

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, April 18th, 2017

MINUTES

Hampden Town Office

Attending:

Councilor Stephen Wilde, Chair

Councilor Ivan McPike

Mayor David Ryder

Town Manager Angus Jennings

Councilor Dennis Marble

Councilor Terry McAvoy

Councilor Mark Cormier

Chairman Wilde called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

1. Meeting Minutes

- a. **April 3rd, 2017** – No draft minutes were available so this item was tabled.

2. Review & Sign Warrants – *Warrants were reviewed and signed.*

3. Old Business

- a. **Service Fees Abatement requests based on 2% revenue threshold and additional Information regarding town services utilized by entities subject to the Service Fee assessment**
 - **Penquis Mental Health Services, requested abatement \$1,744.63**
 - **Medical Care Development, Inc., requested abatement \$4,859.47**

Manager Jennings summarized the abatement requests. He noted that, in response to the Committee's prior request, information is included in the packet regarding the number of public safety calls to the properties subject to the service charge but that this isn't taken into account in determining the charge per the ordinance. Councilor Marble noted that this would be a consideration if the Town moves more toward PILOT agreements. There was a motion by Mayor Ryder seconded by Councilor Marble to recommend that the Council approve the two requests for abatement. Motion passed 6-0.

4. New Business

- a. **Proposed FY17 budget adjustment to appropriate \$4,497.61 from Overlay to Streets and Roads Reserve to reverse incorrect receipting of MaineDOT check for the same amount in June 2012** – *Manager Jennings summarized his memo in the packet. There was a motion by Councilor McPike seconded by Councilor Marble to recommend Council approval of an adjustment to the FY17 budget to appropriate \$4,497.61 from Overlay to Streets and Roads Reserve to reverse incorrect receipting of MaineDOT check for the same amount in June 2012.*
- b. **Street Light petitions – Chickadee Lane, 411 Old County Rd – referral from Infrastructure and Planning & Development Committees** – *During discussion Mayor Ryder noted that he'd visited the area after dark and, with the existing street light on Main Road North across the street from Chickadee Lane, he would recommend the addition of the two streetlights requested as part of the initial petition. He made a motion to recommend the addition of two streetlights subject to appropriation of funds for extra electricity costs in the FY18 budget. Councilor Marble seconded the motion and it passed 6-0.*
- c. **Resolution regarding Town of Hampden Policy Intent regarding Legalization of Recreational Marijuana** – *Motion by Councilor Marble seconded by Chairman Wilde to approve the resolution. Motion passed 6-0.*
- d. **Nomination(s) for the Hampden Spirit of America distinction** – *There was a call for nominations but none were offered. Chairman Wilde said that if any Committee members wish to bring forward a nomination in the future the Committee will consider it.*
- e. **Discussion: Review of sample PILOT agreements as potential alternative to Service Charge Ordinance** – *Manager Jennings said that the samples were offered to illustrate a couple of PILOT agreements in other communities. He recommended that the Town look at pursuing PILOT agreements in favor of the Service Charges in the future but, since this will involve negotiation with each affected property owner, this would not take effect for FY18 and would be taken up in the future as time allows. The Committee agreed.*
- f. **Committee discussion and position on LD 1226, An Act To Keep Maine's Transportation Infrastructure Safe by Providing More Sources of Revenue for the Highway Fund** – *Chairman Wilde said he had contacted legislators about this proposed bill. Manager Jennings said the Town would submit testimony opposing the*

proposed L.D. if the Committee shares staff concerns. Chairman Wilde said he sees nothing good about the legislation, and by unanimous consent it was agreed that the Town would oppose the proposed legislation.

5. Public Comment – None.

6. Committee Member Comments – None.

7. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted –
Angus Jennings, Town Manager