



HAMPDEN TOWN COUNCIL  
HAMPDEN MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
MINUTES

MONDAY

MAY 7th, 2018

7:00 P.M.

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

*Attending:*

*Dep. Mayor McAvoy  
Councilor Cormier  
Councilor Wilde  
Councilor Marble  
Councilor Ryder*

*Town Manager Angus Jennings  
Town Clerk Paula Scott  
CEO Myles Block  
Resident Eric Jarvi  
Members of the public*

*Deputy Mayor McAvoy called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.*

- A. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – *Deputy Mayor McAvoy led the Pledge of Allegiance*
- B. **CONSENT AGENDA** - *Councilor Marble made a motion, seconded by Councilor Ryder, to accept the consent agenda. Unanimous vote in favor, 5-0.*

**Resolution 2018- 58**

**1. SIGNATURES**

**2. SECRETARY’S REPORTS**

- a. **April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**3. COMMUNICATIONS**

- a. **Notification from Maine Department of Environmental Protection of the public input phase regarding Maine water quality re-classification**
- b. **Legislative update regarding unresolved policy bills of municipal interest and the possibility of a special legislative session**
- c. **Hampden’s 2017-18 Property & Casualty Pool Membership Report from MMA**
- d. **Notification from Bangor Water District regarding an application to the PUC for a proposed increase in water rates and public hearing on May 10<sup>th</sup>**
- e. **Thank you card from Hampden Historical Society for the Council’s support letter for grant applications**
- f. **Renewal of a Victualer’s License – McLaughlin’s at the Marina**

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

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- g. **Public Service Announcement from the Secretary of State's office regarding ranked-choice voting**
- h. **Correspondence from Hampden Water District regarding a rate increase and public hearing on May 17<sup>th</sup>**
- i. **Notification from MainePERS regarding changes to the PLD retirement plan, and invitation for comment**
- j. **Invitation to the ground-breaking ceremony & capital campaign announcement at Good Shepherd Food Bank's Hampden Distribution Center**
- k. **Memorandum regarding nominations to MMA's 2018-2020 Legislative Policy Committee**
- l. **RSU 22 Budget Committee meeting agenda for May 8<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.**
- m. **Spring 2018 edition of Hampden Highlights newsletter**

**4. REPORTS**

- a. **Finance Committee Minutes – April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018**
- b. **Infrastructure Committee Minutes – March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018**
- c. **Planning & Development Committee Minutes – None**
- d. **Services Committee Minutes – None**

**C. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None**

**D. POLICY AGENDA**

**1. NEWS, PRESENTATIONS & AWARDS**

**2. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**3. NOMINATIONS – APPOINTMENTS – ELECTIONS**

**4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. **Council re-authorization of the Emergency Moratorium Ordinance Regarding Retail (Adult Use) Marijuana, effective May 18<sup>th</sup> –**  
*Councilor Marble explained that this moratorium is a protection put in place while the state is in rulemaking. Councilor McAvoy made a motion, seconded by Councilor Marble, to re-authorize the Emergency Moratorium Ordinance Regarding Retail Marijuana, effective May 18<sup>th</sup>. Unanimous vote in favor, 5-0.*

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- b. **Request for authorization for the expenditure of \$600 from IT Reserve (3-711-00) for the purpose of paying for the Payport interface for credit cards – referral from Finance & Administration Committee – Councilor McAvoy made a motion, seconded by Councilor Wilde to authorize the expenditure of \$600 from IT Reserve for the purpose of paying for the Payport interface for credit cards. Councilor Marble recognized town staff who have worked on the ability to accept credit cards to make it more convenient for the public to do business. Unanimous vote in favor, 5-0.**

***Resolution 2018-60***

- c. **Council award of the Coldbrook Storm Drain Project contract to Eastwood Contractors in the amount of \$27,000 – referral from Finance & Administration Committee – Councilor McAvoy made a motion, seconded by Councilor Ryder to award the Coldbrook Storm Drain Project contract to Eastwood Contractors in the amount of \$27,000. Unanimous vote in favor, 5-0.**

***Resolution 2018-61***

- d. **Council award of the Mold Remediation and Restoration bid to Eastern Mold Remediation, Inc., and request for authorization for the expenditure of \$5,000 from Municipal Building Reserve (3-702-00) for the purpose of paying for Municipal Building mold remediation and related expenses – referral from Finance & Administration Committee – Councilor Marble made a motion, seconded by Councilor McAvoy, to authorize the expenditure of \$5,000 from Municipal Building Reserve for the purpose of paying for mold remediation. Unanimous vote in favor, 5-0.**

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*Councilor Marble made a motion, seconded by Councilor McAvoy, to award the contract to Eastern Maine Mold Remediation in the amount of \$72,176. Unanimous vote in favor, 5-0.*

***Resolution 2018-63***

- e. **Petition to authorize an additional agency liquor store in Hampden – referral from Finance & Administration Committee – Councilor McAvoy made a motion, seconded by Councilor Ryder to petition the State for approval of an additional agency liquor store in Hampden. Unanimous vote in favor, 5-0.**

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- f. **Consideration of an application for a new Liquor License for Angler's Restaurant, owned and operated by Albert Hall IV of Swanville** – *Councilor Marble made a motion, seconded by Councilor Wilde, to approve the liquor license for Angler's Restaurant. Unanimous vote in favor, 5-0.*

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- g. **Town Manager's presentation of proposed FY19 Budget and FY19 Sewer Budget** – *Manager Jennings reported that he did not have a formal presentation, but reminded the public that the proposed budget would be heard and discussed in a series of budget meetings. The budget and the budget meeting agendas are on the Town of Hampden website at [www.hampdenmaine.gov/budget](http://www.hampdenmaine.gov/budget) . He reported that the largest increase is due to the proposed RSU 22 (Education) expense, projected to increase by about \$824,000. This is the largest school increase going back 10 – 15 years. According to school officials, \$325,000 is a direct result of the change in the funding formula which relies on valuation rather than enrollment. It has also changed from a 3-year average to a 2-year average. Other proposed increases include the following:*

*Engineer/Assistant DPW director, a water rate increase of approximately 22%, the County tax, an additional finance/treasurer position, DPW equipment replacement, health insurance, step increases and cost of living increases for both union and non-union employees, Route 1=A borrowing (impact), street construction; specifically, School House Lane, the Kiwanis Civic Center, and minimum wage increases.*

*Revenue changes will be seen in the following: One time revenue increase from Host Community Benefit account, increased ambulance billing, excise tax, Environmental Trust revenue, decreases to PERC rebates and the one time revenue of the Mayo Rd. bond proceeds.*

*As proposed, the net budget increase is about \$540,000 representative of a total tax requirement of 11.8% to 13.3% which is approximately a \$1.4 million increase. Manager Jennings reminded Council and the public that these are proposed changes and will be worked out in greater detail at the budget meetings.*

- h. **Discussion regarding Councilor conduct – requested by Councilor McAvoy** – *Councilor McAvoy requested that this be postponed until the next meeting.*

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- i. **Executive Session – to discuss personnel matters pursuant to 1 M.R.S. §405(6)(A) – (Discussion or consideration of the employment, appointment, assignment, duties, and/or compensation of one or more individuals or group of public officials, appointees, or employees of the Town) – At 7:32 p.m., Councilor McAvoy made a motion, seconded by Councilor Cormier, to enter executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S. §405(6)(A) to discuss personnel matters. By a roll call vote, unanimous vote in favor, 5-0.**

**Resolution 2018-66**

*At 8:15, Council came out of Executive Session. Councilor McAvoy made a motion, seconded by Councilor Marble, to hire Jim Chandler as the new Town Manager. Councilors McAvoy, Cormier, Marble and Ryder voted in favor. Councilor Wilde voted in opposition. Motion carries, 4-1.*

**Resolution 2018 - 67****E. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Planning & Development Committee** – Councilor Ryder reported that the committee hasn't met since last meeting, but informed the public that the Planning Board will be holding a public hearing on the 9<sup>th</sup> for the proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance. A copy of the Ordinance with proposed changes is on the website, and anyone with any questions should show up to the public hearing.

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

**Infrastructure Committee** – Councilor Cormier reported that the committee met on April 30<sup>th</sup>, and discussed the repair work needed on School House Lane. Members chose the less expensive option. They reviewed bids for the Coldbrook stormwater project and the mold remediation. Members reviewed sewer rates and recommend no increase. Discussed BACTS projects of signal upgrades, utility poles placement and lighting upgrades to Rte. 1A & 202.

**Finance & Administration Committee** – Councilor McAvoy reported that all items authorized tonight were referred from Committee

- F. MANAGER'S REPORT** – Manager Jennings updated on the annual stream clean up. This year there were about 60 volunteers. He thanked the Town Planner, GIS and DPW departments for leading the effort. He reminded the public to check the website for budget meeting dates and agendas.

- G. CLERK'S COMMENTS** – No comment.

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**H. COUNCILORS' COMMENTS**

*Councilor Ryder – Recognized Council candidate Eric Jarvi for attendance at recent meetings, stating that it is nice to see someone involved and finding out what is going on in town.*

*Councilor Marble – Commented on what a great turn out the stream clean-up had.*

*Councilor Wilde – No comment*

*Councilor Cormier – No comment*

*Councilor McAvoy – Reminded folks to shop local and buy American. He wished Hampden a good night.*

**I. ADJOURNMENT – *With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.***

*Respectfully Submitted,*



*Paula A. Scott, CCM  
Town Clerk*