



HAMPDEN TOWN COUNCIL  
HAMPDEN MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
AGENDA

MONDAY

OCTOBER 29, 2012

7:00 P.M.

*Attending:*

*Mayor Janet Hughes*

*Town Manager Susan Lessard*

*Councilor Andre Cushing*

*Planner Robert Osborne*

*Councilor Tom Brann*

*Councilor Jean Lawlis*

*Councilor Shelby Wright*

*The meeting was opened at 7:03 p.m. by Mayor Hughes.*

A. CONSENT AGENDA

1. SIGNATURES

2. SECRETARY'S REPORTS

- a. January 17, 2012
- b. February 6, 2012
- c. March 19, 2012
- d. April 2, 2012
- e. April 23, 2012
- f. May 7, 2012

3. COMMUNICATIONS

- a. MS4 Permit Letter Response - DEP

4. REPORTS

- a. Bangor Humane Society – Stray Statistics – September 2012
- b. 2012 Regional Hazardous Waste Collection Statistics
- c. Finance Committee Minutes – 10-15-2012
- d. Infrastructure Committee Minutes – 10-22-2012

*Motion by Councilor Cushing, seconded by Councilor Wright to approve the consent agenda. Unanimous vote in favor.*

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS – *No members of the public present at the time of this item.*

C. POLICY AGENDA

1. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a. General Assistance Ordinance – Adoption of Revised Appendix C - *The Town Manager explained that this item is an annual updating of the State guidelines for General Assistance. The Mayor opened the public hearing. Proponents – None. Opponents – None. Neither for nor against – none. Motion by Councilor Cushing, seconded by Councilor Wright to accept the proposed GA ordinance revisions to Appendix C. Unanimous vote in favor.*
  
- b. Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment – Article 3.7.6 Residential A District; Article 3.8.6 Residential B District; and Article 7.2 Definitions re Community Buildings – *Planner Robert Osborne introduced this item and reported that the Planning Board had made an ‘ought to pass’ recommendation with two friendly amendments which have been incorporated. The Mayor opened the public hearing. Proponents – None. Opponents – None. Neither for nor against – None. The public hearing was closed. Motion by Councilor Cushing, seconded by Councilor Brann to approve the zoning text amendments as presented. Unanimous vote in favor.*

2. NOMINATIONS – APPOINTMENTS – ELECTIONS - *None*

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

*Motion by Councilor Cushing, seconded by Councilor Brann to set aside the rules and add an item to the agenda. Unanimous vote in favor.*

*Motion by Mayor Hughes, seconded by Councilor Wright to add Old Hampden Academy update to the agenda as item C-3-a. Unanimous vote in favor*

- a. *Old Hampden Academy Update – Mayor Hughes gave an update of where we are in terms of this project as follows: “The Town of Hampden Closed on the real estate transfer of the Old Hampden Academy from SAD #22 in consideration for property located behind the Reed’s Brook School. The Town has taken control of the school and as previously authorized by the Council, the Recreation Department under the supervision of Town Manager Susan Lessard has access to the Skehan Center. Public Works Director Galen Swan will provide oversight of maintenance of the facility.*

*The Planning and Development Committee of the Council has reviewed options for the preferred method of maintenance of the facility to continue heating the facility instead of maintaining the buildings in a manner to support demolition of the facility or portions thereof.”*

*The Mayor encouraged interested citizens to attend Planning & Development meetings and get involved.*

#### 4. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Application for Liquor License – Countrymeadow, Inc. d/b/a Pizza Gourmet at 60 Main Road North, Suite A – *Motion by Councilor Cushing, seconded by Councilor Brann to approve the liquor license application of Countrymeadow, Inc. Unanimous vote in favor.*
- b. Permission to participate in Question 4 Press Conference in support of Transportation Bond – Town Manager – *The Town Manager explained that she had been asked by the Maine Better Transportation Association to speak in support of Referendum Question 4, the Transportation Bond at a press conference to be held at H.O. Bouchard on Wednesday. She provided the Council with the remarks she would make if allowed to attend. In order for the Manager to speak on behalf of any political item, the Council must approve it first. Motion by Councilor Cushing, seconded by Councilor Brann to authorize the Town Manager to speak at the press conference on behalf of Referendum Question 4, the Transportation Bond. Unanimous vote in favor.*

#### D. COMMITTEE REPORTS

*Services Committee – Councilor Lawlis – The Committee has not met since the last meeting and there is no meeting in November due to the Veteran’s Day holiday.*  
*Planning & Development - Councilor Brann – the next meeting will include discussion of moving forward with the implementation of the Comprehensive Plan.*  
*Infrastructure – Councilor Wright – Infrastructure Committee met on 10/22 regarding truck traffic and engine braking noise on Monroe Road and road conditions of Route 69. The next meeting will invite construction companies and contractors and the MDOT and residents.*

- E. *MANAGER’S REPORT – The election season is in full swing and the Town has received 800 absentee ballot requests so far. In-person absentee balloting is available in the Town Council Chambers this week. Recreation received a donation to cover the costs of adjustable basketball hoops for the gym. Presentation will be made at a later date.*

#### F. COUNCILORS’ COMMENTS

*Councilor Lawlis – The Town Halloween party will be held on October 31<sup>st</sup> from 4-8 p.m. and the Hampden Historical Society is raffling off a beautiful quilt.*

*Councilor Brann- Gave a reminder to be alert to trick or treaters running around on Halloween.*

*Councilor Cushing – Unfortunately the Hampden Academy boys lost, but it was enjoyable to watch the football games this year. He also encouraged everyone to get out and vote.*

*Councilor Wright – Said that she had been through 14 hurricanes and told people to stay safe and dry during the upcoming one. She reiterated Councilor Cushing’s encouragement for people to get out and vote.*

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G. ADJOURNMENT

*The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Denise Hodsdon". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Denise Hodsdon  
Town Clerk