



HAMPDEN TOWN COUNCIL
HAMPDEN MUNICIPAL BUILDING
MINUTES

MONDAY

JULY 6, 2015

7:00 P.M.

Attending:

*Mayor David Ryder
Councilor Bill Shakespeare
Councilor Terry McAvoy
Councilor Dennis Marble
Councilor Carol Duprey
Councilor Stephen Wilde*

*Town Attorney Tom Russell
Town Manager Susan Lessard
Town Clerk Denise Hodsdon
Citizens*

Mayor Ryder called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm.

- A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – *Mayor Ryder led the Pledge of Allegiance*
- B. CONSENT AGENDA** – *Motion by Councilor McAvoy, seconded by Councilor Marble to accept the Consent Agenda. Unanimous vote in favor.*

1. SIGNATURES

2. SECRETARY'S REPORTS

- a. June 15, 2015 Minutes**

3. COMMUNICATIONS

- a. Victualers License Renewal – Circle K Store #7057**
b. Victualers License Renewal – Nealley's Corner Store
c. MRC/Fiberight – Public Notice of Intent to File

4. REPORTS

- a. Infrastructure Committee Minutes – 5/26/2015**

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jeremy Jones of the Partridge Road said following the Council's public hearing regarding Saturday Bus service, he started checking out some the stories and reasons different people had as to why they needed Saturday Bus service. He said he also emailed Bus Supt. Laurie Linscott inquiring whether they would have 1) a Bangor South run containing the current Hampden bus route, the bulk of which being rightly funded by the City of Bangor with Hampden riders contributing only their fairs; 2) will you have Hampden subsidize only that portion of the bus run within the Town of Hampden; 3) will you have Hampden subsidize only those riders that board in Hampden; and 4) will you have only 4 runs to Hampden on Saturday as stated in 1, 2, and 3 above. He has not yet received a response to that email.

Mr. Jones noted that one citizen had suggested the number of runs be reduced to 4 to cut the budget in half, but there are currently 12 runs so the budget amount would be reduced to one-third. One Bangor resident stated he uses Saturday Bus to get to his boat at Hamlin's Marina and Mr. Jones noted that the cost of a mooring or slip at the marina is between \$600 and \$1600 for a luxury. The same gentleman stated that the average cost of a parking space is between \$5000 and \$6000 and the cost of keeping the Saturday Bus service would be equal to 4½ parking spaces. Mr. Jones noted that there is no shortage of parking spaces at Hannaford's or Shaw's and the Bangor parking garage is open free of charge on Saturday from 6am to 6pm. Another Hampden resident needed Saturday Bus service because she ran out of her prescription medication on Saturday. Mr. Jones wondered what she would do if her medications ran out on Sunday? He said most people know their meds and have a little reserve. He talked to five different pharmacists who all stated that any prescription can be filled 3 to 4 days prior to running out. He said this has nothing to do the Bus; it is personal responsibility; and any family member or friend can pick up medications for someone else. Mr. Jones said he will continue to look into the other reasons people gave for needing Saturday Bus service.

D. POLICY AGENDA

1. NEWS, PRESENTATIONS & AWARDS - None

2. PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

3. NOMINATIONS – APPOINTMENTS – ELECTIONS - None

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Police Department Contract – Finance Committee

Recommendation - Mayor Ryder reported that the Finance Committee recommends approval of the contract. Motion by Councilor Wilde, seconded by Councilor McAvoy to approve the Police Department Contract. Unanimous vote in favor.

b. Manhole Replacements – Old County Road/Route 1A Pipe bursting Project – Infrastructure Committee Recommendation –

Councilor Marble explained that this request is to replace the old brick manholes at each end of the pipe bursting project across Route 1A. The additional cost would be \$9,700, with the funds to come from Sewer Reserve and the Infrastructure Committee is recommending approval. Motion by Councilor Marble, seconded by Councilor Wilde to authorize the Public Works Director to proceed with the manhole replacement at a cost of \$9,700, to be paid from Sewer reserve. Unanimous vote in favor.

c. Ambulance Bid Results – Finance Committee Recommendation –

Mayor Ryder reported that the Finance Committee reviewed the ambulance bids with Fire Department personnel, who recommended purchase of the 2015 PL Custom Ford E450 from Sugarloaf Rescue

Vehicles, including 2 monitors and a stretcher for \$227,159.00. It was the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve that purchase. Motion by Councilor Wilde, seconded by Councilor Marble to authorize the Fire Department to purchase the 2015 PL Custom E450 ambulance, including 2 monitors and a stretcher from Sugarloaf Rescue Vehicles at a cost of \$227,159.00 to be funded from the Ambulance Reserve account. Unanimous vote in favor.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Wheelden Heights Block Party Road Closure Permission – Finance Committee Recommendation** – *Motion by Councilor Shakespeare, seconded by Councilor Marble to approve the Wheelden Heights Block Party road closure from 3:00 to 9:00 pm on July 19th. Unanimous vote in favor.*
- b. Personal Property Tax Abatement Request – Hughes Bros.** – *This item was postponed to a later date.*

E. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Services Committee will meet on Monday, July 13th.

Infrastructure Committee – Councilor Marble reported that the committee met on June 22nd and discussed additional parking for the municipal building and pool, expansion of the parking area at the Kiwanis Hall, and a proposal from BACTS to treat the final 1.73 miles of the Route 1A project as one project instead of several small ones, with an estimated Town share of \$465,000 in 2018/2019. The Town Manager suggested putting it out to referendum in November 2016 to gain approval for borrowing of the funds. The committee also reviewed information received from the State bridge inspection program about the deteriorated condition of the Manning Mill and Sawyer Road bridges. The State has no funding to assist with replacing the bridges and the Town Manager noted that the cost of these repairs could be combined with the referendum proposal for the Route 1A project.

Planning & Development Committee – Councilor Shakespeare reported that the committee met on July 1st and discussed the codification portfolio, downtown development plan, municipal marina signage, and reviewed proposed amendments to the Subdivision Ordinance and Sign Standards of the Zoning Ordinance.

Finance Committee – Mayor Ryder reported that in addition to items already discussed, the committee also voted to send out a Request for Qualifications for a new Town Attorney.

- F. MANAGER'S REPORT** – *A copy of the Manager's Report is attached and made a part of the minutes.*

G. COUNCILORS' COMMENTS

Councilor Shakespeare thanked Jeremy Jones for his comments and reminded everyone that there will be a public hearing regarding Saturday Bus service at 4:00 pm on July 15th in Bangor.

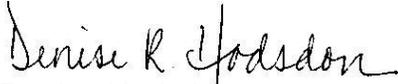
Councilor McAvoy reminded everyone to have fun, but be safe with fireworks, and to buy local and shop American.

Town Council Meeting

July 6, 2015

Mayor Ryder noted that the Council would be interviewing the two finalists for the Town Manager position and there is some important business going on in Town. He said the Council makes decisions that it thinks are best for the Town, but he's sure there a lot of people who have a viewpoint. He encouraged feedback from anyone who wants to share their opinions and views with the Council so we have an accurate idea of what the residents really like.

H. ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.



Denise Hodsdon
Town Clerk

MANAGER'S REPORT
July 6, 2015

Candidate Public Meetings – A reminder to all that there are public meetings with the two finalists for the Town Manager position on Tuesday, July 7th and Wednesday July 8th from 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. On July 7th Candidate Angus Jennings and his wife will be here and on July 8th Candidate Ryan Pelletier will be here. This is a great opportunity for residents to meet the candidates and learn a bit more about them.

Health Plan Meeting – A meeting is scheduled for employees with the representatives of Med-A-Vision and Maine Municipal Association to talk about the new health plan and how it would work on Thursday afternoon.

Schedule – My schedule this week was today as well as tomorrow afternoon and a few hours each on Wednesday and Thursday for meetings. Unless I clear it with the Council I will keep my hours to 20 hours most weeks and not exceed 25 hours without council permission.

30 day Notices – 30 day notices for unpaid 2014/15 property taxes will be mailed out on July 20, 2015. Tax liens will be placed on properties whose 2014/15 taxes remain unpaid by August 19th.

Nomination Papers – Nomination papers will be available for three at-large Council seats, several school board openings and for a trustee for the Water District as of Wednesday, August 5th! All those interested in helping the community through service on one of these Boards should see Denise Hodsdon, the Town Clerk, to take out nomination papers starting August 5th.