



HAMPDEN TOWN COUNCIL  
HAMPDEN MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
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MONDAY

June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018

7:00 P.M.

*Attending:*

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

*Jim Chandler, Town Manager  
Paula Scott, Town Clerk  
Shelley Abbot, Rec Director  
Karen Cullen, Town Planner  
Kelly Karter, Tax Assessor  
Myles Block, CEO  
Sean Currier, DPW Director  
Debbie Lozito, Library Director  
Angus Jennings  
Nathan Morrell  
Eric Jarvi  
Susan Olsen  
Anna Santos  
Catherine Chodkiewicz  
Dick Clark  
Walter Cupples*

- A. **OATH OF OFFICE FOR COUNCILOR – ELECT SHELBY WRIGHT** – *administered by Town Clerk Paula Scott – Prior to the start of the meeting, the town clerk administered the Oath of Office and swore in Shelby Wright as Councilor.*
- B. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – *Mayor McPike led the Pledge of Allegiance*
- C. **CONSENT AGENDA** – *Councilor McAvoy made a motion, seconded by Councilor Ryder, to approve the consent agenda. Unanimous vote in favor, 7-0.*

**Resolution 2018-88**

**1. SIGNATURES**

**2. SECRETARY'S REPORTS**

- a. None

**3. COMMUNICATIONS**

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

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- a. Notification of the decision on the Service Charge appeal

4. REPORTS

- a. Finance Committee Minutes – May 21st, 2018
- b. Infrastructure Committee Minutes – None
- c. Planning & Development Committee Minutes – None
- d. Services Committee Minutes – None

- D. PUBLIC COMMENTS – *Members of the public wanted to speak regarding the bus but were asked to wait until the public hearing on the budget.*

E. POLICY AGENDA

- 1. NEWS, PRESENTATIONS & AWARDS - *None*

2. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a. **Consideration of the proposed Zoning Ordinance amendments—referred by Town Council on June 4<sup>th</sup>.** - *At 7:10, Councilor McAvoy made a motion, seconded by Councilor Ryder to open the public hearing. Unanimous vote in favor, 7-0.*

**Resolution 2018-89**

*There were no questions or comments from the public. For the benefit of those watching from home, Councilor Ryder introduced Karen Cullen, Town Planner for an overview of the amendments to the Zoning Ordinance. Karen reported that the ordinance has gone through a thorough review by town staff, the Planning & Development Committee, the Planning Board, and Town Council which started about a year ago. This effort was to make it more user friendly, adding use and dimension tables, and removing inconsistencies. Additionally, it includes the creation of a 3-level site plan process, reducing the public hearing process, and corrections to comply with State law. At 7:13 Councilor Marble made a motion, seconded by Councilor Ryder to close the public hearing. Councilor Marble thanked the Planning Board, the Town Planner, and all involved staff for the hard work unravelling all of the inconsistencies. Councilor Wilde expressed the same sentiment. Councilor McAvoy made a motion, seconded by Councilor Marble, to adopt the proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance encompassing changes in Articles 2 through 7, as modified by the*

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*Planning & Development Committee and recommended to Town Council on June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Unanimous vote in favor, 7-0.*

**Resolution 2018-90**

- b. **Consideration of the Town Council’s proposed FY19 budget, including Sewer Budget and Capital Improvement Program– referred by Town Council on June 4<sup>th</sup>.** - At 7:15 p.m., Councilor McAvoy made a motion, seconded by Councilor Marble, to open the Public Hearing. Unanimous vote in favor, 7-0.

**Resolution 2018-91**

*Mayor McPike recognized Susan Olsen of 248 Main Rd. North who spoke in favor of keeping the service of public transportation for those that need it for school, work, or appointments.*

*Mayor McPike recognized Anna Santos of 421 Main Rd. South who agreed and spoke against cutting the bus service. She stated that it appears that the Council is against poor people when they talk about cutting the bus service. She stated that a politician had called her when running for office talking about cutting the bus if elected. She stated that she pays over \$8,000 in taxes and thinks that her taxes should support education, transportation and the poor.*

*Mayor McPike recognized Catherine Chodkiewicz of 421 Main Rd. South who also spoke in favor of the bus. She stated that we all have hardships in life and no one knows when one day we might need it. She stated that eliminating public transportation is segregating the poor. She noted that we spend large sums of money on children and education and that tax dollars should also be spent on the elderly and handicapped.*

*Mayor McPike recognized Nathan Morrell of 451 Main Rd. South who stated he was lucky enough to be able to drive, but the point is lucky enough. He is in favor of keeping the bus for the elderly, the sick and the handicapped and that those are the ones to think about as elected officials and to not segregate a certain populace.*

*Mayor McPike recognized Dick Clark who was speaking on behalf of ex-wife Ann and daughter Bonnie Clark of 312 Main Rd. North who could not attend. He stated that one reason they moved here was because of the bus service. His daughter has medical issues and is also enrolled in college and uses the bus for both things. He spoke to the increased budget and the fact that Hampden is growing, and the population is more diverse. He stated that public transportation is a service we should provide for college kids, minimum wage job earners working in Bangor, the elderly and the disabled who cannot afford the expense of a taxi.*

*Mayor McPike recognized Walt Cupples of 213 Canaan Road who stated he believes that the bus should be retained for the benefit of the community. He sees it as a symbol that we are linked to Bangor, we support each other and that there are many services in Bangor that we*

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*use. He stated that he doesn't need transportation right now, but some day might. There were no further comments from the public and at 7:30 p.m., Councilor Ryder made a motion, seconded by Councilor McAvoy, to close the public hearing. Unanimous vote in favor, 7-0.*

**Resolution 2018-92**

*Mayor McPike turned the meeting over to Manager Chandler who recognized the Department Heads and staff for the hard work on the budget. He personally thanked former Manager Jennings for all the coaching and one on one time in preparation of the budget and for tonight's meeting. He reported that as part of the referral, revisions were made. One was that the differential in COLA was eliminated and amended to incorporate an even 2% across the board, full repair & paving of School House Lane and unexpected revenue due to forfeited retirement and local road assistance. The net result is a decrease in the overall budget in the amount of \$21,901. Councilor Wright made a motion, seconded by Councilor Marble, to accept the budget as amended. Councilor Marble explained to the public that there were many big-ticket cost drivers that Council had to consider, and he wanted to let the public know Council knows how these things affect them and there were many discussions. The end result is the budget before them. Councilor Wilde spoke about how everything is increasing, and the budget process was brutal. The county tax increased, the Water District rates increased, the school allocation increased and that to think the town's budget would remain the same or decrease is a fantasy. He stated there was much discussion on School House Lane and on the bus service. He thanked staff and Angus for all the hard work. Councilor Wright requested consideration to restore the \$21,901 in savings to the budget into the bus line item and restore partial Saturday bus service. Mayor McPike stated that the funds could probably be restored to the budget, but a conversation would need to take place with BATS to determine cost. Councilor Wright stated that to her knowledge, Saturday service was in the range of \$21 to \$24,000 and this might restore at least partial Saturday service. Manager Chandler stated that if it was Council's wish, he could engage in talks with transit administration. Councilor Wright suggested that it be set aside into a reserve account to be there for future use if needed.*

*Councilor McAvoy stated that this was not part of the budget it is held money to be paid out to retirees as their match. He stated this is not money we are not spending, it is just a reallocation. Mayor McPike stated that a motion could be made to see if Council wants to adjust the proposed budget. Councilor Wright made a motion, seconded by Councilor Marble, to amend the proposed budget by an increase in the amount of \$21,901 for the purpose of restoring partial Saturday bus service. Councilor McAvoy stated that this would in effect increase the*

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*budget. Manager Chandler stated that this is just a net reduction in the request for the overall budget. Councilor Marble stated that he liked the direction of thought that Councilor Wright is heading in but suggests it start with being a topic at committee level and not tonight. The motion to amend was brought to vote. Councilor Wright voted in favor. Councilors Ryder, Marble, Wilde, Cormier, McAvoy and Mayor McPike voted in opposition. Motion to amend fails, 6-1.*

**Resolution 2018- 92**

*The original motion to accept the budget as presented with amendment was brought to vote. Councilors Ryder, Wright, Marble, and Mayor McPike voted in favor. Councilors McAvoy, Cormier and Wilde voted in opposition. Motion carries, 4-3.*

**Resolution 2018-93**

**3. NOMINATIONS – APPOINTMENTS – ELECTIONS**

- a. **Election results from the June 12<sup>th</sup> election** – *The Town Clerk referred to the results that Council has seen in their packets and noted for the public that results are posted on the website and social media. She then recapped the election and thanked staff, the elections team, and especially, Lisa Carter, Debbie Lozito, Cathy Crosby, Susan Starbird and Jim Feverston who all volunteered to stay late to feed auxiliary ballots through the tabulators after we had experienced diverter problems during the day.*

**4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None**

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. **Request for authorization for the expenditure of \$15,871 from the Recreation Area Reserve account (3-767-00) for the purpose of repair to the outdoor basketball courts at VFW drive – referral from Finance & Administration Committee** – *Councilor McAvoy made a motion, seconded by Councilor Ryder to authorize the expenditure of \$15,871 from Rec Area Reserve to repair the outdoor basketball courts – Unanimous vote in favor, 7-0.*

**Resolution 2018-94**

- b. **Request for authorization for the expenditure of \$3,651 from the Recreation Area Reserve account (3-767-00) for the purpose of**

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crack repair to the VFW tennis courts – **referral from Finance & Administration Committee** - Councilor McAvoy made a motion, seconded by Councilor Marble to authorize the expenditure of \$3,651 from the Rec Area Reserve to repair the cracks on the tennis courts. Unanimous vote in favor, 7-0.

**Resolution 2018-95**

- c. **Request for authorization for the expenditure of \$1,415.85 from the IT Computer Reserve account (3-711-00) for the purpose of purchasing a Surface Pro tablet for the Town Manager – referral from Finance & Administration Committee** – Councilor McAvoy made a motion, seconded by Councilor Wilde, to authorize the expenditure of \$1,415.85 from IT Computer reserve for the purpose of purchasing a Surface Pro tablet for the Town Manager. Unanimous vote in favor, 7-0.

**Resolution 2018-95**

- d. **Town Council referral to public hearing for July 2, 2018 amendments to the Town of Hampden Fees Ordinance for applications for conditional use to reflect proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance - referral from Finance & Administration Committee** – Councilor McAvoy made a motion, seconded by Councilor Marble to refer to public hearing for July 2, amendments to the Town of Hampden Fees Ordinance for applications for conditional use to reflect proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance. Unanimous vote in favor, 7-0.

**F. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Planning & Development** – Councilor Ryder reported that the committee has discussed the zoning ordinance amendments acted on tonight as well as review of the fees for conditional use applications. The next meeting is Wednesday, June 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

- G. MANAGER'S REPORT** – Manager Chandler stated that the transition has been inviting and welcoming and thanked Council for the opportunity to overlap with the existing Town Manager. He thanked Angus for his input and guidance, commended staff and referred to positive meetings with businesses within the town.

**H. COUNCILORS' COMMENTS**

**Councilor Ryder** – Thanked the Town Planner, staff and especially the Planning Board for the ongoing initiative to make Hampden more business friendly. It is a great working relationship between the Planning Board and Council. He stated that it is nice

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to see after all these years to have it finally coming together and he is proud of staff who have worked closely with both boards to accomplish this.

**Councilor Wright** – Stated the Zoning Ordinance work was impressive work by staff and it opens your eyes as to the minutiae of actually running a town. She also spoke to the election and how as a candidate, she could not believe the amount of people that just kept coming. She commended the clerk and the election workers who faced new issues, challenges and processes and handled them well. She stated that she is proud to serve the Town of Hampden and to work with such great staff.

**Councilor Marble** – Gave kudos to town staff and the clerk for the job done at the election. He thanked the citizens who showed up tonight to voice their concerns and give their comments about the budget. He stated that they really do make a difference when they are involved in the process. He also thanked all the voters that voted in the election.

**Councilor Wilde** – Thanked the members of the public that showed up tonight to voice their opinion and also those that called. He thanked Angus one last time and wished him well.

**Councilor Cormier** – No comment

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

**Mayor McPike** – Offered a heartfelt thanks to the Planning Board who did a remarkable job in working on the ordinances that will make Hampden more business friendly. He also thanked all the voters who took the time to come out and vote.

- I. **ADJOURNMENT** – With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Paula A. Scott, CCM  
Town Clerk