



HAMPDEN TOWN COUNCIL
HAMPDEN MUNICIPAL BUILDING
MINUTES

MONDAY

AUGUST 5, 2019

7:00 P.M.

Attending:

Mayor McPike

Councilor Wilde

Councilor Marble

Councilor Wright

Interim Town Manager Paula Scott

Councilor Jarvi

Councilor McAvoy

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 Marble motioned to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Councilor Jarvi. Unanimous 6-0

Resolution 2019-115

1. SIGNATURES

2. SECRETARY'S REPORTS

- a. July 15, 2019 meeting minutes

3. COMMUNICATIONS

- a. Victualer's licenses – Circle K, McLaughlin's at the Marina

4. REPORTS

- a. Finance & Administration Committee Minutes – None
- b. Infrastructure Committee Minutes – 4/22/2019
- c. Planning & Development Committee Minutes – None
- d. Services Committee Minutes - None

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

D. POLICY AGENDA

1. NEWS, PRESENTATIONS & AWARDS

2. PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

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- a. Approval of a new Victualer’s license for Pizza Gourmet. Councilor Marble moved to open the Public Hearing, Councilor Jarvi seconded. No public or council comments. Unanimous 6 – 0

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Council Marble moved to close Public Hearing, Councilor Wright seconded. Unanimous 6 - 0

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Councilor Marble moved to approve new Victualer’s license for Pizza gourmet, councilor Wright Seconded. Unanimous 6 - 0

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- b. Approval of a new Liquor License for Pizza Gourmet. Councilor Marble moved to open Public Hearing, Councilor Wright seconded. Unanimous 6 – 0.

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Councilor Marble moved to close Public Hearing, Councilor Wright seconded. No public or council comments. Unanimous 6 – 0.

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Councilor Marble moved to approve a new Liquor License for Pizza Gourmet, councilor Wright seconded. (Councilor Jarvi expressed confusion on making a new business motion under Public Hearing. He stated” that for future consideration when we come out of Public Hearing the next item will become New Business.” Mayor McPike stated that is the way it has always been done. Councilor McAvoy said that if we followed a procedure we would have to go through the motion process.) Councilor **Wilde** agreed and added that we may have to put it into another meeting for consideration. Councilor McAvoy pointed out that he did understand Councilor Jarvi’s confusion on this matter. Interim Town Manager Paula Scott advised that Victualer’s license is covered under ordinance and Liquor License is covered under Statute, and that Towns were given the option to handle these for a new applicant under a Public Hearing process and it does speak to that in our ordinances which is reflective of statute. Mayor McPike took a vote. Unanimous 6 – 0.

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2. NOMINATIONS – APPOINTMENTS – ELECTIONS

- a. Council vote, or designation for Vice President and Executive Committee members for the annual MMA election. Mayor McPike recused himself for this item, and appointed Councilor Marble as Mayor who turned this part of the meeting over to Interim Town Manager Paula Scott. She stated there are three positions open for the executive committee, all are unopposed. Mayor McPike has been nominated and accepted to be on the committee as a replacement member. This vote will allow the Town of Hampden to put forth our vote on these committee members and the Vice President of the MMA. The council has the pleasure of voting whether they would like to vote as a block, as one member or have the Town Manager vote on the council's behalf. Councilor McAvoy mentioned that in the past it has been the Town manager. Councilor Wright motioned for the Town manager to vote for the MMA slate, councilor McAvoy seconded. Unanimous 6 – 0

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- b. Appointment of Richard Tinsman to the Planning Board as a full member – *referral from Planning & Development Committee. Councilor Jarvi motioned for appointment of Richard Tinsman to the Planning Board as full member, Councilor McAvoy seconded. Mayor McPike commended citizens for serving their community. Unanimous 6 - 0*

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3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

4. NEW BUSINESS

Councilor Jarvi moved to suspend Council rules for consideration of New Business to address item "D. 5. m." out of order. Councilor Marble seconded. Unanimous 6 - 0

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Please see minutes for this item in its original place and note that it was moved out of order.

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- a. Council approval to engage the firm of James W. Wadman, C.P.A., for audit services for fiscal year FY19 – *referral from Finance & Administration Committee. Councilor Wright motioned approval of James W. Wadman, C.P.A. for audit services, seconded by Councilor McAvoy. Unanimous 6-0*

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- b. Council award of the paving bid to Hopkins Construction– *referral from Finance & Administration Committee. Councilor Wright motioned to award bid to Hopkins Construction, Councilor McAvoy seconded. Unanimous 6 -0*

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- c. Request for authorization for the expenditure of \$20,000 from Paving Reserve Account (3-761-00) for the purpose of paving sidewalks and ADA ramps at the Town office – *referral from Finance & Administration Committee. Councilor Wright motioned expenditure not to exceed \$20,000 from the Paving Reserve Account (3-761-00) for paving sidewalks and ADA ramps at the Town office, Councilor Jarvi seconded. Unanimous 6 -0*

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- d. Request for authorization for the expenditure of \$20,000 from Paving Reserve Account (3-761-00) for the purpose of additional funds for paving roads to supplement operating expense funding shortfall – *referral from Finance & Administration Committee. Councilor Wright motioned for the expenditure not to exceed \$20,000 from Paving Reserve Account (3-761-00) for the purpose of additional funds for paving roads to supplement operating expenses, seconded by Councilor McAvoy. Unanimous 6 – 0*

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- e. Request for authorization for the expenditure of \$25,450 from Paving Reserve Account (3-761-00) for the emergency bank stabilization and repair of Laskey Lane, funds to be reimbursed by Environmental Trust – *referral from Finance & Administration Committee. Councilor Wright motioned for the expenditure of \$25,450 from paving Reserve Account (3-761-00) for the emergency bank stabilization and repair of Laskey Lane to be reimbursed by the Environmental Trust, seconded Councilor McAvoy. Unanimous 6-0*

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- f. Request for authorization for the expenditure of \$8,417 from Paving Reserve Account (3-761-00) for repair of on-going groundwater and storm drain issues on Coldbrook Road, to be reimbursed by Environmental Trust – *referral from Finance & Administration Committee. Councilor Wright motioned for the expenditure not to exceed \$8,417 from Paving Reserve Account (3-761-00) for repair of on-going groundwater and storm drain issues on Coldbrook Road to be reimbursed by Environmental Trust, seconded by Councilor McAvoy. Unanimous 6 – 0*

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- g. Request for authorization for the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$2,000 from Library Reserve Account (3-763-00) for the purpose of paving the sidewalk at the Edythe Dyer Library – *referral from Finance & Administration. Councilor Wright motioned to approve the expenditure not to exceed \$2,000 from the Library Reserve Account (3-763-00) to pave the sidewalk at Edythe Dyer Library, Councilor McAvoy seconded. Unanimous 6 – 0*

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- h. Request for authorization for the expenditure of \$21,380.36 from the Environmental Trust, Income for the purpose of reimbursement of eligible stormwater management expenses to close out FY19 – *referral from Finance & Administration Committee. Councilor Wright motioned to approve the expenditure not to exceed \$21,380.36 from the Environmental Trust for the purpose of reimbursement of eligible stormwater management expenses to close out FY 19, seconded by Councilor Marble. Unanimous 6 – 0*

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- i. Request for an abatement in the amount of \$65.14 for uncollectible taxes, interest and penalties on a demolished mobile home – *referral from Finance & Administration Committee. Councilor Wright motioned to approve an abatement not to exceed \$65.14 for uncollectible taxes, interest and penalties on a demolished mobile home, Councilor Marble seconded. Unanimous 6-0*

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- j. Council Order 2019-06 Authorizing the Establishment of a Tax Club for 2020 Taxes – *referral from Finance & Administration Committee. Councilor Wright motioned to authorize Order 2019-06 establishment of a Tax Club, Councilor Marble seconded. Mayor McPike asked Interim Town Manager Paula Scott to explain the definition of the Tax Club. Her response was that the Tax Club is historically designed so that residents can make monthly payments on their taxes without interest once the due date has gone by. Councilor McAvoy questioned the circumstance of a resident not participating in this program and making payments, "would there be an interested charge for them?" Interim Town Manager responded that unless a resident does sign up for this program, they are charged interest. Councilor Wright commented that the interest rate is \$.13 a day. Councilor Marble motioned to approve authorizing the establishment of a Tax Club for the 2020 Taxes, seconded by Councilor Jarvi. Unanimous 6 – 0*

(Statements by Councilors Jarvi and McAvoy attached as Exhibits.)

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- k. Acceptance of Ammo Park sewer – *referral from Infrastructure Committee. Mayor McPike turned this over to Interim Town Manager Paula Scott who stated this was discussed at the July 29, 2019 Infrastructure Meeting. All of the inspections have been performed and passed. Public Work Director Sean Currier has given his approval to move forward. The easement has been prepared and the Town's attorney is waiting for approval from the Council before he files it at the registry. Councilor Wright motioned for approval, Councilor Marble seconded. Unanimous 6 – 0.*

Resolution 2019-136

Councilor Jarvi requested a reopening and reconsideration of discussion of the Acceptance of Ammo Park making mention of Public Works Director Sean Currier asking for "conditional acceptance". Councilor Jarvi questioned how they can make a motion of "acceptance of Ammo Park", when Sean Currier's request for "conditional acceptance". Interim Town Manager stated that the only condition to be solidified was for the easement procurement, and that has been completed, so she would think that the original motion would stand. Councilor McAvoy stated that he believes they have to vote

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again on the reconsideration to open the discussion. Interim Town Manager Paula Scott, in looking at her notes stated that we can continue with the vote on the opening of discussion for reconsideration on the original vote of Acceptance of Ammo Park, or we can just vote again on the Acceptance of Ammo Park “either way”. Councilor Jarvi stated that they would revote on the original motion. Mayor McPike stated there does not to be a new motion on the original vote and asked all in favor. Vote stood as originally voted. Unanimous 6 -0

Resolution 2019-137

- I. *Acceptance of Webb Drive – referral from Infrastructure Committee. Mayor McPike handed this over to Interim Town Manager Paula Scott who stated that this was addressed at the July 29, 2019 Infrastructure Meeting and that the road is complete, testing has been signed off by Woodard and Curran, Public Works Director Sean Currier has inspected, and everything is up to standard for road acceptance. The only piece that is remaining is for our preparation of the Deed once the Council has accepted it. Councilor Marble made a motion, seconded by Councilor McAvoy, to accept Webb Drive. Unanimous 6-0.*

Resolution 2019-138

- m. *Request for Council endorsement of HR 763, An Act to Create a Carbon Dividend Trust Fund – requested by Councilor Jarvi. Council began to read an unannounced document. Mayor McPike asked if members of the public had any comments. Chloe Lawrence of 82 Meadow Rd. in Hampden read her concerns for the environment, and her opinions on the subject. Mayor McPike instructs Councilor Jarvi to read his original document, but not all of it. Councilor Jarvi made a motion, Councilor Marble seconded to endorse HR 763, An Act to Create a Carbon Dividend Trust Fund. Mayor McPike asked for a role call vote. Councilor McAvoy – no, Councilor Jarvi – yes, Councilor Wright – yes, Councilor Marble – yes, Councilor Wilde – No, Mayor McPike – yes. Motion carries, 5-2.*

Resolution 2019-125 (taken out of order)

E. COMMITTEE REPORTS

F. MANAGER'S REPORT – (Attached)

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- G. COUNCILORS' COMMENTS – Councilor McAvoy made a reminder of Children's Day, enjoyment of the beautiful weather, and a reminder to shop locally and buy American.
- H. ADJOURNMENT – With no further business, the meeting adjourned at the conclusion of the executive session.

Respectfully Submitted

Nikole Jensen
Recording Clerk

Corrected 08/26/2019, pas