



HAMPDEN TOWN COUNCIL  
HAMPDEN MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
**MINUTES**

MONDAY

SEPTEMBER 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017

7:00 P.M.

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

*Attending:*

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

*Angus Jennings, Town Manager  
Paula Scott, Town Clerk  
Allison Berube  
Susan Witt*

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

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

**1. SIGNATURES**

**2. SECRETARY'S REPORTS**

- a. September 5th, 2017 Council Meeting Minutes**

**3. COMMUNICATIONS**

- a. Designation of Manager Jennings as the voting delegate for the Town of Hampden at the MMA annual business meeting**
- b. Notice to the public regarding the Obsolete Pesticides Collection Program to help Mainers dispose of unusable and waste pesticides – *Sponsored by the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Environmental Protection***
- c. Public invitation to the Hampden VFW Whitcomb Baker Post 4633 Hunter's Breakfast on Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup>**
- d. Hampden Historical Society's Summer Newsletter**
- e. Victualer's license – Eat at Joe's**
- f. Outdoor Wood-fired Boiler renewal licenses**

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

- g. **Notification of the regulatory framework for new marijuana legislation and notice of public hearing for bill LR2395 to be held September 26<sup>th</sup>**
- h. **Notification of the Bangor Region Chamber of Commerce Open House on September 22<sup>nd</sup>**

#### **4. REPORTS**

- a. **Finance Committee Minutes –08/21/2017**
- b. **Infrastructure Committee Minutes – None**
- c. **Planning & Development Committee Minutes – 08/16/2017**
- d. **Services Committee Minutes – 08/14/2017**

**C. PUBLIC COMMENTS** – *There were no public comments.*

#### **D. POLICY AGENDA**

##### **1. NEWS, PRESENTATIONS & AWARDS**

- a. **Proclamation in support of Team Hailey’s Hugs and to recognize September as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month** – *Mayor Ryder read the Proclamation by the Town of Hampden to support September as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.*

##### **2. PUBLIC HEARINGS –**

- a. **Consideration of the proposed amendments to the Town of Hampden Cemetery Ordinance** – *Councilor Marble made a motion, seconded by Councilor Wilde, to open the public hearing at 7:10 p.m. Unanimous vote in favor. Councilor McAvoy made a motion to accept the proposed amendments to the Cemetery Ordinance. Unanimous vote in favor. Councilor Sirois made a motion, seconded by Councilor Marble, to close the public hearing at 7:13 p.m. Unanimous vote in favor.*
- b. **Consideration of the proposed amendments to the appendices of the Town of Hampden General Assistance Ordinance** – *Councilor Marble made a motion, seconded by Councilor McAvoy to open the public hearing at 7:13 p.m. Unanimous vote in favor. Councilor Marble noted that this hearing is an endorsement of mandated changes. Councilor McAvoy made a motion, seconded by Councilor Sirois to approve the amendments to the General Assistance Ordinance. Unanimous vote in favor. Councilor Marble made a motion, seconded by Councilor Wilde to close the public hearing at 7:15 p.m.*

**3. NOMINATIONS – APPOINTMENTS – ELECTIONS**

- a. **Appointment of Susan Witt to the Edythe L. Dyer Library Board of Trustees – referral from Services Committee** – *Councilor Marble reported that Services Committee had interviewed Susan Witt and were appreciative of her experience and willingness to serve. Councilor Marble made a motion, seconded by Councilor Wilde to appoint Susan Witt to the Edythe L. Dyer Library Board of Directors. Unanimous vote in favor.*
- b. **Municipal Warrant and Notice of Election for November 7<sup>th</sup>** – *The Town Clerk reminded everyone of the Municipal election to be held in conjunction with the State Referendum on November 7<sup>th</sup>.*

**4. OLD BUSINESS –**

- a. **Acceptance of Conservation Easement Holder designation for Constitution Avenue – referral from Finance & Administration Committee** – *Councilor Sirois explained that the Finance & Administration Committee discussed this at length and accepted the Conservation Easement holder designation for property off of Constitution Avenue. This easement will grant more public access to snowmobile trails already existing. Councilor Sirois made a motion, seconded by Councilor McAvoy to approve the Conservation Easement Holder designation. Unanimous vote in favor. Manager Jennings noted that the developer provided a \$250.00 contribution.*

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. **Request authorization for the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$2,213 from Municipal Building Reserve (3-702-00) for the purpose of paying Penobscot Temperature Controls to install a replacement propane monitor heater in the Municipal storage garage – referral from Finance & Administration Committee** – *Councilor McPike made a motion, seconded by Councilor McAvoy, to authorize the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$2,213 from Municipal Building Reserve account for the purpose of paying Penobscot Temperature Controls to install a replacement monitor heater in the municipal storage garage. Unanimous vote in favor.*
- b. **Request authorization for the expenditure of \$751.52, plus accrued but unposted interest, up to the remaining balance of the Planning Board Reserve account (3-723-00) for the purpose of interim contract planning services – referral from Finance & Administration Committee** – *Councilor Sirois made a motion, seconded by Councilor McPike, to authorize the expenditure of \$751.52, plus accrued but unposted interest from the Planning Board*

*Reserve account for the purpose of interim contract planning services. Unanimous vote in favor. Councilor McAvoy asked where the interest comes from. Manager Jennings explained that the 36-40 reserve accounts that we have are in a single bank account. When the bank statements come in, one of his duties as treasurer is to proportionally allocate the interest the account has earned to each sub account. Once this is complete at the end of the month, these funds can be utilized and the account can be closed out.*

- c. **Request authorization for the expenditure of \$120.02, plus accrued but unposted interest, up to the remaining balance of the Planning & Development Reserve account (3-721-00) for the purpose of interim contract planning services – referral from Finance & Administration Committee** – Councilor Sirois made a motion, seconded by Councilor McAvoy to authorize the expenditure of \$120.02 plus accrued but unposted interest, for the purpose of interim contract planning services. Unanimous vote in favor.
- d. **Request authorization for the expenditure of \$13,140.97 out of the Environmental Trust, Income for the purpose of reimbursement of eligible stormwater management expenses – referral from Finance & Administration Committee** – Councilor Sirois made a motion, seconded by Councilor McAvoy to authorize the expenditure of \$13,140.97 out of the Environmental Trust, income, for the purpose of reimbursement of eligible stormwater expenses. Unanimous vote in favor. Councilor Marble gave credit to the thinking of Manager Jennings and fellow Councilor McPike for realizing that the use of these funds are appropriate to reduce burden on the taxpayer.
- e. **Contract award for the Snowplowing, Salting & Removal Services at the Skehan Center – referral from Finance & Administration Committee** – Mayor Ryder explained that this was tabled in Finance & Administration.
- f. **Council referral to public hearing the proposed amendments to the Edythe L. Dyer Community Library Ordinance – referral from Services Committee** – Councilor Marble made a motion, seconded by Councilor McAvoy to refer this to public hearing. Unanimous vote in favor.

#### **E. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Services Committee - Councilor Marble reported that this committee met on Monday. They discussed the library ordinance, and are beginning to look at costs analysis on affiliate groups. The committee took a voice vote in an attempt to support town staff with regard to Children's Day. The bulk of time was spent responding to citizen

concerns regarding the process around the potential permitting of the pool and municipal site.

Planning & Development Committee – Councilor McPike reported that the committee went over more information regarding MRC and Fiberight. Discussed the Business Park TIF which will be again discussed this Wednesday. The committee was updated on the Planner position and staff and steps to alleviate strains in the department. Zoning districts, boundaries and allowable uses were also discussed.

Finance & Administration – Councilor Sirois reported that the beginning of the meeting was an Executive Session. Items discussed in open session were the reserve requests on tonight's agenda and the Conservation Easement. The census information as well as contract award for Skehan Center plowing were tabled.

Infrastructure – Mayor Ryder reported that the next meeting is Monday night.

- F. MANAGER'S REPORT** – Manager Jennings reminded everyone of the public meeting by Department of Transportation that will be held here next Wednesday the 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. and the Pool Site meeting which will be held Thursday the 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

**G. COUNCILORS' COMMENTS**

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

Councilor Cormier – No comment

Councilor Marble – Shared his personal thoughts about civic involvement and ways in which we communicate with each other about matters. There will always be disagreements about how to spend money and what makes a good community as determined by a majority. He voiced concern about the method of the "robo call" particularly when they are done anonymously with no one stepping forward to say they are the party making the call. He feels they can get to a level of gossip such as the one that went out last week which contained accusations and misinformation which doesn't help a good public dialogue about the town's future. He hopes that people will come to the meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> to continue the discussion about the possibility of more recreational fields and to look at the parking issue on Route 202.

Councilor Wilde – Also encouraged the public to attend the meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> and hopes that a lot of people will participate. He feels that it is appropriate for people to question things as that is how a democracy works.

Councilor McPike – Stated that as the majority of the Council voted to continue the Council meeting on October 2<sup>nd</sup> and the P & D meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup>, the acting chairs should be decided upon tonight since both the Mayor and committee chair/Deputy Mayor will be absent. Councilor McAvoy volunteered to chair the P & D meeting. Councilor Sirois volunteered to chair the Council meeting. There were no objections from the Council.

Councilor Sirois – Reminded the Council that if an individual Councilor has services or wares that you would like to sell to the town, there is an official RFP process that we should follow and no Councilor should use our position to influence prior to or during that process. He stated that is a conflict of interest and encouraged all to follow the process.

Mayor Ryder – No comment

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- H. **ADJOURNMENT** – *Councilor McAvoy made a motion, seconded by Councilor McPike, to adjourn at 7:35 p.m.*

*Respectfully Submitted,*

*Paula A. Scott*

Paula A. Scott, CCM  
Town Clerk