



HAMPDEN TOWN COUNCIL
HAMPDEN MUNICIPAL BUILDING
MINUTES

TUESDAY

APRIL 17th, 2018

7:00 P.M.

6:00 p.m. – Finance & Administration Committee

Attending:

Mayor McPike

Councilor McAvoy

Councilor Cormier

Councilor Wilde

Councilor Marble

Councilor Ryder

Interim Town Manager Joe Rogers

Town Clerk Paula Scott

Town Attorney Ed Bearor

Rec. Director Abbot

Eric Jarvi

Mayor McPike called the meeting to order at 7:00.

- A. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – *Mayor McPike led the Pledge of Allegiance*
- B. **CONSENT AGENDA** – *Councilor McAvoy made a motion, seconded by Councilor Marble, to accept the consent agenda. Unanimous vote in favor, 6-0.*

Resolution 2018-51

1. SIGNATURES

2. SECRETARY'S REPORTS

- a. **April 2nd, 2018**

3. COMMUNICATIONS

- a. **Notice from MRC regarding hand-outs by PERC to offer short term solid waste delivery**
- b. **Flyer for the annual Stream Clean-up to be held May 5th, from 9:00 to 12:00**

4. REPORTS

- a. **Finance Committee Minutes – March 19th, 2018**
- b. **Infrastructure Committee Minutes – None**
- c. **Planning & Development Committee Minutes – None**
- d. **Services Committee Minutes – None**

NOTE: The Council will take a 5-minute recess at 8:00 pm.

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

D. POLICY AGENDA

1. NEWS, PRESENTATIONS & AWARDS - None

2. PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

3. NOMINATIONS – APPOINTMENTS – ELECTIONS

- a. **Appointment of Election Clerks – Pursuant to 21-A, §503(2)** – *The Clerk reported that the list of names before them were the election clerks that have been nominated by the parties from the Caucuses.*
- b. **Update on candidates and candidates’ forum** – *The Clerk reported that there are four candidates who have taken out and returned papers with a sufficient number of signatures. Those candidates are Renee Clark, Shelby Wright, Andrew Colford and Eric Jarvi. Candidate profiles will be included in the newsletter that is expected to hit mailboxes in early May, and there will be a Candidates’ Forum on June 5th, the Tuesday before the election. The Forum will be facilitated and moderated by the League of Women Voters and will be an opportunity for the public to meet and ask questions of the candidates.*

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Licensing of Solid Waste Commercial Haulers pursuant to the Solid Waste Flow Control Ordinance – referral from Finance & Administration Committee** – *Councilor McAvoy explained the process by which Commercial Haulers whose customers are from Hampden, must be licensed as such. Loads are being redirected from PERC to Juniper Ridge until Fiberight is complete. Councilor McAvoy made a motion, seconded by Councilor Ryder to approve the licensing of Mayhew Rubbish, DM & J Waste, Waste Management, JT Trash Disposal Service, and Sullivan’s Waste Disposal as Commercial Haulers in the Town of Hampden. Unanimous vote in favor, 6-0.*

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- b. **Award of the 2018 mowing bid – referral from Finance & Administration Committee** – Councilor McAvoy made a motion, seconded by Councilor Cormier to award the 2018 mowing bid. Councilor Ryder explained that this was discussed in Finance and that this bid came in over \$30,000 more than what the town can do it for so the recommendation is to not award the contract. Motion was brought to a vote. Councilors Ryder, Marble, Wilde, Cormier, McAvoy and Mayor McPike voted in opposition. Motion fails, 0-6.

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- c. **Award of the 2018 cruiser bid – referral from Finance & Administration Committee** – Councilor McAvoy made a motion, seconded by Councilor Wilde, to award the 2018 cruiser bid to Quirk Auto Group for a 2018 Ford Interceptor for \$29,280. Unanimous vote in favor, 6-0.

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- d. **Request for authorization to sell tax foreclosed property located at 114 Old County Road– referral from Finance & Administration Committee** – Councilor McAvoy made a motion, seconded by Councilor Ryder, to authorize the sale of the tax foreclosed property located at 114 Old County Rd., ‘as is’. Councilor Marble noted for the public that the minimum bid amount is \$6,650 which is the amount of back taxes plus administrative costs.

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- e. **Request for authorization for the use of up to \$4,000 in Planning & Commissions reserve funds for unbudgeted legal costs related to Town Attorney’s review of proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendments - referral from Finance & Administration Committee** – Councilor McAvoy made a motion, seconded by Councilor Marble, to authorize the use of up to \$4,000 in Planning & Commissions reserve funds for unbudgeted legal costs related to Town Attorney’s review of proposed Zoning Ordinance amendments. Unanimous vote in favor, 6-0.

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- f. **Approval of a letter of support for the Hampden Historical Society for a capital campaign grant application – referral from Finance & Administration Committee** – Councilor McAvoy made a motion, seconded by Councilor Marble, to approve the letter of support for the Hampden Historical Society for a capital campaign grant application. Unanimous vote in favor, 6-0.

Resolution 2018-57**E. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Planning & Development Committee – Councilor Ryder reported that the next meeting will be held the next night. Discussion items will be the adult use marijuana, MUBEC, and proposed zoning changes.

Service Committee – Councilor Marble reported that due to budget meetings in May, the next Committee meeting will be in June.

Infrastructure Committee – Councilor Cormier reported that the next meeting is April 30th.

Finance & Administration Committee – Councilor McAvoy reported that this Committee always meets prior to Council and that the items A – F were referred and acted on tonight.

Mayor McPike reported that during the month of May, most Committee meetings were turned into budget meetings except for Finance & Administration and Council meetings. He stated that there was some discussion about recording the budget meetings and that can be clarified at the next Council meeting.

F. MANAGER’S REPORT – None**G. CLERK’S COMMENTS - None****H. COUNCILORS’ COMMENTS -**

Councilor Ryder – No comment

Councilor Marble – Stated that he was glad to hear of the Candidates’ Forum, saying that he and other Councilors have periodically talked about getting more public involvement. He is looking forward to the Forum on Tuesday, June 5th.

Councilor Wilde – No comment

Councilor Cormier – No comment

Councilor McAvoy – Reminded everyone to shop local and buy American and wished Hampden goodnight

Mayor McPike – Congratulated the Hampden Unified basketball team on making it to the States

I. Executive Session – Personnel Matters – Pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405 (6)(A) – requested by Councilor McAvoy – Councilor McAvoy said he wanted to make a statement instead of going into Executive Session. He stated that in his opinion in the past several months there have been several instances of inappropriate Councilor contact with Town employees and he would like to have ‘Councilor conduct’ placed on the April 30th Council agenda. Consequently, he rescinded his request to go into Executive Session.

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J. **ADJOURNMENT** – *With no other business to conduct, the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.*

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paula A. Scott".

Paula A. Scott, CCM
Town Clerk