



HAMPDEN TOWN COUNCIL  
HAMPDEN MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
MINUTES

MONDAY

MAY 21<sup>st</sup>, 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*

*Town Manager Angus Jennings*

*Town Clerk Paula Scott*

*Town Attorney Ed Bearor*

*Resident Eric Jarvi*

*Resident Laura Peppard*

*Resident Joshua Peppard*

*Resident Cash Webb*

*Other members of the public*

*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 McAvoy made a motion, seconded by Councilor Ryder, to accept the consent agenda. Unanimous vote in favor, 6-0.*

**Resolution 2018-71**

**1. SIGNATURES**

**2. SECRETARY'S REPORTS**

- a. None

**3. COMMUNICATIONS**

- a. Notice of the Meet the Candidates for Hampden Town Council event to be held at the Edythe Dyer Community Library on Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.
- b. Renewal of Victualer's license for Angler's Restaurant
- c. Notice and invitation to Good Shepherd Food Bank's groundbreaking event and campaign announcement on May 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 10:00 a.m.

**4. REPORTS**

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

- a. Finance Committee Minutes – April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018
- b. Infrastructure Committee Minutes – March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018
- c. Planning & Development Committee Minutes – March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018
- d. Services Committee Minutes – None
- e. Council Budget Work Session Minutes – May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018 and May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018

**C. PUBLIC COMMENTS** – *Mayor McPike recognized Laura Peppard of 927 Kennebec Rd. who addressed the Council with her concerns about the town discontinuing bus service. She stated that the bus services those that otherwise have no other options to get to work, appointments or school. She informed the Council that she has looked at our budget and feel there are other areas that are more superfluous than the Bus. She informed Council that she contacted the person in charge of the bus service at the City of Bangor and was told that she is very interested in working with Hampden to perhaps determine new neighborhoods, new ideas, and better balance. She stated anyone who wishes to cut the service should walk a mile in the shoes of someone who needs it and implored the Council to retain The Bus, then thanked them for their time. Mayor McPike next recognized Joshua Peppard of 156 Kennebec Rd. who also spoke about the numbers of people using the connector. He stated that although it doesn't make money, it is providing a service and he would like to see the Council utilize funds to keep it.*

**D. POLICY AGENDA**

**1. NEWS, PRESENTATIONS & AWARDS**

- a. **Council recognition of the Senior volunteers for trail improvement work.** – *Mayor McPike turned this over to Manager Jennings who spoke on behalf of the Council and recognized the work done by Seniors on the trails behind Skehan Center. Rec Director Shelley Abbot, whom had also recognized their efforts provided the names of the volunteers as follows:*

*Jim Folsom & Mary Folsom, Maureen Carter, Lois & Rich Cole, Steve & Storie Brown, Walt Cupples, Bill & Susan Hall, Jim & Marti McCarthy, Eric & Jane Jarvi, Patsy & Jim Husson, Lee Zoitus, and Rob Burke. Also recognized were the DPW crews that helped out with disposal.*

**2. PUBLIC HEARINGS - None**

**3. NOMINATIONS – APPOINTMENTS – ELECTIONS**

- a. **Update on status of the June 12<sup>th</sup> election, absentee ballots and ranked-choice voting** – *The Town Clerk informed the public that*

*absentee ballots are available and explained the method by which to request a ballot. She informed the public that ranked-choice voting will be implemented for this election and that there will be plurality contests on one side of the ballot and ranking contests on the reverse. She noted that election results will not be known for a couple of days after the election due to municipal tabulators only counting the first ranked choice, and that the tabulation of remaining rankings will be completed by the Secretary of State's office. She stated that local results take a back seat to State ballots but that ours will be posted to the website as soon as possible.*

**4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None**

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. **Referral of proposed Zoning Ordinance amendments to Planning & Development Committee for June 6<sup>th</sup> –requested by the Planning Board** – *Manager Jennings explained that because of a policy goal of the Planning & Development Committee, the Town Planner and the Planning Board have done a comprehensive re-write of the Zoning Ordinance to address areas that have contributed to some of the flaws in permitting and development. He tipped his hat to the Planner, the P & D Committee and the Planning Board. The proposed amended version is on the Town website, along with brochures that define some of the changes. Councilor Marble made a motion, seconded by Councilor Wilde, to refer the proposed Zoning Ordinance amendments to Planning & Development Committee for June 6<sup>th</sup>. Unanimous vote in favor, 6-0.*

**Resolution 2018-72**

- b. **Referral of proposed Zoning Ordinance amendments to Public Hearing for June 18<sup>th</sup> – requested by the Planning Board** – *Councilor Marble made a motion, seconded by Councilor Wilde, to refer the proposed Zoning Ordinance amendments to Public Hearing. Unanimous vote in favor, 6-0.*

**Resolution 2018-73**

- c. **Request for authorization for the expenditure of \$490.00 from the Environmental Trust, Principal for the purpose of reimbursement of eligible landfill post-closure monitoring expenses – referral from Finance & Administration Committee** – *Councilor McAvoy made a motion, seconded by Councilor Wilde, to authorize the*

*expenditure of \$490 from Environmental Trust, Principal, to reimburse for eligible landfill post-closure monitoring expenses. Unanimous vote in favor, 6-0.*

***Resolution 2018-74***

- d. **Request for authorization for the expenditure of \$34,156.24 from the Environmental Trust, Income for the purpose of reimbursement of eligible stormwater management expenses – referral from Finance & Administration Committee** - Councilor McAvoy made a motion, seconded by Councilor Wilde, to authorize the expenditure of \$34,156.24 from Environmental Trust, Interest, to reimburse for eligible stormwater management expenses. Unanimous vote in favor, 6-0.

***Resolution 2018-75***

- e. **Award of the foreclosed property bid, for property located at 114 Old County Road, furthered identified as Map 10 Lot 15 on the Town of Hampden Tax Maps - referral from Finance & Administration Committee** – Councilor McAvoy made a motion, seconded by Councilor Wilde to award the bid to Cash Webb in the amount of \$82,200. Unanimous vote in favor, 6-0.

***Resolution 2018-76***

- f. **Council endorsement of Fire Union Contract for 2018-2021- referral from Council Budget Session held on May 9<sup>th</sup>** – Councilors previously accepted the Fire Union Contract for 2018-2021, this serves as notice to the public.
- g. **Council endorsement of Police Union Contract for 2018-2021 - referral from Council Budget Session held on May 9<sup>th</sup>** - Councilors previously accepted the Police Union Contract for 2018-2021, this serves as notice to the public.

- h. **Request for Council authorization for the expenditure of an amount up to \$780.00 from the Personnel Reserve Account (3-733-00) for the purpose of offsetting costs associated with payroll expenses for a temporary part-time worker – referral from Finance & Administration Committee** – Councilor McAvoy made a motion, seconded by Councilor Ryder to authorize the expenditure of \$780.00 from Personnel Reserve to offset payroll costs for a temporary part-time worker. Unanimous vote in favor, 6-0.

***Resolution 2018-77***

- i. **Council appointment of James N. Chandler as Town Manager, effective June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018** – *Councilor Marble made a motion, seconded by Councilor McAvoy, to appoint James N. Chandler as the new Town Manager effective June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Unanimous vote in favor, 6-0.*

**Resolution 2018-78**

- j. **Council appointment of James N. Chandler as Treasurer, effective June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018** - *Councilor Marble made a motion, seconded by Councilor McAvoy, to appoint James N. Chandler as the new Town Treasurer effective June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Unanimous vote in favor, 6-0.*

**Resolution 2018-79**

- k. **Council acceptance of Manager Jennings' updated letter of resignation - referral from Finance & Administration Committee** – *Councilor McAvoy made a motion, seconded by Councilor Marble, to accept the updated letter of resignation from Manager Jennings. Unanimous vote in favor, 6-0. Councilor Marble thanked Angus for all of the detailed work and many hours put into guiding the town and wished him well into the future.*

**Resolution 2018-80**

- l. **Review of the RSU 22 proposed budget for FY19 – referral from Finance & Administration Committee** – *Manager Jennings recapped the RSU 22 Budget meeting at which he, Mayor McPike and Councilor Marble were in attendance. It appears that Hampden's share of the increase will be approximately \$571,000. Councilor Marble reported that the large increase is due in part to the change in school funding formula from a 3-year average to a 2-year average. Another change that impacts greatly is the switch from basing it on valuation rather than enrollment. Manager Jennings reminded the public that the District Budget Meeting is June 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at Hampden Academy.*
- m. **Discussion regarding Councilor conduct – requested by Councilor McAvoy** – *Councilor McAvoy began to read from a prepared statement, attached as Exhibit A. Town Attorney Bearor cautioned against making statements publicly. Councilor McAvoy and Attorney Bearor debated Councilor McAvoy made a motion to censure Mayor McPike, seconded by Councilor Cormier. A roll call vote was taken. Councilor Ryder – No, Councilor Marble – No, Councilor Wilde – No, Councilor Cormier – No, Mayor McPike – No, Councilor McAvoy – Yes. Motion fails, 5-1.*

**Resolution 2018-81**

- E. **COMMITTEE REPORTS** – *Due to budget meetings, there have been no committee meetings.*
  
- F. **MANAGER’S REPORT** – *Manager Jennings reported that he has had an opportunity to talk with James Chandler and that the transition is well under way. Mr. Chandler has been at recent budget meetings and at the Fiberight meeting and tour. Manager Jennings stated that he believes that Council has made an excellent choice.*
  
- G. **CLERK’S COMMENTS** - *None*
  
- H. **COUNCILORS’ COMMENTS**  
*Councilor Ryder – No comment*  
*Councilor Marble – Stated that he had noticed that the local news had done a story on a local resident, Anne Sweeney, who has started a non-profit called Hope for the Homeless. This group purchases items such as sweatshirts and socks to help the homeless. He wanted to publicly commend her for her efforts.*  
*Councilor Wilde – No comment*  
*Councilor Cormier – No comment*  
*Councilor McAvoy – Reminded everyone to shop local and buy American. He wished Hampden a good night.*  
*Mayor McPike – No comment*
  
- I. **ADJOURNMENT** – *With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.*

*Respectfully Submitted,*



Paula A. Scott, CCM  
Town Clerk