



HAMPDEN TOWN COUNCIL  
HAMPDEN MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
MINUTES

MONDAY

DECEMBER 21, 2015

7:00 P.M.

*Attending:*

*Mayor David Ryder*

*Deputy Mayor Bill Shakespeare*

*Councilor Terry McAvoy*

*Councilor Dennis Marble*

*Councilor Stephen Wilde*

*Councilor Greg Sirois*

*Town Manager Angus Jennings*

*Town Clerk Denise Hodsdon*

*Councilor-Elect Ivan McPike*

*Citizens*

*Deputy Mayor Shakespeare opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.*

**A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – *Deputy Mayor Shakespeare 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. December 7, 2015 Meeting Minutes**

**3. COMMUNICATIONS**

**a. Pat's Pizza – Victualer's License Renewal**

**4. REPORTS**

**a. Finance Committee Minutes – 11/16/2015**

**b. Services Committee Minutes – 11/9/2015**

**C. PUBLIC COMMENTS** - *None*

**D. POLICY AGENDA**

**1. NEWS, PRESENTATIONS & AWARDS**

**a. Councilor William Shakespeare – Thank You** – *This item was moved to the end of the meeting.*

## 2. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a. **Proposed Zoning Ordinance Map amendment to Map 9A/Lot 1 at corner of Emerson Drive and Coldbrook Road from Residential A District to Business District** – *Community & Economic Development Director Dean Bennett explained that the purpose of the zoning map amendment is to allow the owner to add an additional dwelling unit. After its public hearing, the Planning Board returned an “ought to pass” recommendation. Deputy Mayor Shakespeare opened the hearing and no one spoke in favor or opposition and there were no general questions or comments. The hearing was closed. Motion by Councilor Marble, seconded by Councilor Sirois to adopt the proposed Zoning Map amendment to Map 9A, Lot 1 at the corner of Emerson Drive and Coldbrook Road from Residential A District to Business District. Unanimous vote in favor.*

## 3. NOMINATIONS – APPOINTMENTS – ELECTIONS

- a. **Francis Pergolizzi – Application for Appointment to Recreation Committee – Services Committee Recommendation** – *Motion by Councilor McAvoy, seconded by Councilor Marble to appoint Francis Pergolizzi to the Recreation Committee. Unanimous vote in favor.*
- b. **Stephanie Shayne – Application for Reappointment to Recreation Committee – Services Committee Recommendation** – *Motion by Councilor McAvoy, seconded by Councilor Marble to reappoint Stephanie Shayne to the Recreation Committee. Unanimous vote in favor.*
- c. **Anthony Mourkas – Application for Reappointment to Library Board of Trustees – Services Committee Recommendation** – *Motion by Councilor McAvoy, seconded by Councilor Marble to reappoint Anthony Mourkas to the Library Board of Trustees. Unanimous vote in favor.*
- d. **Cheri Condon - Application for Reappointment to Library Board of Trustees – Services Committee Recommendation** – *Motion by Councilor McAvoy, seconded by Councilor Marble to reappoint Cheri Condon to the Library Board of Trustees. Unanimous vote in favor.*
- e. **Patrick Foley - Application for Reappointment to Pool Board of Trustees – Services Committee Recommendation** – *Motion by Councilor McAvoy, seconded by Councilor Marble to reappoint Patrick Foley to the Pool Board of Trustees. Unanimous vote in favor.*
- f. **Gerry Ouellette – Application for Reappointment to Personnel Appeals Board – Finance Committee Recommendation** – *Motion by Mayor Ryder, seconded by Councilor Wilde to reappoint Gerry Ouellette to the Personnel Appeals Board. Unanimous vote in favor.*

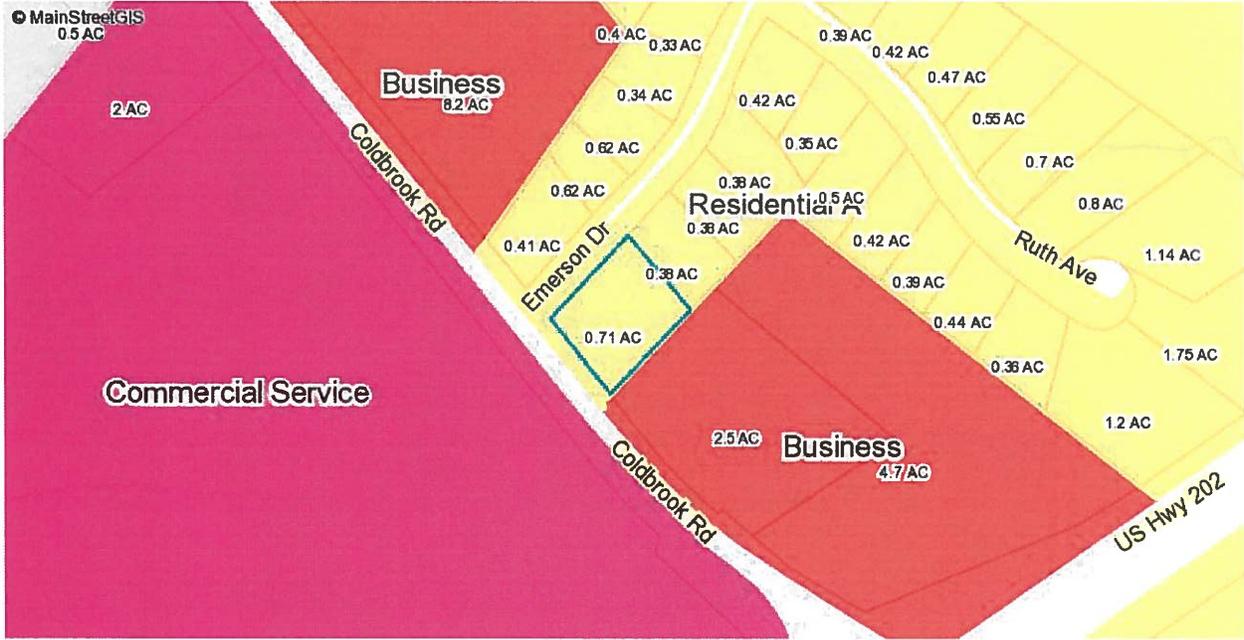
## 4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Proposed Zone Change:

The Town of Hampden Planning Board conducted a Public Hearing at 7:00pm, November 18, 2015, in the Town Council Chambers of the Town Office on the following application:

Dennis and Debbie Melvin have requested approval of a zone change on property located at Map 9A, Lot 1 at the corner of Emerson Drive and the Coldbrook Road. The zone change if granted, would rezone the property from Residential A District to Business District.

Planning Board has approved the zone change with "Ought to Pass" recommendation to Town Council pending legal review.



If you have any questions, please call Dean Bennett, Community Development Director, at 862-3034.

*Adopted by Town Council 12/21/2015*

- a. **Revised Order re Fundraising at the Transfer Station** – *At the last meeting, the Council had considered a proposed policy regarding fundraising activities at the transfer station. After discussion, the Council voted to amend the policy to limit activities within and around the transfer station to only those related to the disposal of waste. Manager Jennings prepared a revised policy for the Council's approval and signature. Motion by Councilor Marble, seconded by Councilor Sirois to adopt the revised order. Unanimous vote in favor.*
- b. **Update on Proposed MRC Legal Agreements and Discussion of proposed Solid Waste Agreement from PERC** – *Manager Jennings noted that this was just an informational update and no Council action was required. The Town has received updated draft legal agreements from the MRC Board and additional materials that were distributed at the MRC annual meeting last week. Proposed solid waste agreements have also been received from PERC. The independent legal review is now under way with anticipated completion by early to mid-January. Councilor Marble noted that PERC has announced that it is forming a new company. He wonders where we are headed and feels it could be divisive and resistant by those who have a vested interest in the PERC facility. He appreciated that Manager Jennings is keeping everyone informed and monitoring this. Councilor McAvoy asked that the proposed PERC agreement be included on the agenda for discussion at next week's Infrastructure Committee meeting.*

## 5. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Proposed Amendments to Subdivision Ordinance to Provide for Construction of Private Roads – Planning & Development Committee Recommendation to Refer to Planning Board** – *Motion by Deputy Mayor Shakespeare, seconded by Councilor Wilde to refer this item to the Planning Board. Unanimous vote in favor.*
- b. **Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment – Section 7.2 Building Height Definition – Introduction for Public Hearing** – *Deputy Mayor Shakespeare introduced this item for public hearing at the January 19, 2016 meeting.*
- c. **Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment – Section 4.10 Home Occupation Permits – Town Attorney Opinion – Referral back to Planning & Development Committee** – *Based on the Town Attorney's opinion, Councilor Shakespeare moved and Mayor Ryder seconded to send this item back to the Planning & Development Committee. Unanimous vote in favor.*
- d. **Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment – Section 4.8 Signs – Introduction for Public Hearing** – *Deputy Mayor Shakespeare introduced this item for public hearing at the January 4, 2016 meeting.*

**TOWN OF HAMPDEN**  
IN THE TOWN COUNCIL

Order 2015-03

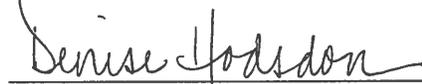
Adoption: December 7, 2015

**ORDER ESTABLISHING LIMITATIONS ON UNRELATED ACTIVITIES  
AT THE TOWN TRANSFER STATION**

**ORDERED**, that, in order to minimize potential danger or inconvenience associated with internal traffic circulation, activities not related to disposal of waste, recycling, yard waste and construction debris, and/or access to the "swap shop," shall not be permitted within or around the Town of Hampden Transfer Station.

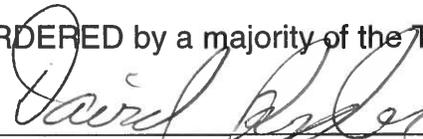
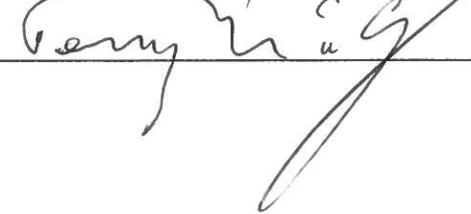
This Order shall remain in effect until rescinded by the Town Council.

Town Clerk:



Denise Hodsdon

ORDERED by a majority of the Town Council:

- e. **Kiwanis Poker Tournament License Renewal** – *Motion by Councilor Sirois, seconded by Councilor Wilde to approve the Kiwanis poker tournament license renewal application. Unanimous vote in favor.*

**E. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Services Committee** – *Services Committee Chair McAvoy reported that the Committee met on December 14<sup>th</sup> and discussed the fiscal reality of ongoing operations at the Skehan Center.*

**Infrastructure Committee** – *The Committee has not met since the last Council meeting. The next meeting will be at 6:00 pm on Monday December 28<sup>th</sup>.*

**Planning & Development Committee** – *Committee Chair Shakespeare reported that the Committee met on December 16<sup>th</sup> and continued discussion of the marina sign and heard concerns from Hampden resident Ron Hidu regarding the distressed condition of several properties within the Town. Mr. Hidu appealed to the Committee to begin establishing reasonable measures to prevent properties from declining into a diminished condition.*

**Finance & Administration Committee** – *Mayor Ryder reported that the Committee met earlier and recommended a reappointment to the Personnel Appeals Board.*

**F. MANAGER'S REPORT - None**

**G. COUNCILORS' COMMENTS**

**Councilor McAvoy** *hoped that everyone is enjoying the snowless winter we've had so far. He also reminded everyone to shop local and buy American.*

**Councilor Marble** *reminded everyone that at 9:00 am on the third Saturday of every month he holds a Hot Stove session at the Library. These are informal and provide a chance to talk about Town business. He wished all residents a Merry Christmas in the spirit of understanding that we all have religious values that are near and dear to us and all the different holidays mean a lot to everybody.*

**Councilor Wilde** *commented that it was hard to believe the new Councilors have a whole year under our belt. He wished everybody Happy Holidays and Merry Christmas.*

**Councilor Sirois** *recognized Councilor Shakespeare for his service on the Council. He said they may not have agreed on all topics, but they agreed more often than not and he appreciated that Councilor Shakespeare was always willing to listen and that his heart was always in doing what is right for the residents and making sure the Town moves forward. He hoped everyone enjoys the Holiday season and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.*

**Mayor Ryder** *thanked everyone for the opportunity to be a Councilor for another year. He said the Council has accomplished a lot this year and has made great strides in working with businesses and landowners to improve the Town. He looks forward to next year, noting that there are a lot of difficult things ahead. He wished everyone Happy Holidays and hoped they get to spend time with their families.*

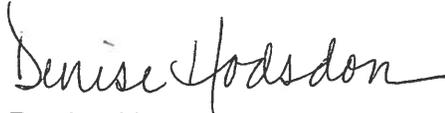
**Deputy Mayor Shakespeare** *commented that this is his last meeting. He ran for Council in order to make a difference for every citizen, not just one specific group. He noted several of the Council's accomplishments during his term, some of which require hard decisions that aren't always popular. He thanked his fellow Councilors and Town Staff, the many citizens who volunteer their time for the betterment of the Town, and*

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*the citizens for giving him the opportunity to serve. He said he will stay informed and may run again in the future. He wished everyone a Happy Holiday, both Christmas and New Year's. He especially thanked his wife Rachel for her encouragement and support while he served on the Council.*

*Mayor Ryder presented Deputy Mayor Shakespeare with a plaque in appreciation of his service as Councilor from 2013 to 2015 and as Deputy Mayor in 2015.*

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



Denise Hodsdon  
Town Clerk