

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday April 1st, 2019
6:00 P.M.
Hampden Town Office

MINUTES

Attending:

Councilor Wright, Chair

Mayor McPike

Councilor Ryder

Councilor Marble

Councilor Jarvi

Councilor McAvoy

Councilor Wilde (arriving at 6:15)

Town Manager Jim Chandler

Town Clerk Paula Scott

Rec Director Shelley Abbott

1. Approval of Minutes

- a. **March 18th, 2019** - *Councilor Marble made a motion, seconded by Councilor McAvoy, to approve the March 18th minutes. Unanimous, 6-0.*

2. Review & Sign Warrants – *Committee members reviewed and signed the disbursement warrants.*

3. Unfinished Business

- a. **Council rules review – standing item** – *Chairperson Wright noted that this item is on the Council agenda for sub committee appointment.*
- b. **Recommend Council abate the 2018 real estate taxes in the amount of \$1,118.72 assessed to the Estate of George Hand, further identified as Map 38 Lot 001** – *Councilor Marble made motion, seconded by Mayor McPike, to abate the 2018 real estate taxes assessed to the Estate of George Hand in the amount of \$1,118.72. Unanimous, 6-0.*
- c. **Recommend Council abate the 2017 real estate taxes in the amount of \$1,110.20 assessed to the Estate of George Hand, further identified as Map 38 Lot 001** – *Mayor McPike made a motion, seconded by Councilor Marble, to abate the 2017 real estate taxes assessed to the Estate of George Hand in the amount of \$1,110.20. Unanimous, 6-0.*

4. New Business

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- a. **Discussion regarding a potential Sewer rate increase and public hearing** – *Manager Chandler informed members that the City of Bangor will be increasing rates by 3.5%. Additionally, upcoming borrowing for sewer projects may also contribute to an increase in our rates. This is just notification that this information will be solidified and brought back to Council on the 16th for possible referral to public hearing for a rate increase.*
5. **Manager's Items** – *In conjunction with discussion on potential sewer rate increase above, Manager Chandler discussed with committee members information on loans ready to retire, and repayment of future debt service with regard to tax payers vs. rate payers.*
6. **Public Comment** - *None*
7. **Committee Member Comments**
Mayor McPike – Stated that if needed in an emergency situation, we could forego a year of paying the \$100,000 annual payment to the General Fund from the Sewer Fund
Councilor Ryder – No comment
Councilor Wilde – Apologized for being late
Councilor Marble – No comment
Councilor Wright – Commented on the process by which items are added to the agenda
Councilor McAvoy – Commented with exception to points made by Councilor Wright
8. **Adjournment** – *With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.*

Respectfully Submitted,

*Paula A. Scott, CCM
Town Clerk*