

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, February 4, 2013

5:30 p.m.

Hampden Town Office

1. Minutes of 1/22/2013 Meeting
2. Review & Sign Warrants
3. Old Business
 - a. Committee Reappointments:
 1. Gerry Ouellette – Personnel Appeals Board
 2. Aimee Smith – Board of Appeals
 - b. Charter School Discussion
 - c. Review of Town Charter – Town Council Section
4. New Business
5. Public Comment
6. Committee Member comments

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE MINUTES
January 22, 2013

Attending:

Mayor Janet Hughes	Councilor William Shakespeare
Councilor Tom Brann	Councilor Jean Lawlis
Councilor Carol Duprey	Town Manager Susan Lessard
Councilor Shelby Wright	Terry McAvoy, resident
Rep. Brian Duprey	

The meeting was opened at 5:45 p.m. by Mayor Hughes.

1. Review & Sign Warrants – The Finance & Administration Committee reviewed the payment warrants and several members had questions regarding payments which were answered by the Town Manager. The warrants were signed by Committee members.
2. Financial Statements – December 2012 – The Town Manager went through the Financial Statements for December 2012 and responded to questions from Committee members in regard to the status of accounts, allowable uses for expenditure of some fund types, and tax collections.
3. Old Business
 - a. Ordinance Exempting Eligible Active Duty Military Personnel from Vehicle Excise Tax – The Town Manager introduced the amended draft ordinance which limits an eligible active duty military resident of Hampden that is stationed outside of Maine to free excise tax on one vehicle. There was considerable discussion on this item by Committee members ranging from strong disagreement that such an ordinance should be adopted to the feeling that it was a reasonable way in which to recognize the service of military personnel. Motion by Councilor Shakespeare, seconded by Councilor Lawlis to recommend to the Council that the ordinance as proposed not be created. Vote 4-2 (Wright, Duprey). Motion carried.
 - b. Credere Proposal – Old Hampden Academy – Committee members and the Town Manager discussed the need for this study to be done at this time. Some Committee members felt that it was necessary in order for the Economic Development Director to be able to market the property. Other members were concerned that without a direction set by the Council,

that simply doing this study would not improve the ability of the Economic Development director to market it. Since all 6 current members of the Council were present, it was the consensus of all that the Council should do a tour of the old Hampden Academy entire facility and then have a meeting to come up with potential options for it to be marketed. The tour will be held on Monday, January 28th from 5:30-6:30. Following the tour, the Council will reconvene at the Town Office for a short Infrastructure Committee meeting from 6:30 to 7 p.m. A special Planning & Development Committee meeting will be held at 7 p.m. to discuss the potential options for the Hampden Academy property. No vote was taken on the Credere proposal.

- c. Old Hampden Academy Expenditures – The Town Manager distributed copies of revenue/expense related to the old Hampden Academy and the Skehan Center and explained that nearly \$20,000 had been expended thus far on repairs to the heating system and facility in order to keep the property functional.
 - d. Marina Project – Status of Grant Funds – The Town Manager provided the Committee with a financial status report of the Marina project. There is approximately \$238,000 left in the grant for construction of the park.
 - e. Charter School Discussion – Due to time limitations, this item was not discussed.
 - f. Review of Town Charter – Town Council Section – Due to time limitations – this item was not discussed.
- 4. New Business - None
 - 5. Public Comment – Due to time limitations, this item was not completed.
 - 6. Committee Member comments – Due to time limitations, this item was not completed.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Lessard
Town Manager

Consent Agenda 12/10

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Check One: Initial Application Reappointment Application

TOWN OF HAMPDEN APPLICATION FOR TOWN BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

NAME: SMITH AIMEE E
LAST FIRST MI

ADDRESS: SUNSET AVE HAMPDEN 0444
STREET TOWN ZIP

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EMAIL: msaimee@roadrunner.com

OCCUPATION: PARALEGAL

BOARD OR COMMITTEE PREFERENCE:
FIRST CHOICE: BOARD OF APPEALS

SECOND CHOICE (OPTIONAL): _____

How would your experience, education and/or occupation be a benefit to this board or committee? I HAVE BEEN ON THE BOARD OF APPEALS FOR A NUMBER OF TERMS

Are there any issues you feel this board or committee should address, or should continue to address? _____

- CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
- BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW
- PERSONNEL APPEALS BOARD
- LURA HOIT MEMORIAL POOL
- ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
- FRIENDS OF DOROTHEA DIX PARK

3 YEAR

- DYER LIBRARY
- RECREATION COMMITTEE
- BOARD OF APPEALS
- HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
- TREE BOARD

5 YEAR
PLANNING BOARD

FOR TOWN USE ONLY		Date Application Received <u>JAN 08 2013</u>
COUNCIL COMMITTEE ACTION: _____	DATE: _____	
COUNCIL ACTION: _____	DATE: _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> NEW APPT	<input type="checkbox"/> REAPPOINTMENT	DATE APPOINTMENT EXPIRES: _____

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Susan Lessard <manager@hampdenmaine.gov>

Reject charter school lease

1 message

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Wed, Jan 30, 2013 at 9:58 AM

To: wrighttowncouncil@gmail.com, shakespearetowncouncil@hampdenmaine.gov, dupreytowncouncil@hampdenmaine.gov, hughestowncouncil@hampdenmaine.gov, branntowncouncil@hampdenmaine.gov, lawlistowncouncil@hampdenmaine.gov
Cc: manager@hampdenmaine.gov

January 30, 2013

To: Hampden Town Council (Mayor Janet Hughes, Deputy Mayor Thomas Brann, Deputy Mayor William Shakespeare, Councilor Shelby Wright, Councilor Carol Duprey, Councilor Jean Lawlis)
CC: Town Manager Susan Lessard

We request that the Town of Hampden not lease the former Hampden Academy buildings to the Queen City Academy Charter School or any other charter school that would be a competitor with schools in SAD #22.

Leasing to a charter school is short-sighted. Although a charter school might seem a natural use for a former educational facility, in the long run supporting the establishment of such a school in Hampden will be a detriment to both the town and the school district. When students who would normally attend the public schools of SAD #22 attend a charter school instead, the state allocated monies per student will transfer to the charter school. Monies include special education and some transportation costs. Students choosing to attend a charter school in Hampden instead of the SAD #22 middle schools and high school would negatively impact SAD #22 income while the school district would still have fixed costs, such as building and grounds maintenance expenses. This could potentially be catastrophic to the current quality of education in SAD #22 and, thus, diminish one of the greatest enticements to people moving into Hampden. A specialized charter school would simply not be the same broad-based, K-12 enticement.

Leasing to the Queen City Academy Charter School would also be in conflict with support of the new Hampden Academy that voters in Hampden (and Newburgh and Winterport) indicated by approving local funds to create a facility that has the potential to offer STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) programming. The local funds that are dedicated to having science rooms that meet the national standards is part of the viability of such programming.

The Town of Hampden finding in a timely manner a party interested in using the former Hampden Academy facilities is a responsible action, and leasing or selling to an educational entity has value if that educational entity complements SAD #22 educational programs. The town working with SAD #22 to find a complementary not competitive use for the former HA is the most responsible action.

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