

**Minutes  
Hampden Town Council  
Community Services Committee  
March 06, 2007 @ 7pm**

The meeting of the Hampden Town Council Community Services Committee was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday March 6, 2007, at the Hampden Municipal Building by Chairman Tom Brann.

Councilor Thomas Brann, Chairman  
Councilor Matthew Arnett  
Councilor Shannon Cox  
Councilor Andrew Colford  
Councilor Ed Murphy  
Mayor Rick Briggs  
Susan Lessard, Town Manager  
Gretchen Heldmann, GIS/IT Specialist  
Kurt Mathies, Recreation Director  
Bob Osborne, Town Planner  
Donald Katnik, Conservation Commission  
Gayle Zydlewski, Cove Brook Watershed Council  
Andre Cushing  
Nancy Chaiyabhat  
Jim Feverston  
John Mahoney  
Colby Clendenning  
Tony DeFeo  
Chris Shrum, EMDC

**1. Introductions of new people.**

There were introductions of all who attended.

**2. New Business**

**A. Tony DeFeo- Landmark Heritage Trust**

Tony DeFeo spoke to us about the Landmark Heritage Trust out of Newburgh, ME. He gave about a half hour to 45 minute presentation, followed by question and answer session. The highlights of his presentation will be presented in another document and available on the website. One interesting note he mentioned was that a very large property in town was negotiating with Landmark to put the property under an easement. He encouraged us to nominate a representative to be on the Landmark Board of Directors and attend their meetings.

**B. D. Dix Park- formation of "Friends Of" Group**

There has been on-going discussion of forming a group, and information became available via Kurt Mathies that there is a husband and wife in town that are very interested in making this work. Kurt will invite them to a meeting or further this discussion outside of a meeting. There was also discussion that Edward's supermarket may be interested in "adopting" D. Dix Park.

**C. Mission Statement**

Chairman Brann presented a mission statement which was a compilation and condensation of the many examples that members had submitted over the past few weeks. Committee voted unanimously to accept it as written and present it to the Town Council for approval.

**D. EMDC/PVCOG- Comprehensive Plan**

Chris Shrum from EMDC/PVCOG presented some information about the first few chapters of the comp plan update that his organization had prepared. There was some confusion among committee members as to why this was relevant to community services, which was discussed and worked out to be a communication error. The committee has taken on the duty of working to constructively criticize the comp plan chapters to ensure the best possible plan. Discussion ensued about the format of future meetings to ensure some public comment sessions would be included. Chris will lead most discussion on comp plan chapters.

**4. Adjournment.**

The meeting was adjourned at about 9:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gretchen Heldmann  
GIS/IT Specialist