



HAMPDEN TOWN COUNCIL  
HAMPDEN MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
MINUTES

MONDAY

JUNE 17, 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  
DPW Director Sean Currier  
Foreman Dudley Patterson  
Rec Director Shelley Abbot  
Library Director Debbie Lozito  
Scott Alley  
Faye Anderson  
Steven Brown  
Jim Dyer  
Sarah Newell*

*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 Marble, to approve the consent agenda. Unanimous, 7-0.*

*Resolution 2019-82*

**1. SIGNATURES**

**2. SECRETARY'S REPORTS**

- a. **May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 Budget meeting minutes**
- b. **May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Budget meeting minutes**

**3. COMMUNICATIONS**

- a. **Preliminary 2020 State Valuation report for Hampden**
- b. **Board of Assessment Review Findings of Fact for the appeal of the abatement denial for personal property taxes for White House Motel, Inc.**
- c. **MDOT Notice of award of contract to T Buck Construction, Inc., for the Highway Reconstruction and Bridge Replacement project**

**4. REPORTS**

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

- a. Finance & Administration Committee Minutes – 05-06-2019
- b. Infrastructure Committee Minutes
- c. Planning & Development Committee Minutes
- d. Services Committee Minutes

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

D. POLICY AGENDA

1. NEWS, PRESENTATIONS & AWARDS

- a. **Presentation to Council by Scott Alley regarding the status of Fiberight’s operations** – *Scott Alley of Fiberight spoke regarding the status of operations. He passed around a bag of pulp which is the first batch developed from the waste.*

2. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a. **Proposed Town of Hampden FY20 Budget public hearing, including Sewer Budget and Capital Program** – *At 7:10 p.m., Councilor Wright made a motion to open the public hearing, seconded by Councilor Marble. Unanimous, 7-0.*

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*At the beginning of the public hearing, Manager Chandler noted that there was a typographical error in the TIF expense, corrected from the posted amount from \$361,541 to the correct \$357,547 which is a reduction of \$8,994.*

*Faye Anderson, of 16 Back Meadow Rd., was recognized and questioned whether or not the reduction in the rec programming 20-05 was short sited. Rec Director Abbot stated that this was based on the number of students. It was reduced by 20 less in the afternoon and 10 less in the morning.*

*Steven Brown, of 114 Main Rd. North, was recognized and stated that the State budget reflected an increase in the Homestead Exemption and Revenue Sharing and questioned whether the town budget reflected those increases in revenues. Manager Chandler stated that due to conversations with Representative Haggan, those had been anticipated and included.*

*Councilor Ryder spoke against the hiring of the Capital Projects*

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*Manager.*

*Councilor McAvoy spoke against the hiring of an Economic Development Director. He also stated that he believes that TIF revenue should be used for infrastructure projects.*

*Councilor Marble spoke in favor of the Capital Projects Manager and the Economic Director. Councilor Ryder made a motion to remove the Capital Projects Manager from the budget. Councilor Jarvi called for a point of order as the public hearing had not closed.*

*At 7:30 p.m., Councilor Wright made a motion, seconded by Mayor McPike to close the public hearing. Unanimous, 7-0.*

*Resolution 2019-84*

*Councilor Ryder made a motion, seconded by Councilor McAvoy, to remove the Capital Projects Manager position from the budget. Councilors McAvoy, Ryder and Wilde voted in favor, Councilors Jarvi, Wright, Marble and Mayor McPike voted in opposition. Motion fails, 3-4.*

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*Councilor Wright made a motion, seconded by Councilor Marble, to remove the public works study from the budget. After clarification from Manager Chandler that the former manager had earmarked between \$15 - \$20,000 in Personnel Reserve, Councilor Wright amended her motion to remove up to \$20,000 for the Public Works study from the Personnel Reserve. Councilor Marble seconded the amended motion. Councilors McAvoy, Jarvi, Wright, Marble, Wilde and Mayor McPike voted in favor, Councilor Ryder voted in opposition. Motion carries, 6-1.*

*Resolution 2019-86*

*Councilor Wilde spoke in favor of both positions reminding all that he had written a letter in support of Economic Development but cited a need to choose the more important position which was the project manager. Mayor McPike spoke in favor of the Economic Development position stating he believes it can shift property taxes from homeowner to businesses. Councilor Wilde made a motion, seconded by Councilor McAvoy, to remove funding for the position of the Economic Development Director, from the budget. Councilor Marble asked the clerk to restate the motion, and then asked for the funding amount. Manager Chandler stated that the gross amount was*

*\$105,000. Discussion ceased, and the motion was brought to vote. Councilors McAvoy, Wilde and Ryder voted in favor. Councilors Jarvi, Wright, Marble and Mayor McPike voted in opposition. Motion fails, 3-4.*

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*Councilor Jarvi stated that the Council has received, discussed, deliberated and amended the proposed FY20 Budget, Sewer Budget and Capital Program. He then made a motion to approve the proposed FY20 Budget, Sewer Budget and Capital Program as amended. Motion was seconded by Councilor Wright. Councilors Jarvi, Wright, Marble and Mayor McPike voted in favor. Councilors McAvoy, Wilde and Ryder voted in opposition. Motion carries, 4-3.*

*Resolution 2019-88*

### 3. NOMINATIONS – APPOINTMENTS – ELECTIONS

- a. **Appointment of Ladoiya Wells to the Planning Board as a full member, to serve out an unexpired term to Dec. 31, 2021 – referral from *Planning & Development\** Committee** – The Town Clerk explained to Councilors that although the original recommendation was to appoint Ladoiya as a full member for an unexpired term, an anticipated vacancy is not going to occur at this time, therefore, we would ask for consideration of appointing her as an alternate member for a five-year term. Councilor Jarvi made a motion, seconded by Councilor Marble to appoint Ladoiya Wells to the Planning Board as an alternate for a five-year term. Unanimous, 7-0.

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- b. **Appointment of Ladoiya Wells to the Board of Appeals as a full member with a three-year term – referral from *Planning & Development\** Committee** – Councilor Jarvi made a motion, seconded by Councilor Marble, to appoint Ladoiya Wells to the Board of Appeals as a full member for a three-year term. Unanimous, 7-0.

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- c. **Appointment of Brent Wells to the Planning Board as a full member to serve out an unexpired term, to Dec. 31, 2019 – referral from *Planning & Development\** Committee** – Councilor Jarvi made a motion, seconded by Councilor Wright, to appoint Brent Wells to the Planning Board as a full member to serve out an

*unexpired term, expiring on December 31, 2019. Unanimous, 7-0.*

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- d. **Appointment of Brent Wells to the Historic Preservation Commission as a full member to serve out the remainder of an unexpired term, to Dec. 31, 2020 - referral from *Planning & Development\* Committee* – Councilor Jarvi made a motion, seconded by Councilor Wright, to appoint Brent Wells to the Historic Preservation Commission as a full member to serve out an unexpired term, expiring on December 31, 2020. Unanimous, 7-0.**

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*\*Corrected 06/17/2019*

- e. **Election results for the RSU 22 Budget Validation Referendum – The Town Clerk reported that the election saw a lower voter turnout; 223 out of 5,837 active voters which represents 3% of the voters.**

**4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None**

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. **Request for authorization for the expenditure of \$389.95 from Recreation Conservation Reserve account (3-769-00) for purchase of new Outdoor Facility Ordinance signs at six park and recreation locations – referral from *Finance & Administration Committee* – Councilor Wright made a motion, seconded by Councilor Marble, to authorize the expenditure of \$389.95 from Recreation Conservation Reserve to purchase new signs for six park and recreation locations. Unanimous, 7-0.**

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- b. **Request for authorization for the expenditure of up to \$2,800 from Recreation Conservation Reserve account (3-769-00) for reimbursement to the Hampden Children’s Day Committee for purchase of 2019 event insurance coverage and a contribution toward the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary/225<sup>th</sup> Town Anniversary fireworks display - referral from *Finance & Administration Committee* – Councilor Wright made a motion, seconded by Councilor Marble, to authorize the expenditure of up to \$2,800 from Recreation Conservation Reserve for reimbursement to the Hampden Children’s**

*Day Committee for 2019 event insurance coverage and a contribution toward the fireworks display. Unanimous, 7-0.*

*Resolution 2019-94*

- c. **Authorization for the Town Manager to execute a Contractual Agreement with the City of Bangor for the provision of fixed route transit services to the Town – requested by Manager Chandler** – *Councilor Marble made a motion, seconded by Councilor Jarvi to authorize the Town Manager to execute a Contractual Agreement with the City of Bangor for the provision of fixed route transit services to the Town. Councilors Jarvi, Wright, Marble, Wilde, Ryder and Mayor McPike voted in favor. Councilor McAvoy voted in opposition. Motion carries, 6-1.*

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- d. **Approval of a request for a renewal liquor license for McLaughlin’s-at-the-Marina** – *Councilor Ryder made a motion, seconded by Councilor McAvoy to approve the renewal liquor license for McLaughlin’s-at-the-Marina. Unanimous, 7-0.*

*Resolution 2019-96*

**E. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

*Planning & Development – Councilor Jarvi reported on the appointments acted on tonight. Reported that at last meeting, Committee members discussed HR673 on the request of citizens and tabled such due to the length of the proposed legislation, members discussed two properties on MRN and also the Pinetree Landfill post closure monitoring.*

*Services – Councilor Marble reported that at the June 10<sup>th</sup> meeting, Board and Committee members of the town had been invited for input on the core values. The largest concern was for maximizing transparency in that all debate is handled at Committee level and outside of the public eye. Members recognized Eagle Scout Levi Husson’s efforts in the work he accomplished on the Bocchi ball court. Members also had a presentation on Children’s Day and started an on-going discussion on the Kiwanis building.*

**F. MANAGER’S REPORT – Attached, Exhibit A.**

**G. COUNCILORS’ COMMENTS**

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

*Councilor Jarvi – Stated that throughout the budget process he has learned four things that Council can never get back and that’s the stone after its thrown, the word after its said, the occasion after its missed and the time after its gone. He wished Hampden a*

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*good night.*

*Councilor Wright – Commended staff, the Manager and Council on the incredible number of hours and hard work put in on the budget process and although not everything was agreed upon, there was a surprising amount of compromise and common ground. She stated that it is somewhat of a victory in today’s political climate.*

*Councilor Marble – Stated he was struck recently at a Committee meeting how citizens, including high school students were treated. He respects the fact that we are often ardent about our own beliefs, but we still need to have respect and tolerance for differences of opinions. He stated that he caught a report on the resurgence of Bucksport, whose Town Manager is our former Manager. She cited that the most important thing making it successful is a respectful Council. Councilor Marble stated that he would like to see more involvement by citizens, more than 3% turn out on a vote and he would like to hear more from constituents as that is the only way to truly know what the people want as opposed to a personal belief.*

*Councilor Wilde – No comment*

*Councilor Ryder – No comment*

*Mayor McPike – No comment*

- H. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Personnel Matters - Pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405 (6)(A) –**  
*Mayor McPike made a motion pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405 6 A, to enter executive session, seconded by Councilor Jarvi. There was a roll call vote with all Councilors voting in the affirmative. Unanimous, 7-0*

*Resolution 2019-97*

- I. ADJOURNMENT –** *With no further business, the meeting adjourned at the conclusion of the executive session.*

*Respectfully Submitted,*



*Paula A. Scott, CCM  
Town Clerk*