

## TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

MAY 23, 2013

A special meeting of the Hampden Town Council was held on Thursday, May 23, 2013 for the purpose of holding a budget workshop on the proposed FY 2014 budget. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

### **Attendance:**

Mayor Janet Hughes  
Thomas Brann  
Jean Lawlis  
William Shakespeare  
Carol Duprey  
David Ryder

Town Manager Susan Lessard  
Town Clerk Denise Hodsdon  
Town Assessor Kelly Karter  
Town Planner Bob Osborne  
GIS/IT Specialist Gretchen Heldmann  
Economic Dev. Director Dean Bennett  
Citizens

Budgets for Administration, Town Council, Elections, Municipal Building, Tax Collector, Assessor/Planning, Economic Development, GIS/IT, Communications, County Tax and the Bus were reviewed.

**01-25 ASSESSING/PLANNING** – Assessor Kelly Karter reviewed the proposed budget line-by-line and no change was made to the proposed total amount of \$252,149.00, which is \$706.00 less than the FY 2013 budget.

**01-30 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** – Economic Development Director Dean Bennett reviewed the proposed budget line-by-line and no change was made to the proposed total amount of \$113,583.00, a reduction of \$2,250.00 from the FY 2013 budget.

**01-02 GIS/IT** – GIS/IT Specialist Gretchen Heldmann reviewed the budget line-by-line and no change was made to the proposed total amount of \$115,083.00, which is a reduction of \$3,000.00 from last year's budget.

**01-01 ADMINISTRATION** – Manager Lessard reviewed the proposed budget and no change was made to the proposed total amount of \$571,822.00, a reduction of approximately \$17,800.00 from the FY 2013 budget.

**01-05 TOWN COUNCIL** – The proposed budget was reviewed line-by-line and no change was made to the proposed total amount of \$35,090.00, which is \$200.00 less than FY 2013.

**01-20 ELECTIONS** – Town Clerk Denise Hodsdon reviewed the budget line-by-line and no change was made to the proposed total amount of \$7,039.00, an increase of \$42.00 from last year.

**01-10 MUNICIPAL BUILDING** – No change was made to the proposed total amount of \$85,890.00, a decrease of approximately \$8,500.00 from the FY 2013 budget.

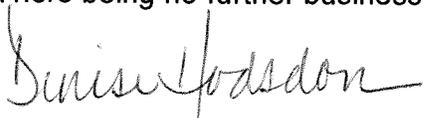
**01-15 TAX COLLECTOR** – The total proposed budget is \$6,000.00, the same as last year.

**45-10 COUNTY TAX** – Manager Lessard noted that the County tax in the amount of \$731,537.00 is an increase of \$36,031.00 over last year's assessment.

**01-03 COMMUNICATIONS** – Manager Lessard reviewed the budget and no change was made to the proposed total amount of \$21,479.00, a reduction of approximately \$8,900.00 from last year.

**25-10 THE BUS** – The proposed total for FY 2014 is \$89,380.00 which is an increase of approximately \$16,400.00 over last year, due to the fact that this will be the first full year with Saturday bus service. Terry McAvoy of 59 Monroe Road asked if the Town has any input on the bus fares that the City of Bangor charges. He said that every time he sees the bus it is empty; and that he doesn't agree with Saturday bus service. There was some discussion about bus ridership and the purposes for which people are using it. Councilor Ryder commented that it seems the bus is only serving a small percentage of people in Hampden. Manager Lessard will provide a historical ridership report for the Council's review.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.



Denise R. Hodsdon  
Town Clerk