SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, February 11, 2013

6:00 p.m.

HAMPDEN TOWN OFFICE

A G E N D A

1. Minutes of January 14, 2013
2. Old Business
   A. Old Hampden Academy – Recreation Dept. Use – Update & Discussion
3. New Business
4. Public Comment
5. Committee member comments

SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING
January 14, 2013

Attending:

Mayor Janet Hughes
Councilor Jean Lawlis
Councilor William Shakespeare
Councilor Thomas Brann
Susan Lessard, Town Manager
Senator Andre Cushing
Resident Terry McAvoy

The meeting was opened at 6 p.m. by Chairman Lawlis.

1. Minutes of December 10, 2012 – The minutes were reviewed; no changes or corrections were made.
2. Old Business
   A. Papermill Road Recreation Area – Update – This project will become more active after the winter season. Resident Jeremy Jones is coordinating a group of volunteers to assist with improvements.
   B. Old Hampden Academy – Recreation Dept. Use – Update – Recreation Director Kurt Mathies reported to the Committee on programs that are being run at the old Hampden Academy and indicated that he would have a spreadsheet at the next meeting outlining revenue and expenses for the Skehan Center. Also discussed was the need for an office to be constructed there. Estimates obtained via Councilor Shakespeare indicate a cost of around $6,000 would be needed. The Town Manager requested that the Recreation Director work with her on defining this project and then referring it to the Finance Committee.
   C. Newsletter Update – The Town Manager presented a list of topics to the Committee for review. The Committee made no recommendations for changes.
   D. Channel 7 Programming/I love Hampden Because... Update – Senator Cushing offered to work with NESCOM to find a second intern and to also work on producing more shows for use on Cable Channel 7. It was the consensus of the committee that Senator Cushing move forward with this project.

   Items 2E – 2G: Motion by Councilor Shakespeare, seconded by Councilor Brann to recommend to the full council the approval of all applications for re-appointment listed. Unanimous vote in favor.

E. Application for reappointment to Library Board of Trustees:
   1. Anthony Mourkas
   2. Cheri Condon
   3. Richard Jenkins
F. Application for reappointment to Lura Hoit Pool Board of Trustees
   1. Patrick Foley
   2. Gregory Hawkins
   3. Cedena McAvoy
G. Application for reappointment to the Recreation Committee
   1. Jane Jarvi

3. New Business
   A. Request by Travel Basketball Program for key to Skehan Center
4. Public Comment – None

5. Committee member comments – Councilor Shakespeare stated that he wanted the Council to support the Recreation Director's office project and encouraged Committee members to go to the Skehan Center to see all the work that is being done. It was suggested that the Council hold their goals and objectives session there for the 2013 year.

6. Manager Comments – The Town Manager updated the Committee on the potential impact of the Governor's proposed budget to the Town of Hampden. As proposed, the budget would impact $300,000 in commercial excise tax revenues, $80,000 in BETR revenues, $540,000 in revenues sharing, $945,000 in educational funding, and eliminate the homestead exemption for all but senior citizens. Senator Cushing informed the Committee that the legislature would be working on ways to mitigate some of the proposed cuts.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Lessard
Town Manager