



HAMPDEN TOWN COUNCIL
HAMPDEN MUNICIPAL BUILDING
MINUTES

TUESDAY

SEPTEMBER 3, 2019

7:00 P.M.

Attending:

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

*Interim Town Manager Paula Scott
Deputy Clerk Jenn Mahon*

Absent:

Councilor Jarvi

- A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – *Mayor McPike called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance*
- B. CONSENT AGENDA – *Councilor McAvoy asked a procedural question. Councilor Marble made a motion, seconded by Councilor Wilde, to approve the consent agenda. Unanimous, 6-0.*

Resolution 2019-143

1. SIGNATURES

2. SECRETARY'S REPORTS

- a. August 5, 2019 meeting minutes – corrected
- b. August 19, 2019 meeting minutes

3. COMMUNICATIONS

- a. Notification of an MMA Safety Enhancement grant reimbursement to the Edythe Dyer Library in the amount of \$2,000
- b. Notice of potential quorum of Councilors on September 3rd at a tour at tour at the Fiberright facility

4. REPORTS

- a. Finance & Administration Committee Minutes – 8/5/2019
- b. Infrastructure Committee Minutes – 07/29/2019
- c. Planning & Development Committee Minutes – 07/17/2019
- d. Services Committee Minutes - None

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

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C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

D. POLICY AGENDA

1. NEWS, PRESENTATIONS & AWARDS

2. PUBLIC HEARINGS

3. NOMINATIONS – APPOINTMENTS – ELECTIONS

a. Appointment of Sharon Kobritz to the Edythe Dyer Library Board of Directors – *referral from Services Committee – Councilor Marble made a motion, seconded by Councilor Ryder, to appoint Sharon Kobritz to the Edythe Dyer Library Board of Directors. Unanimous, 6-0.*

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4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. Council approval of a renewal liquor license for White House Motel – *Councilor McAvoy made a motion, seconded by Councilor Wright, to approve the renewal liquor license for White House Motel. Unanimous, 6-0.*

Resolution 2019-145

b. Request for authorization for the Interim Town Manager to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Plymouth Engineering for final engineering services for the permitted portion of the Western Avenue Stormwater & Parking Project – *referral from Finance & Administration – Councilor Wright made a motion, seconded by Councilor Marble, to authorize Interim Manager to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Plymouth Engineering for final engineering services for the permitted portion of the Western Avenue Stormwater and Parking Project. Unanimous, 6-0.*

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- c. Council award of the salt bid to New England Salt for \$46.24 per ton – *referral from Finance & Administration Committee – Councilor Wright made a motion, seconded by Councilor Marble, to award the salt bid to New England Salt for \$46.24 per ton. Unanimous, 6-0.*

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- d. Council award of the modification to the paving bid to Wellman Paving for the 12.5mm surface mix – *referral from Finance & Administration Committee – Councilor Wright made a motion, seconded by Councilor Ryder, to award the bid modification to Wellman Paving to complete portions of the paving. Unanimous, 6-0.*

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- e. Request referral to public hearing a Fees Ordinance amendment to increase Sewer rates to \$12.00 per cu. ft. – *pursuant to Sewer rate public hearing held May 20th, 2019 – Councilor Wright made a motion, seconded by Councilor Ryder to refer to public hearing. Unanimous, 6-0.*

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- f. Request referral to public hearing a Fees Ordinance amendment to increase the Sewer minimum fee to \$36.00 - *pursuant to Sewer rate public hearing held May 20th, 2019 – Councilor Wright made a motion, seconded by Councilor Ryder, to refer to public hearing. Unanimous, 6-0.*

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- g. Setting the mil rate for 2020 real estate taxes – *recommended by Kelly Karter, Tax Assessor – Mil rate was set at 20.4. No action.*
- h. Legal opinion regarding Council rules sub-committee notice violation – *requested by Councilor McAvoy – No action. Councilor McAvoy's statement attached, Exhibit A.*

E. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilor Marble reported on the last Services Meeting. Discussed the Kiwanis building, stormwater project, dredging the Penobscot, and the post office building.

Councilor Ryder reported on the last Infrastructure Meeting. Discussed paving, the water line project and fees

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- F. MANAGER'S REPORT – *Attached, Exhibit B.*
- G. COUNCILORS' COMMENTS
Councilor McAvoy – Wished everyone a good night and reminded people to shop local and buy American.
Councilor Wright – Informed everyone there is a flag retirement ceremony on September 11th at the soldier's monument at 6:30 p.m.
- H. ADJOURNMENT – *The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.*

Respectfully Submitted,



Jenn Mahon, Deputy Clerk