



**HAMPDEN TOWN COUNCIL
HAMPDEN MUNICIPAL BUILDING
MINUTES**

MONDAY **May 20th, 2019** **7:00 P.M.**

Attending:

*Mayor McPike
Councilor Ryder
Councilor Wilde
Councilor Marble
Councilor Wright
Councilor Jarvi
Councilor McAvoy*

*Town Manager Jim Chandler
Town Clerk Paula Scott
Rec Director Shelley Abbot
Pub. Safety Director Bailey
Deputy Chief Webber
Thomas Dorrity, resident
FF Chris Liepold
FF Gavin Webb
Officer Joel Small
Members of Joel Small's family*

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

- A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – *Mayor McPike led the Pledge of Allegiance*
- B. CONSENT AGENDA** – *Councilor Ryder made a motion, seconded by Councilor Marble, to approve the consent agenda. Unanimous, 7-0.*

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1. SIGNATURES

2. SECRETARY'S REPORTS

- a. **May 6th, 2019**
- b. **May 7th, 2019 Budget meeting**
- c. **May 9th, 2019 Budget meeting**

3. COMMUNICATIONS

- a. **Notification of testimony by Attorney Bearor against proposed legislation for the creation of a Public Authority**
- d. **Notification to Council of a Board of Appeals meeting to be held on May 23rd to hear a variance request**

4. REPORTS

- a. Finance Committee Minutes – 04/16/2019
- b. Infrastructure Committee Minutes – None
- c. Planning & Development Committee Minutes – 03/06/2019
- d. Services Committee Minutes - None

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

D. POLICY AGENDA

1. NEWS, PRESENTATIONS & AWARDS

- a. Recognition of Officer Joel Small on his promotion to Sergeant requested by Public Safety Director Bailey – Mayor McPike recognized Public Safety Director Bailey who promoted Officer Small from an Investigator to Sergeant.

2. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a. Proposed sewer rate increase to reflect increased costs from the City of Bangor – referral from Council on May 6th, 2019 – At 7:05, Councilor Ryder made a motion, seconded by Councilor Marble, to open the public hearing. Unanimous, 7-0.
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Manager Chandler gave background information regarding prior increases and discussed the 3.5% increase to the Town from the City of Bangor. There were no questions or comments and at 7:12 p.m., Councilor Ryder made a motion, seconded by Councilor Marble, to close the public hearing. Unanimous, 7-0.
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Councilor Ryder made a motion, seconded by Councilor Wilde to increase the sewer rate to \$12.00/100cf. Unanimous, 7-0.

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- b. Proposed amendment to the Fees Ordinance – sewer rates – referral from Council on May 6th, 2019 – At 7:13 p.m. Councilor Ryder made a motion, seconded by Councilor Wilde to open the public hearing. Unanimous, 7-0.
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There was no public comment and at 7:14 p.m., Councilor Ryder made a motion, seconded by Councilor Wilde, to close the public hearing. Unanimous, 7-0.

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Councilor Wright made a motion, seconded by Councilor Marble to amend the Fees Ordinance to show the sewer rate as \$12.00/100 cf. Unanimous, 7-0.

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- c. Proposed amendments to the Outdoors Facilities Ordinance – referral from Council on May 6th, 2019** – *At 7:15 p.m., Councilor Marble made a motion, seconded by Councilor Wright to open the public hearing. Unanimous, 7-0.*

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Resident Thomas Dorrity of 46 Cottage Street requested that Council consider setting the times for the VFW ballfield/tennis courts to opening a half hour before dawn and closing an hour after sunset. He stated he has had numerous occasions where he has had to call the PD or else has had to walk down and ask people to quiet down. He stated that many times in September there are vehicles shining headlights at 9:30 at night because the tennis court lights are not bright. Responding to Councilor Marble’s inquiry about what Mr. Dorrity’s primary complaint is, he stated it is noise and traffic. Public Safety Director Bailey was recognized and stated that for the past two years there have been 12 complaints. He spoke to the authority the officers have under the ordinance to move people along, similar to the fireworks ordinance. He stated they will do extra patrols in that area. Much discussion followed regarding balancing recreation with respect for the homeowner. Rec Director Abbot spoke to the need for different times at different facilities such as the marina which time for closing is 11:00 due to people coming back from waterfront concerts in their boats. Responding to Councilor McAvoy’s inquiry about the snowmobile trails, she suggested eliminating ‘after dark’, to which Council agreed by consensus. After discussion ceased, at 7:37 p.m., Councilor Marble made a motion, seconded by Councilor Ryder, to close the public hearing. Unanimous, 7-0.

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Councilor Ryder made a motion to accept the proposed amendments with a change to the closing time for the VFW fields to be 10:00 p.m. Councilor Wright asked for a friendly amendment to include striking ‘after dark’. Councilor Marble seconded the motion. Councilors McAvoy, Jarvi, Wright, Marble, Ryder and Mayor McPike voted in favor. Councilor Wilde voted in opposition. Motion carries, 6-1.

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3. NOMINATIONS – APPOINTMENTS – ELECTIONS

- a. **Warrant and Notice of Election for RSU-22 Budget Validation Referendum on June 11th – Councilors**
countersigned the Warrants and Notices of Election for the RSU 22 Budget Validation Referendum.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Request for authorization for the expenditure of an amount up to \$43,600 from Police Cruiser Reserve account (3-753-00) for the purchase of a ¾ ton 4X4 public safety utility pickup truck - referral from Finance & Administration Committee – Councilor Wright made a motion, seconded by Councilor Marble, to authorize an expenditure in an amount up to \$43,600 from Police Cruiser Reserve for the purchase of a ¾ ton 4X4 public safety utility pickup truck. Unanimous, 7-0.**

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- b. **Request for authorization for the expenditure of \$2,752.00 from Computer Reserve account (3-711-00) for the purchase of two computers, hardware, and secure WiFi access points – referral from Finance & Administration Committee – Councilor Wright made a motion, seconded by Councilor Marble, to authorize the expenditure of \$2,752 from Computer Reserve for the purchase of two computers, hardware, and secure WiFi access points. Unanimous, 7-0.**

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- c. **Request for authorization for the expenditure of \$560.96 from Personnel Reserve account (3-733-00) to pay for expenses for Chief Rogers’ retirement reception – referral from Finance & Administration Committee – Councilor Wright made a motion, seconded by Councilor Marble, to authorize the expenditure of \$560.96 from Personnel Reserve to pay for expenses for Chief Rogers’ retirement party. Unanimous, 7-0.**

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- d. **Request for authorization for the expenditure of \$1,421.00 from Matching Grant Reserve account (3-780-00) for the Town’s share of a Safety Enhancement Grant to purchase two stand/sit desks and two chairs for the Library – referral from Finance &**

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Administration Committee – Councilor Wright made a motion, seconded by Councilor Marble, to authorize the expenditure of \$1,421 from Matching Grant Reserve for the Town’s share of a Safety Enhancement Grant to purchase two stand/sit desks and two chairs for the library. Unanimous, 7-0.

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E. COMMITTEE REPORTS –

Finance & Administration – Councilor Wright reported that the last four motions were referred from Finance

No other committees have met due to budget meetings.

F. MANAGER’S REPORTS – *Manager Chandler reported that construction as started on Schoolhouse Lane. We are still waiting for award on the Route 1-A project but expect it any day. As soon as we know, we will notify the public. Councilor Jarvi recognized member communities in the BACTS partnership with us which have delayed their projects in order that we could receive the extra funding needed.*

G. COUNCILOR’S COMMENTS -

Councilor McAvoy – Urged residents to shop local and buy American. He wished Hampden goodnight

Councilor Jarvi – No comment

Councilor Wright – No comment

Councilor Marble – Acknowledged the assistance of Assistant Superintendent Nickels for her assistance on Kids Korner transportation

Councilor Wilde – No comment

Councilor Ryder – No comment

Mayor McPike – No comment

H. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Personnel Matters – pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405(6)(A) –

Councilor Wright made a motion, seconded by Councilor McAvoy, to enter executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405 (6) (A). Mayor McPike called for a role call vote.

Councilor McAvoy – yes, Councilor Jarvi – yes, Councilor Wright – yes, Councilor Marble – yes, Councilor Wilde – yes, Councilor Ryder – yes, Mayor McPike – yes. Unanimous, 7-0.

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- I. **ADJOURNMENT** – *With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Paula A. Scott

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Town Clerk