



HAMPDEN TOWN COUNCIL
HAMPDEN MUNICIPAL BUILDING

MINUTES

MONDAY

MARCH 4, 2013

5:30 P.M.

Attending:

*Deputy Mayor Tom Brann
Councilor Shelby Wright
Councilor Bill Shakespeare
Councilor Carol Duprey
Councilor David Ryder
Councilor Jean Lawlis*

*Town Attorney Thomas Russell
Town Manager Susan Lessard
Town Clerk Denise Hodsdon
Representatives from SAD #22
Members of Press
Citizens*

• **Swearing in of Councilor-Elect Ryder**

Deputy Mayor Brann called the meeting at order at 5:45 p.m. Councilor-Elect David Ryder was sworn into office by Town Attorney Thomas Russell.

A. CONSENT AGENDA

1. SIGNATURES

2. SECRETARY'S REPORTS

a. February 19, 2013

3. COMMUNICATIONS

- a. Penobscot Valley Refuse Disposal District – Meeting Agenda & Minutes
- b. Maine DEP/New England Waste Services of ME – Air Emission License
- c. Sam Manhart – New Application for Pool Board of Trustees – Referral to Services Committee
- d. Benjamin Curtis – New Application for Pool Board of Trustees – Referral to Services Committee

4. REPORTS

- a. Time Warner Cable – 2012 Franchise Fee Worksheet
- b. Finance & Administration Committee Minutes – 2/19/2013
- c. Infrastructure Committee Minutes – 2/25/2013
- d. Infrastructure Committee Minutes of Meeting with Water District Trustees – 2/25/2013

The Consent Agenda was accepted by unanimous consent.

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS

SAD #22 Superintendent Rick Lyons, Assistant Superintendent Emil Genest and School Board Member Martha Harris addressed some of the rumors that Councilors have heard regarding problems at the new Hampden Academy. Councilors had heard that there were problems with ceiling tiles and with the heating/ventilation system. It was explained that the acoustical tiles in the performing arts center were delaminating and had not been installed properly according to specs so were removed as a safety precaution. There is an air infiltration problem in a couple of areas which has caused a heating/ventilation calibration problem. That problem is also being addressed. SAD #22 reached a severance agreement with the general contractor and is now dealing directly with the sub-contractors to correct the problems with these warranted items.

C. POLICY AGENDA

1. PUBLIC HEARINGS – *There were none.*

2. NOMINATIONS – APPOINTMENTS – ELECTIONS

- a. **Official Return of Votes – Special Election for District 4 Councilor – 2/26/2013** – *Town Clerk Denise Hodsdon reported the results of the Special Election held on February 26, 2013 to fill the vacancy for District 4 Councilor. This item was informational only.*

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. **Meetings Regarding State Budget** – *Manager Lessard informed the Council that the purpose of the meeting this evening at Hampden Academy is for community and school leaders to share with area legislators information related to potential school system and municipal impacts from the Governor’s proposed budget. There is a similar meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 6th at 6:30 pm at the Brewer Auditorium. The focus of that meeting is for area municipal officials and legislative representatives to have a dialog about not only the Governor’s proposed budget, but the need to make sure that legislators understand the ramifications to the property taxpayers of radical shifts in funding in general from State to local responsibility.*

4. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **GIS/IT – Request for Use of Reserve Funds** – *Manager Lessard explained that GIS/IT Specialist Gretchen Heldmann is requesting use of up to \$750 in reserve funds to develop a jpeg2000 format for our 2006 orthophoto in order to make it available to more users. Motion by Councilor Shakespeare, seconded by Councilor Wright to authorize the use of up to \$750 from the GIS/IT reserve account as requested. Following brief discussion, vote was unanimously in favor.*

D. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Services Committee – Councilor Lawlis – the next meeting is at 6:00 pm on Monday, March 11th.

Planning & Development Committee – Councilor Brann – the committee will meet at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, March 6th and will discuss activities relative to the proposed use of the old Hampden Academy property and will enter executive session to consider a specific proposal.

Infrastructure Committee – Manager Lessard – the committee had a good meeting with the Hampden Water District Trustees last week. A lot of good information was shared. Councilor Brann added that one of the most significant pieces of information coming out of the meeting was that, at this time, the Water District does not anticipate an increase in water rates between now and 2014.

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

F. COUNCILORS' COMMENTS

Councilor Shakespeare wished a Happy 97th Birthday to Burpee Calkins.

Councilor Ryder thanked the voters of District 4 for taking time out of their day to come out to vote and said he would do his best to serve them.

Councilor Lawlis offered congratulations to the Hampden Academy Boy's basketball team on their State Championship.

Councilor Wright welcomed Councilor Ryder and congratulated the undefeated Boy's basketball team on their championship.

Councilor Brann thanked SAD #22 officials for addressing some of the rumors that have been going around town about the new high school.

G. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.



Denise Hodsdon
Town Clerk

MANAGER'S REPORT
March 4, 2013

Sewer Lien Foreclosures – 9 Sewer accounts are receiving foreclosure notices this week for expiring sewer liens that were placed in October of 2011.

Elected Officials Workshop – There is an elected official's workshop scheduled by the Maine Municipal Association on Tuesday, June 4, 2013 at the Black Bear Inn in Orono from 4 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. I have attached the program information to this report. Any Councilors who are interested should let me know and I will take care of registration.

Council Internet Reimbursement – In order to update our files in the finance department, Councilors should submit a copy of your current internet bill. Those payments are made quarterly and we need to make sure that we are paying the appropriate amount for each Councilor.

Police Survey – Sergeant Chris Bailey will be attending the next Council meeting to provide more in depth information on the survey done by the police department.