub.

Definitions:

1. Significant reduction in bus service: A reduction in service frequency of one or more bus per hour.
2. Sufficient public comment: Five or more individuals claiming financial hardship, or inconvenience caused by the proposed change(s).

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SUPPORT OF THE PAPER TRADE CASE

/ /2010

RESOLUTION #

Reaffirming the Commitment of the Town of Hampden, Maine to the Importance of Manufacturing to the Local Economy and Throughout the United States, Expressing Support for Strong Enforcement of our Trade Laws, and Expressing Support for the Domestic Coated Paper Industry and its Worker who have been Injured by Unfair Trade Practices by Foreign Producers.

WHEREAS, the economic downturn is having a critical impact on everyday Americans who are struggling to maintain or find jobs in an increasingly difficult environment, and

WHEREAS, over two million manufacturing jobs have been lost since the start of the recession in December of 2007, and well over five million jobs and over 50,000 factories have been lost in the last ten years, and

WHEREAS, in a December 2, 2009, USA Today/Gallup poll, Americans were asked what should be done to create more jobs in the U.S. and the most frequent response was to "keep manufacturing jobs in the U.S.," and

WHEREAS, a strong industrial base is important to our nation's economic and national security, demonstrated by the following: American manufacturing directly employs nearly 12 million Americans and directly supports 8 million additional jobs in other sectors; American manufacturing pays better wages (20 percent on average) than other sectors of the economy; American manufacturers are responsible for two-thirds of research and development investment in the United States; nearly 80 percent of all patents filed come from the manufacturing sector, and

WHEREAS, on September 23, 2009, Appleton Coated LLC, NewPage Corporation, Sappi Fine Paper North America and the United Steelworkers Union initiated a trade investigation with respect to unfair trade practices (dumping and subsidization) conducted by Chinese and Indonesian producers of coated paper, and

WHEREAS, dumping occurs when a foreign producer sells into the domestic market for less than the price that producer charges in its home market or when its U.S. prices are below the cost to produce the product and subsidies are financial assistance from foreign governments that benefit the production, manufacture, or exportation of goods, and

WHEREAS, the United States has in place trade laws that allow domestic industry and its workers to petition for relief from unfair trade practices that create an "unlevel playing field" and lead to plant closures and job loss in communities throughout America, and

WHEREAS, the United States International Trade Commission and the United States Department of Commerce are reviewing the paper case and will make determinations as

to whether dumping and subsidization have occurred and whether domestic producers and its workforce have been materially injured as a result, and

WHEREAS, imports from the subject countries grew by roughly 40 percent in the first six months of 2009, as compared to the same period in 2008, and domestic shipments dropped by roughly 38 percent, and

WHEREAS, Chinese and Indonesian producers have captured almost 30 percent of our market in coated paper products, double the amount from the previous year, and

WHEREAS, since 2002, roughly 60,000 jobs have been lost in the overall paper sector, and

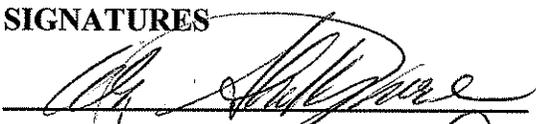
WHEREAS, the paper case affects 6,000 workers whose jobs are at risk from unfair trade competition, and

WHEREAS, both the Chinese and Indonesian governments have longstanding policies to encourage the development of their paper industries and have provided a host of illegal subsidies to paper producers to give them an advantage over domestically produced goods: Now, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL, FOR THE TOWN OF HAMPDEN THAT—

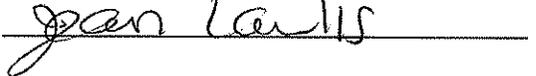
- (1) a vibrant manufacturing sector is critical to an immediate economic recovery and to the long-term health of the Town of Hampden, and the United States;
- (2) free trade cannot occur unless our trade laws are strictly enforced; and
- (3) our coated paper industry is the most efficient in the world and its workers can compete with any foreign competition that does not enjoy the benefit of illegal government assistance; and
- (4) the United States Department of Commerce and the United States International Trade Commission should hold Chinese and Indonesian producers accountable for unfair trade practices that distort markets, devastate production and employment in the United States, and affect the livelihood of the Town of Hampden and communities throughout the United States.

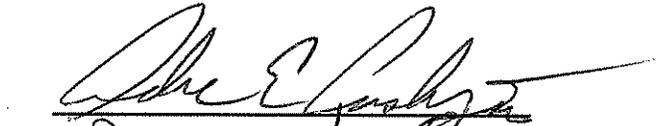
SIGNATURES













- e. APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF VICTUALER'S LICENSE RECEIVED FROM WARREN CARUSO D/B/A DANA'S GRILL AT DOCKSIDE, 100 MARINA ROAD

Motion by Councilor Brann, seconded by Councilor Cox to approve the application. Unanimous vote.

- f. 2011 BUDGET

- 1. RECREATION – No Changes
- 2. POOL – No Changes
- 3. DEBT SERVICE – No Changes

D. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilor Shakespeare - Infrastructure Committee will meet on May 24th at 5 p.m.

Councilor Lawlis reported that the Services Committee met last Monday and discussed the Children's Day Golf Tournament and the Tree Board and Friends of Dorothea Dix Park. The Dog Park group met and wants to meet with the Council after their Group meeting on June 12 at which they will finalize rules and planning.

Councilor Brann reported that three Public Hearings on the Comprehensive Plan had been held with no participation and the final hearing would be on Thursday, May 20th at 6 p.m.

Councilor Cox reported that the Committee on Committees was meeting at 6 p.m. on May 22nd to finalize the draft of the handbook.

Councilor Hughes reported that the BEAR study is over 75% complete and should be finished by the end of the month. There is interest in the Business park from potential buyers. The Committee continues to work on Shoreland zoning. The next meeting is on the first Wednesday of June at 6 p.m.

Finance Committee – The Finance Committee discussed the proposed BAT fare increase, the Manager's contract will be discussed in Executive Session after the Budget meeting on May 18th, and the Committee also discussed the re-use issue of Hampden Academy.

E. MANAGER'S REPORT

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

MANAGER'S REPORT

May 17, 2010

Rain Garden Progress – Maine Savings volunteers and several staff members spent an entire day working on updates to the rain garden last week. Cell Three was entirely weeded, plants relocated from other cells, and mulched. It now looks beautiful. The other two cells need some base work done before plants are added.

June Election – A reminder that we have a primary election coming up on Tuesday, June 8th. The polls will be open from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m.

Public Hearing – Bus Fares – The BAT service in Bangor is proposing fare increases to offset increasing costs. There is a public hearing on May 21st at 2 and 5 p.m. at the Bangor Civic Center for the purpose of hearing public comment on the proposal.

Transit Bonus Program – I submitted a grant request for assistance with our bus funding for the coming year to MDOT today. The application amount is \$19,642.19 – which is the difference between the budget for 2011 and the baseline year of 2001. We apply for these funds each year and usually get 30-40% of the amount requested.

Paving – This year's road paving is going well. There was one night when they paved very late due to a mix up with how much mix was 'en route' in the late afternoon. That will not occur again. PW Director Chip Swan says the contractor is doing a good job.

Tree City USA Ceremony – Gretchen Heldmann attended the ceremony in Augusta on May 17th that recognized communities with Tree City USA designations for 2009. She brought back a poster, certificate, and a piece of "Herbie" the largest American Elm that was recently taken down in Yarmouth.

MMA Article – Attached is a copy of an article that is going to be printed in the Maine Townsman in May regarding long-term managers in Maine. I was interviewed for the article.

F. COUNCILOR'S COMMENTS

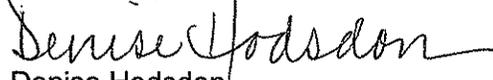
Councilor Cushing reminded the Council that the Hampden Business Association annual dinner honoring Business Person of the Year Garry Gilpatrick is Wednesday, May 19th at Special Events Center. He congratulated the Glue Girls on meeting their fundraising goals for Destination Imagination and noted that the Reed's Brook Math Team was being recognized by the School Board for their achievements at the Eastern Maine Math Meet.

Councilor Shakespeare expressed his sadness at the loss of teacher Fred Jones.

Mayor Arnett commended the Destination Imagination Team and the Mock Trial Team as well as the Show Choir on their accomplishments.

G. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:24 p.m.



Denise Hodsdon
Town Clerk