



HAMPDEN TOWN COUNCIL
HAMPDEN MUNICIPAL BUILDING
MINUTES

MONDAY

SEPTEMBER 8TH, 2016

7:00 P.M.

- **6:00 pm – Finance & Administration Committee Meeting**

Mayor Ryder called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Attending:

Mayor Ryder

Councilor McPike

Councilor Marble

Councilor Cormier

Councilor McAvoy

Town Manager Angus Jennings

Town Clerk Paula Scott

Recreation Director Shelley Abbott

- A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – **Mayor Ryder led the Pledge of Allegiance**
- B. CONSENT AGENDA – **Councilor Marble made a motion to accept the consent agenda, seconded by Councilor McAvoy. Unanimous vote in favor.**

1. SIGNATURES

2. SECRETARY'S REPORTS

- a. Aug 15th, 2016 Council Meeting minutes

3. COMMUNICATIONS

- a. Nomination papers are available for two 3-year seats on the RSU 22 Board of Directors and one 3-year seat on the Hampden Water District Board of Directors. (The latter not previously reported)
- b. Victualer's License renewal for Hampden Country Club
- c. Report on completion of the site work at the VFW Little League site and thanks to the Department of Public Works

NOTE: The Council will take a 5-minute recess at 8:00 pm.

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4. REPORTS

- a. Planning & Development Committee Minutes – None
- b. Finance & Administration Minutes – 8/1/2016
- c. Infrastructure Committee Minutes – 7/25/2016
- d. Services Committee Minutes – None

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS - *None*

D. POLICY AGENDA

1. NEWS, PRESENTATIONS & AWARDS - *None*

2. PUBLIC HEARINGS –

- a. Adoption of revised Appendices A, B, C and D of The General Assistance Ordinance as prepared by the Office of Family Independence, State of Maine – ***Mayor Ryder opened the public hearing at 7:04 p.m. With no public comment, the public hearing closed at 7:07 p.m. Councilor Marble made a motion to adopt the General Assistance Ordinance as revised and presented. Motion seconded by Councilor McAvoy. Unanimous vote in favor.***
- b. To consider a proposed ordinance authorizing appropriation and borrowing of funds to finance the Town of Hampden’s local match of the MDOT Route 1-A reconstruction project through the issuance of General Obligation Bonds or Notes of the Town of Hampden which may be callable in the principal amount not to exceed \$600,000.00-Referral from Council on 8-15-16 – ***Mayor Ryder opened the public hearing at 7:07 p.m. With no public comment, the public hearing closed at 7:09 p.m. Councilor McPike made a motion to borrow \$600,000.00 for the local match of the MDOT Route 1-A project. Manager Jennings stated that bond counsel had advised that the wording of the motion needed to be in the specific format as indicated on the bond ordinance. The motion received no second. Councilor McAvoy made a motion to authorize the appropriation and borrowing of funds to finance the Town of Hampden’s local***

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match of the MDOT Route 1A construction project through the issuance of general obligation bonds or notes of the Town of Hampden, which may be callable in a principal amount not to exceed \$600,000.00 as referred from Council on August 15th, 2016. Motion was seconded by Councilor McPike. Unanimous vote in favor.

- c. To consider a proposed ordinance authorizing appropriation and borrowing of funds to finance the Town of Hampden's cost contribution to improvements to the City of Bangor's wastewater treatment plant Biotower, including aeration system upgrades through the issuance of General Obligation Bonds or Notes of the Town of Hampden which may be callable in the principal amount not to exceed \$300,000.00-Referral from Council on 8-15-16 – ***Mayor Ryder opened the public hearing at 7:15 p.m. With no public comment, the public hearing closed at 7:16. Councilor McAvoy made a motion to adopt the ordinance to authorize the appropriation and borrowing of funds to finance the Town of Hampden's portion of the cost of improvements to Bangor's wastewater treatment plant biotower through the issuance of general obligation bonds or notes of the Town of Hampden, which may be callable, in a principal amount not to exceed \$300,000.00 as referred from Council on August 15th, 2016. Motion was seconded by Councilor Marble. Unanimous vote in favor.***

- d. To consider a proposed ordinance authorizing appropriation and borrowing of funds to finance the Town of Hampden's overdue sewer treatment and maintenance costs due to the City of Bangor and to cure such financial obligations through the issuance of General Obligation Bonds or Notes of the Town of Hampden which may be callable in the principal amount not to exceed \$258,810.00 - Referral from Council on 8-15-16 – ***Mayor Ryder opened the public hearing at 7:17 p.m. With no public comment, the public hearing closed at 7:18 p.m. Councilor McAvoy made a motion to adopt the ordinance to authorize the borrowing of funds to finance the Town of Hampden's payment of overdue wastewater treatment and maintenance costs through issuance of general obligation bonds or notes of the Town of Hampden, which may be callable in the principal amount not to exceed \$258,810.00. Motion was seconded by Councilor McPike. Unanimous vote in favor.***

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Manager Jennings took this opportunity to also state that the two referendums regarding sewer obligations will be repaid by the sewer rate payers.

- e. To consider proposed amendments to the Fees Ordinance, Article 6, Recreation – Referral from Services Committee – ***Mayor Ryder opened the public hearing at 7:19. With no public comment the public hearing was closed at 7:20. Manager Jennings explained that affiliate groups with regard to the fees ordinance has been discussed in the services committee. This amendment will give the permission to set fees at the time of contract negotiation. Councilor McAvoy made a motion to approve the amendments to the Fees Ordinance under article 6, Recreation. Motion was seconded by Councilor Marble. Unanimous vote in favor.***
- f. Application for council approval for an off-premise liquor license for Spectacular Event Center, for a catered event to be held in Hampden. – ***Mayor Ryder called the public hearing to order at 7:21. With no public comment, public hearing was closed at 7:21. Councilor Marble inquired if there was any liability to the town if this is passed. The Town Clerk stated that the liability responsibility is with the holder of the liquor license, which is Spectacular Event Center. Councilor Marble made a motion to approve the off premise liquor license. Motion was seconded by Councilor McAvoy. Unanimous vote in favor.***

3. NOMINATIONS – APPOINTMENTS – ELECTIONS – ***None***

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS -

- a. Motion to approve entering into a Master Installment Purchase Agreement with Mercedes-Benz Financial Services, USA, LLC for the purpose of purchasing, via a financing contract, the equipment listed as a 2016 Freightliner Model 108SD with snowplow rigging, as originally approved by vote of the Town Council on August 1, 2016. –

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Manager Jennings explained that when this was originally voted on August 1st, we were not aware that the finance company needed the motion to be in specific language. Councilor Marble made a motion to enter into a Master Installment Purchase Agreement with Mercedes-Benz Financial Services for the purpose of purchasing 2016 Freightliner plow truck. Motion was seconded by Councilor McPike. Councilor McPike, Councilor Marble and Mayor Ryder voted in favor of the motion. Councilor Cormier and Councilor McAvoy voted in opposition. Motion carries.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Recommendation of the Public Works Director for 2016 grub prevention as quoted by Scotts Lawn Service and authorization to use Cemetery Reserve funds to complete the perpetual care requirement. – ***Councilor McPike made a motion to authorize the use of Cemetery Reserve funds in the amount of \$5,655.00 for grub prevention. Motion was seconded by Councilor McAvoy. Unanimous vote in favor.***

- b. Request for authorization to use Cemetery Reserve funds in the amount of \$750.00 to repair the chain link fence at the Locust Grove Cemetery. – ***Councilor Marble made a motion to authorize the use of Cemetery Reserve funds in the amount of \$750.00 to repair the fence at Locust Grove Cemetery. Motion seconded by Councilor McAvoy. Unanimous vote in favor.***

- c. Request for authorization to use Municipal Building Reserve funds to purchase the parts and supplies necessary to improve the foundation and storm drain system and to try to prevent leaking on the West side of the Public Safety Building. – ***Councilor McPike made a motion to authorize the use of Municipal Building Reserve funds in the amount of \$840.72 to cover the DPW costs for the repair of the public safety building. Motion seconded by Councilor Marble. Unanimous vote in favor.***

- d. Recommendation of the Public Safety Director for the 2016 Police Department vehicle as bid by Quirk Auto Group on August 18, 2016 and request for authorization to use Police Cruiser reserve funds for its purchase. – ***Councilor McPike made a motion to authorize the***

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use of Police Cruiser reserve funds in the amount of \$27,053.00 for the purchase of the 2016 Explorer Interceptor as bid by Quirk. Motion was seconded by Councilor McAvoy. Unanimous vote in favor.

e. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning & Development – Councilor McPike reported that there were continued talks regarding the conservation easement that MRC/Fiberight would like to have on the 80 acres they hope to purchase. Reported on the graphics that Town Planner Karen Cullen showed them demonstrating the progress people go through when they start a project and her ideas on how to change to streamline the process. Committee members held discussion on “down town” and what is considered the down town area, what we would like to see there over time.

Infrastructure – No report

Services – Councilor McAvoy reported that the next meeting is Monday the 12th at which members will discuss broad band capabilities and continue the discussion on the affiliate programs in recreation. He invited anyone with interest to attend.

Finance & Administration - Mayor Ryder reported that all the financial items approved tonight were discussed in committee. Two other items were work plans and priorities and council rules.

- f. MANAGER'S REPORT – ***Manager Jennings thanked the Council for their flexibility in re-arranging meetings in order to accommodate his vacation with his family. He reported that the town office has two new employees, Jessica Albee and GiGi Dubey, and welcomed them to the team. He also wanted to publicly thank former clerk Denise Hodsdon who has been filling in during this period of staff shortages. Recognition was given to the volunteers and rec staff who made the Children's Day Celebration such a success. He reported that at an upcoming meeting of the Environmental Trust, the 3rd member will be recommended and that his recent meeting with the superintendent was very cordial and productive.***

g. COUNCILORS' COMMENTS –

Councilor McPike – No comment

Councilor Marble – Reminded the voters of District II that on the 17th there will be a “Hot Stove” session at the library, which is an informal hour in which citizens can exchange information about the town and its leadership.

Councilor Cormier – No comment

Councilor McAvoy – Thanked everyone who responded to his phone call. He also reminded everyone to shop local and buy American.

Mayor Ryder – Stated that he thought the fireworks during Children’s Day were the most impressive he has ever seen and hopes this same company will return. He thanked the Department of Public Works for all their hard work at the VFW. They improved underdrainage and increased parking and made field access easier. Stated that this is a great asset for the town.

- h. ADJOURNMENT – With no other business, Councilor McAvoy made a motion to adjourn at 7:35. Motion seconded by Councilor Marble. Unanimous vote in favor.**

Respectfully Submitted,



Paula A. Scott, CCM
Town Clerk