



HAMPDEN TOWN COUNCIL
HAMPDEN MUNICIPAL BUILDING
MINUTES

MONDAY

DECEMBER 2, 2013

7:00 P.M.

Attending:

*Councilor Tom Brann
Councilor Jean Lawlis
Councilor David Ryder
Councilor Bill Shakespeare
Councilor Carol Duprey
Councilor Greg Sirois
Councilor Ivan McPike*

*Town Attorney Tom Russell
Town Manager Susan Lessard
Town Clerk Denise Hodsdon
Public Safety Director Joe Rogers
Police Sgt. Dan Stewart
Code Enforcement Ben Johnson
Building/Fire Inspector Dan Pugsley
Former Mayor Janet Hughes
Members of the Media and Citizens*

The meeting was called to order by Attorney Russell at 7:00 pm.

- **Swearing-in of Councilors Gregory Sirois & Ivan McPike** – Councilors-Elect Sirois and McPike were sworn in by Attorney Russell.
 - **Election of Mayor & Deputy Mayor** – Town Attorney Tom Russell – Attorney Russell asked for nominations for Mayor to complete Janet Hughes' term to the end of the year. Councilor Shakespeare nominated Councilor Brann; Councilor Lawlis seconded the nomination. Councilor Sirois nominated Councilor Ryder and Councilor Duprey seconded the nomination. There being no further nominations, Attorney Russell closed nominations and asked for a roll-call vote: 4 votes for Councilor Brann (Shakespeare, McPike, Brann and Lawlis) and 3 votes for Ryder (Sirois, Duprey and Ryder). Attorney Russell swore in Mayor Brann and turned the gavel over to him to preside over the remainder of the meeting. Mayor Brann asked for nominations for Deputy Mayor. Councilor Lawlis nominated Councilor Duprey, seconded by Councilor Sirois. Councilor Duprey nominated Councilor Ryder; seconded by Councilor McPike. There being no further nominations, Mayor Brann closed nominations and asked for a roll-call vote: 4 votes for Councilor Duprey (Ryder, Lawlis, McPike and Sirois) and 3 votes for Councilor Ryder (Brann, Shakespeare and Duprey). Attorney Russell then swore in Deputy Mayor Duprey.
 - **Goodbye – Outgoing Mayor Janet Hughes** – Mayor Brann presented outgoing Mayor Hughes with an engraved clock and thanked her for her service on the Council and as Mayor.
- A. **CONSENT AGENDA** – Motion by Councilor Shakespeare, seconded by Councilor Lawlis to accept the Consent Agenda. Unanimous vote in favor.

1. SIGNATURES

2. SECRETARY'S REPORTS

3. COMMUNICATIONS

4. REPORTS

- a. **Finance & Administration Committee Minutes – 10-21-2013**
- b. **Finance & Administration Committee Minutes – 11-18-2013**
- c. **Infrastructure Committee Minutes – 11-25-2013**
- d. **Bangor Humane Society Shelter Report – October 2013**

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS – *There were none.*

C. POLICY AGENDA

1. PUBLIC HEARINGS – *There were none.*

2. NOMINATIONS – APPOINTMENTS – ELECTIONS

- a. **Official Return of Votes – November 5, 2013 Election** – *Town Clerk Denise Hodsdon reported the official election results following the recount for the At-Large Council race. This item was informational only.*

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. **School Resource Officer Grant – Discussion with Council** – *Manager Lessard explained that this was back on the agenda because there are two new Councilors and this will give them the opportunity to discuss this issue. Following public comment and Council discussion, Councilor Sirois moved and Councilor Duprey seconded to postpone this item until the next meeting for the purpose of gathering additional information and reviewing facts. Unanimous vote in favor.*
- b. **Sewer Projects – Design & Bid – Infrastructure Committee Recommendation** – *Councilor Shakespeare reported that the Infrastructure Committee discussed the proposed project to replace a sewer line on Route 1A and pump stations at Route 202 and Mayo Road. It was the committee's recommendation that the project be designed and put out to bid. Motion by Councilor Ryder, seconded by Councilor Duprey to put the sewer project for pump station and sewer line replacement out for design bid. Unanimous vote in favor.*

4. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Request for hours change – Code Enforcement – Stan MacMillan** – *Public Safety Director Joe Rogers informed the Council that he and*

Code Enforcement Officer Ben Johnson and Building/Fire Inspector Dan Pugsley have met with Mr. MacMillan and he is satisfied that they will be able to accommodate his building schedule. No action was required by the Council.

- b. Goals & Objectives Meeting - Set Date for 2014** – *The meeting was scheduled for Saturday, February 8, 2014 at 8:30 am at the Town Office.*
- c. Council Committee Interest – 2014 Requests** – *Councilors were asked to submit their preferences for committee assignments at the first meeting in January.*

D. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Infrastructure Committee – *Councilor Shakespeare reported that the committee met on November 25th and discussed the sewer project and transfer station procedures.*

Services Committee – *No report.*

Planning & Development Committee – *Councilor Brann reported that the next meeting is on December 4th and agenda items include the waterfront park and the business park development.*

Finance Committee – *Manager Lessard reported that the committee met prior to the Council meeting and reviewed financial statements for October.*

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

F. COUNCILORS' COMMENTS

Councilor Sirois *said he was very appreciative of the direction and guidance given tonight, but he hopes that meetings become more friendly and civil. He hoped Councilors would address each other in a respectful manner and not add fuel to the fire.*

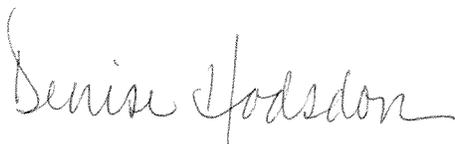
Councilor Shakespeare *said he agreed with Councilor Sirois, but added that there is a process that the Council and the public have to follow. He welcomed the new Councilors.*

Councilor McPike *said his first meeting has been very enlightening and he hopes Councilors have patience will all his questions.*

Councilor Lawlis *commented that it is beginning to look a lot like Christmas and hoped that everyone is filled with the holiday spirit.*

Councilor Brann *commented that it is important to have procedures and to stay on topic.*

- G. ADJOURNMENT** – *There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:10 pm.*



Denise Hodsdon
Town Clerk

MANAGER'S REPORT
December 2, 2013

Kiwanis Santa Party – The Kiwanis will be hosting their annual Santa welcome and tree lighting at the Town Office at 4 p.m. on Sunday, December 8th. Everyone is welcome!

Skehan Center Floor – The Skehan Center basketball floors were re-varnished and re-lined and the facility was closed from November 8th to the 17th. Councilors should stop by and see how well they came out! The work was performed by Don Dickel flooring and was paid for out of fees from programs operated at the Skehan Center.

Skehan Center Utilities – The current plan for separation of utilities for heat and electricity for the Skehan Center is January 1st. Historic Hampden Academy, LLC has paid the utilities since the time of sale in September but the Town will assume the cost as of January. I am also pleased to report to the Council that Historic Hampden Academy LLC has invested a substantial amount of money in roof improvements to the old academy and is working with several businesses for possible location at the site.

Hampden Business Association – The Hampden Business Association will be meeting tomorrow at Angler's at noon time. The speaker for the meeting will be newly-elected Councilor Ivan McPike to discuss his views on Town operations and what the Town can do for business. Newly elected Councilor Sirois was also invited to participate but will be unable to do so because of a scheduling conflict.

Maine Trailer – Due to the continuing unpaid status of the 12/13 and 13/14 personal property taxes, and the fact that the total for the two years is in excess of \$80,000, the Town placed priority lien claims against all of the personal property through the State of Maine. Since taking that action a little over a week ago, I have been contacted by a principal with the company to work out an acceptable payment arrangement. I will keep the Council apprised of this situation as it moves forward.

State Senator Andre Cushing – I would ask that Councilors and residents keep former Town Councilor, current State Senator Andre Cushing and his family in their prayers. His father suffered a serious health issue over the holiday weekend.

Christmas Week – Christmas falls on a Wednesday this year and Town operations will be closed on that date. I would like permission to close the Town Office/departments at noon on Christmas Eve as well.