Susan Lessard <manager@hampdenmaine.gov>

Fwd: Services Committee Agenda & Packet

2 messages

Bernie Philbrick <elcobern@aol.com> Fri, Jun 8, 2012 at 2:12 PM
To: manager@hampdenmaine.gov

Sue,

Could you please add this email to the agenda for Monday night.

Thank You,
Bernie Philbrick
Hampden, ME

-----Original Message-----
From: Bernie Philbrick <elcobern@aol.com>
To: hornbrooktowncouncil <hornbrooktowncouncil@hampdenmaine.gov>
Sent: Fri, Jun 8, 2012 1:25 pm
Subject: Re: Services Committee Agenda & Packet

Dear Councilor Hornbrook,

Regarding Item 3.D Gold Dredging: I noticed that Councilor Brann opted to send the question to the Conservation Commission of should we allow this man to dredge for gold at the PaperMill Rec area. I have tried without success to find who the owners of the stream banks in this area on the town web site. I am wondering if the town owns both sides of the stream. If not then there is another owner out there that should be contacted for permission as this person or entity would own under and to the middle of the stream. Also I looked on the town web site for some information about the Conservation Commission that Councilor Brann referenced and noticed that meeting minutes have not been posted for at least a couple of years. The last minutes that were posted were dated 4/27/2010. The minutes state that the commission had not yet received resignation letters from people and could not fill their positions until they received resignation letters. It is also noted within the minutes that if they go public with their conservation plans the public will become exited and become more involved. I assume this is could be the reason for the stoppage of minutes? There was also mention that the Tree Board has no members and should. A year ago Councilor Brann made the declaration that the Tree Board was hereby dissolved at a town council meeting (I believe without proper vote and procedure). Although undelclared, could the Conservation Commission have shared the same fate as the Tree Board.

I have the following questions:
1. Who is on the conservation committee and when do they meet. Nothing has been or is currently on the calender.
2. Why keep the conservation intentions a secret. Shouldn't these be made public?

3. When we have the State to lean on for protection of our natural resources why do we need this committee?

Perhaps these questions should be passed on to the Town Manager for clarification.

Very Truly Yours,

Bernie Philbrick
Hampden, ME

-----Original Message-----
From: Kristen Hornbrook <hornbrooktowncouncil@hampdenmaine.gov>
To: undisclosed-recipients:;
Sent: Fri, Jun 8, 2012 8:09 am
Subject: Services Committee Agenda & Packet

Good morning,

Attached please find the agenda and packet for the Services Committee Meeting on Monday, June 11, 2012 at 6 p.m.
A discussion of the Draft Outdoor Facilities Ordinance is on the agenda. If you have any unanswered questions regarding this ordinance please plan to attend if you are available.

In your service,
Kristen Hornbrook
Town-Councilor-At-Large
Hampden, ME
862-2889 (home) 991-2889 (cell)

"The Constitution is not an instrument for the government to restrain the people, it is an instrument for the people to restrain the government."
~ Patrick Henry

"Let us then turn this government back into the channel in which the framers of the Constitution originally placed it."
~ Abraham Lincoln

"To compel a man to subsidize with his taxes propagation of ideas which he disbelieves and abhors is sinful and tyrannical."
~ Thomas Jefferson

Susan Lessard <manager@hampdenmaine.gov> Fri, Jun 8, 2012 at 4:42 PM
To: Bernie Philbrick <elcobern@aol.com>

Bernie,
I will add if to the information posted online and send it to the council as well.
Sue
[Quoted text hidden]

Susan Lessard <manager@hampdenmaine.gov>

Gold Dredging Info 1

1 message

Gretchen Heldmann <gheldmann@hampdenmaine.gov> Thu, Jun 7, 2012 at 5:18 PM

To: Susan Lessard <manager@hampdenmaine.gov>

One thing that needs to be discussed is the gold dredging item. I did some research on this and called DEP, DIFW, and DMR. The DEP said that while there is an exemption for panning, any dredging requires a permit and the gentlemen that had inquired about it needs to get in touch with the DEP. This gentlemen did literally describe a dredging device that vacuums up the stream bottom, sends it through filters in a machine, and spits the stuff out the other end. The DEP will guide him on any necessary Army Corps permits or requirements, and any other state or federal agency needs. DIFW said they do not have a permit per se, but would coordinate with DEP. I have a couple calls in to DMR but have not heard back yet. The contact at DEP is Jim Beyer 446-9026.

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Gold Dredging Info 2

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To: Susan Lessard <manager@hampdenmaine.gov>

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From: **Gretchen Heldmann** <gheldmann@hampdenmaine.gov>
Date: Wed, May 30, 2012 at 3:24 PM
Subject: Services - Gold Dredging Info
To: Susan Lessard <manager@hampdenmaine.gov>
Cc: Hampden Recreation <recreation@hampdenmaine.gov>

Hello,

I still have some return phone calls trickling in about the gold dredging item -

DMR - Richard Dill - gave me contact info for USFWS & NOAA/NMR. DMR would coordinate through MDEP.
USFWS - Wende Mahaney 866.3344 - waiting on call back
NMR - Jeff Murphy 866.7379 - indicated person would most likely need ACOE permit (also what MDEP indicated), ACOE would coordinate with USFWS and also NMR. USFWS and NMR have Atlantic Salmon co-listed as an endangered species. Told Jeff I had spoken with a number of agencies and he said that was the right thing to be doing, and that there is a lengthy and involved process to obtain a permit for these types of activities, but they would be happy to work with the applicant.

I was told by Richard and Jeff that Atlantic Salmon have been recorded as recently as last fall as having spawning activity in the vicinity of Papermill Rd Rec Area park.

If/when I hear back from Wende I will pass that along.

Thank you,
~G

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