



HAMPDEN TOWN COUNCIL
HAMPDEN MUNICIPAL BUILDING
MINUTES

MONDAY

OCTOBER 21, 2013

7:00 P.M.

Attending:

Mayor Janet Hughes

Councilor Tom Brann

Councilor David Ryder

Councilor Jean Lawlis

Councilor Bill Shakespeare

Councilor Carol Duprey

Town Manager Susan Lessard

Town Attorney Thomas Russell

Town Clerk Denise Hodsdon

Public Safety Director Joe Rogers

Police Sgt. Dan Stewart

Rep. Brian Duprey

HA Principal Ruey Yehle

Members of the Media

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Hughes at 7:00 pm.

- A. CONSENT AGENDA** – *Motion by Councilor Lawlis, seconded by Councilor Shakespeare to accept the Consent Agenda. Unanimous vote in favor.*
- 1. SIGNATURES**
 - 2. SECRETARY'S REPORTS**
 - 3. COMMUNICATIONS**
 - a. Hannaford Supermarket – Victualer's License Renewal**
 - 4. REPORTS**
 - a. Bangor Humane Society – Stray Animal Report – September 2013**
 - b. Finance & Administration Committee Meeting Minutes – 10/7/13**
- B. PUBLIC COMMENTS** – *None.*
- C. POLICY AGENDA**
- 1. PUBLIC HEARINGS** – *None.*
 - 2. NOMINATIONS – APPOINTMENTS – ELECTIONS** – *None.*
 - 3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
 - a. Proposed Zoning Map Amendment, Swan Property – Introduction for Public Hearing** – *Councilor Brann introduced this for public hearing at the next meeting.*

- b. School Resource Officer Grant – Councilor Shakespeare –**
Councilor Shakespeare explained that he had asked to have this placed on the agenda after a citizen was quoted by Bangor Daily News as saying the Council decision to accept the grant at the last meeting was “grossly irresponsible”. Councilor Shakespeare noted that Sgt. Dan Stewart’s briefing and the discussion of adding a second SRO happened during the Finance & Administration Committee meeting prior to the last Council meeting. At the Council meeting, it was reported that the Finance Committee voted 4-2 to accept the grant, but the public did not hear Sgt. Stewart’s briefing at the televised Council meeting. He asked Sgt. Stewart to give the presentation again tonight. Sgt. Stewart explained that the grant is for \$125,000 for a 3-year period with the requirement to retain the SRO for a 4th year at the expense of the Town and/or School District. Sgt. Stewart explained the duties and responsibilities of the SRO and he talked about some of the projects he is working on. The Council had questions for Sgt. Stewart and Public Safety Director Joe Rogers about certain instances and how much time it takes away from his other SRO duties. Members of the public had questions and comments about the need for a second SRO. Most of those who spoke commented that they didn’t question the merits of the program, but they felt the need for a second officer was unwarranted and expressed concerns about funding the position, noting that taxes would have to go up as a result. Following public comments and considerable Council discussion regarding the pros and cons of adding a second officer, Mayor Hughes moved to set aside \$20,000 from the Host Community Benefits fund, to fund this program for the first six months. Councilor Brann seconded the motion and vote was 4 in favor (Lawlis, Brann, Hughes and Shakespeare) and 2 opposed (Ryder and Duprey); motion carried.
- c. Coldbrook Road Cancer Concerns – Update – Manager Lessard**
reported that she has been in touch with Maine Cancer Registry Executive Director Molly Schwenn. She is working on gathering information and will be at the November 18th Council meeting to give an update of her findings.

4. NEW BUSINESS

- a. General Assistance Ordinance – Adoption of Appendix B –**
Manager Lessard explained that this is the annual update for food allowances under the GA Ordinance. Motion by Councilor Brann, seconded by Councilor Shakespeare to adopt Appendix B. Unanimous vote in favor.
- b. Application for Renewal of Liquor License received from White House Motel d/b/a Filibuster Lounge at 155 Littlefield Ave. –**
Motion by Councilor Shakespeare, seconded by Councilor Brann to approve the application. Unanimous vote in favor.

D. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Infrastructure Committee – Councilor Shakespeare reported that the next meeting is scheduled for 6:00 pm on November 25th.

Planning & Development Committee – Councilor Brann reported that at its last meeting the committee discussed progress on the marina project and continued negotiations with Sargent Corp. relative to their RFP to expand the Business Park. He noted that those negotiations are still being held in executive session.

Services Committee – no report.

Finance & Administration Committee – Mayor Hughes reported that tonight's agenda was very light, but the committee did review the warrants and financial statements.

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

F. COUNCILORS' COMMENTS – There were none.

G. ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm.



Denise Hodsdon
Town Clerk

MANAGER'S REPORT
Monday, October 21, 2013

Recreation - Kurt Mathies has resigned as Recreation Director for the Town. For the next six months Assistant Director Shelley Abbott will serve as Acting Director and Kid's Korner Director Jill McLaughlin will serve as assistant director. We will be utilizing part time personnel to cover some of the Kid's Korner Director duties during that time period while we assess the organization of the Recreation Department.

Halloween – A reminder that there is a children's Halloween party at the Skehan Center on Thursday, October 31st from 4-6:30 p.m.

Candidate Forum – Thank you to all of the candidates who participated in the Candidate Forum on Wednesday, October 16th and to Moderator Annie Gabbianelli for her assistance. The program is being re-broadcast several times daily on Cable Channel 7.

Twitter – Thanks to the efforts of FF/Paramedic Matt Thomas the Town Of Hampden has a Twitter account now. It can be found by going to twitter.com and searching for Town of Hampden.

Election Day – The town is now issuing absentee ballots for the November 5th Election, **IMPORTANT NOTICE:** The deadline for requesting an absentee ballot is the 3rd business day before election day or close of business on Thursday October 30th, except for the following reasons:

- An unexpected absence from the municipality during the entire time the polls are open on Election Day;
- A physical disability;
- An inability to travel to the polls because the voter is a resident of a coastal island ward or precinct; or
- An incapacity or illness that has resulted in the voter's being unable to leave home or a treatment facility.

In addition, polling hours on Election Day are from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m.

2014 DOG LICENSES NOW AVAILABLE - Proof of current rabies vaccine required at time of licensing. Fees are \$6.00 for spayed/neutered and \$11.00 for male/female. \$25.00 Late Fee after January 31, 2014.

RSU No. 22 SCHOOL BOARD VACANCY - The Hampden Town Council is seeking applicants to fill a vacancy on the RSU No. 22 Board of Directors to serve until the next municipal election in November 2014. Deadline for submitting applications is Wednesday, October 23, 2013. Thus far we have one applicant for the position.

Municipal Office Clerk – The Town of Hampden is advertising to fill a vacancy that is being created by the upcoming resignation of long time Utility-billing clerk Kathy Cole. The Town is accepting applications through October 31st. A full job description can be found on the Town Website at hampdenmaine.gov.