



HAMPDEN TOWN COUNCIL  
HAMPDEN MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
MINUTES

MONDAY

OCTOBER 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2017

7:00 P.M.

**6:30 p.m. – Finance & Administration Committee**

*Councilor Sirois, Chair  
Councilor Wilde  
Councilor Marble  
Councilor Cormier  
Councilor McAvoy*

*Angus Jennings, Town Manager  
Paula Scott, Town Clerk*

*Councilor Sirois, acting chair, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.*

- A. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – *Councilor Sirois asked for a moment of silence and then led the Pledge of Allegiance*
- B. **CONSENT AGENDA** – *Councilor Marble asked to pull the notice of the Homeless Veteran Stand-down for further comment. Councilor McAvoy made a motion, seconded by Councilor Marble, to accept the consent agenda minus the pulled item. Unanimous vote in favor.*

**1. SIGNATURES**

**2. SECRETARY'S REPORTS**

- a. September 18th, 2017 Council Meeting Minutes

**3. COMMUNICATIONS**

- a. **Notice of the VA Maine Healthcare System's 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Homeless Veteran Stand-down on October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017**
- b. **Notice of a proposed increase in distribution rates requested by Emera Maine to the Maine PUC**
- c. **Correspondence from The Shepherd's Godparent Home and notice of the annual Christmas Open House on December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017**
- d. **Informational bulletin from the Maine State Police regarding properly securing loads when traveling public ways**

**4. REPORTS**

- a. **Finance Committee Minutes –09/05/2017**
- b. **Infrastructure Committee Minutes – 08/28/2017**

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

- c. **Planning & Development Committee Minutes – 09/06/2017**
- d. **Services Committee Minutes – 08/14/2017**

**C. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None**

**D. POLICY AGENDA**

1. **NEWS, PRESENTATIONS & AWARDS** – *Councilor Marble stated that there is a chance to intervene for any Veteran whose housing is questionable; or peri-homeless. The VA, once a year, puts on a free service event with anything from haircuts, to clothing, to legal referrals. There is free transportation, stopping at the Bangor Area Homeless Shelter. Sometimes family members don't know how to help a struggling Veteran and this will point them in the right direction. Councilor Marble stated that he felt this was worth mentioning.*

**2. PUBLIC HEARINGS –**

- a. **Consideration of the proposed amendments to the Edythe L. Dyer Library Ordinance** – *Councilor Wilde made a motion, seconded by Councilor McAvoy, to open the public hearing at 7:04. Unanimous. Manager Jennings informed the Council that the red-lined version of the ordinance was inadvertently omitted from the packet and suggested continuing the public hearing until the 16<sup>th</sup>. At 7:05, Councilor Wilde made a motion, seconded by Councilor Marble to continue the public hearing until October 16<sup>th</sup>. Unanimous vote in favor.*

**3. NOMINATIONS – APPOINTMENTS – ELECTIONS**

- a. **Appointment of Brent Wells to the Board of Appeals - referral from Planning & Development Committee** – *Councilor Marble reported that Mr. Wells was interviewed by Services Committee and recommend his appointment. Councilor Wilde made a motion, seconded by Councilor McAvoy, to appoint Brent Wells to the Board of Appeals. Unanimous vote in favor.*

**4. OLD BUSINESS – None**

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. **Council referral to public hearing on October 16<sup>th</sup>, the proposed ordinance authorizing the trade-in of the John Deere backhoe and the purchase and financing of a new John Deere backhoe – referral from Finance & Administration** – *Manager Jennings explained that this ordinance is in keeping with the charter's requirement that borrowing other than for tax anticipation notes, be in*

*the form of an ordinance. This hearing would be conducted on the 16<sup>th</sup> and at that time the merits of the ordinance and the staff recommendations would be discussed. Councilor Marble made a motion, seconded by Councilor McAvoy, to refer the proposed ordinance authorizing the trade-in of the John Deere backhoe and the purchase and financing of a new John Deere backhoe. Unanimous vote in favor.*

**E. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

*Services Committee: Councilor Marble reported that they have not met since the last Council meeting but will be meeting on October 10<sup>th</sup>. It was moved to Tuesday due to the Columbus Day holiday.*

*Planning & Development Committee: No report.*

*Infrastructure Committee: No report.*

*Finance & Administration: Councilor Sirois recapped items discussed in the preceding meeting which were the town's participation in the Census update of addresses, the review of Service Charge billing, referred the Ordinance on borrowing for the backhoe to Council, and the required IS 402 ICS training in Newburgh on the 11<sup>th</sup>. He also reported that after much discussion, the Candidates' Forum will be held.*

**F. MANAGER'S REPORT** – *Manager Jennings reminded everyone that the tax due date is October 4<sup>th</sup>, and also that the Planning & Development meeting scheduled for the 4<sup>th</sup> has been cancelled.*

**G. COUNCILORS' COMMENTS**

*Councilor McAvoy – Encouraged everyone to enjoy this autumn weather and reminded everyone to shop local and buy American.*

*Councilor Cormier – No comment*

*Councilor Marble – No comment*

*Councilor Sirois – No comment*

**H. ADJOURNMENT** – *Councilor Sirois made a motion, seconded by Councilor McAvoy, to adjourn at 7:15 p.m. Unanimous vote in favor.*

*Respectfully Submitted,*



Paula A. Scott, CCM  
Town Clerk