

# Hampden *Highlights*

Newsletter, Town of Hampden • Spring 2018

## Town Council Election Coming at a Pivotal Moment

*June 12 Special Election is an important date for all Hampden citizens to mark on their calendars*

Things will move quickly for whichever candidate wins the Town Council Special Election to be held on Tuesday, June 12. Just six days after the election, our newest Councilor will be asked to cast key votes in shaping the budget for the next fiscal year. And that will be just the beginning of the big decisions that our newest Councilor will need to make.

The winner of the Special Election will take the 7th seat on the Council and in doing so may well be in the position of casting the deciding vote on a number of issues where the current Council is evenly divided.

As you may have seen from publicly available meeting materials including from the Town Council's Annual Goal Setting in February, the current Council is deadlocked on a number of very important issues.

Building on years of background work, a major initiative to expand parking to serve the existing recreational fields at the Pool site ended in stalemate, when a majority could not be secured to begin the necessary permitting process. This reflected an underlying difference of opinion regarding whether the Town should, in addition to expanding parking, take the further step of seeking additional recreational fields and facilities.

With the Council's majority policy positions in flux, debates from prior budget cycles are likely to recur during the budget season and in the fiscal year ahead.

For example, to properly fund recreational public services, including responsible facilities maintenance, what is an appropriate revenue balance between user fees, property tax payers, independent but affiliated user groups, and revenues such as donations and sponsorships?

In the area of public works, do we continue to size our staffing and fleet to fully maintain our infrastructure and facilities, or will more functions be outsourced over time? On the flip side, do we want to

invest more in employees and training to build our capacity to take on more public works construction projects in-house?

A recurring budget question is whether Hampden will continue to contribute its share of costs to continue service from the regional Community Connector Bus. A change in level of

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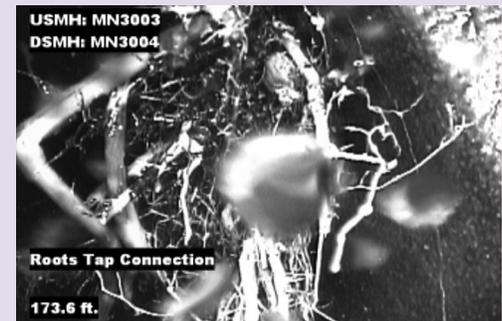
## Damage to Sewers Discovered — Repairs Needed

A well-functioning sewer system is one of those things that people may not notice, but a system that is not working properly can quickly become an emergency that is obvious to all. For that reason, maintenance of developing problems is essential.

In addition to the Town Council special election, there is a vote on June 12th that would authorize important capital investments that will have a major effect on the Town of Hampden.

The Town recently had portions of our sewer system surveyed by closed-circuit TV, and the pictures revealed major issues that need to be addressed. Due to the age and materials of the sewer pipe – clay pipe, in some locations – tree roots or other foreign objects have compromised the integrity of the pipes and caused meaningful damage.

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**Town and school budget meetings in May and June 2018. See page 2 for dates and times!**

**Town of Hampden**  
**2018/19 Budget Meeting Schedule • [www.hampdenmaine.gov/budget](http://www.hampdenmaine.gov/budget)**

*Unless otherwise noted below, all meetings will be in the Town Council Chambers*

<b>May 1, Tuesday:</b>	Town Manager Budget Submitted to Town Council	
<b>May 7, Monday:</b> 7 p.m. Council Meeting	<b>Town Manager Presentation of Proposed FY19 Budget</b>	
<b>May 9, Wednesday:</b> 6 p.m. Location: Public Safety Training Room	Public Safety Police Fire	The Bus County Tax Outside Agencies
<b>May 14, Monday:</b> 6 p.m.	Administration Tax Collector General Assistance Elections	Town Council Education (RSU 22) Revenues
<b>May 16, Wednesday:</b> 6 p.m.	Public Works Municipal Garage Building & Grounds Solid Waste	Stormwater Management Non-departmental utilities Marina
<b>May 16, Wednesday:</b> 7 p.m. Hampden Academy Library	RSU-22 Board of Directors meeting to refer proposed FY19 School Budget	
<b>May 21, Monday:</b> 7 p.m. Council Meeting	Town Council Meeting	
<b>May 23, Wednesday:</b> 6 p.m.	Capital Program Municipal Building Reserves	Sewer Budget (expense, revenue) Debt Service Tax Increment Financing (TIF)
<b>May 29, Tuesday:</b> 6 p.m.	Library Recreation Lura Hoit Pool	Assessor/Planning Economic Development GIS/IT
<b>May 30, Wednesday</b>	(Open – potential for additional meeting if needed)	
<b>June 4, Monday</b> 7 p.m. Council Meeting	<b>Town Council Referral to Public Hearing</b>	
<b>June 7, Thursday</b> 7 p.m. Hampden Academy Gymnasium	RSU 22 District Budget Meeting	
<b>June 12, Tuesday</b> Polls open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.	RSU 22 Budget Validation Referendum State of Maine Special Referendum Special Election for Town Council/Sewer Bond Referendum	
<b>June 18, Monday</b> 7 p.m. Council Meeting	<b>Town Council Public Hearing</b> on proposed FY19 Budget	



## FROM THE DESK OF THE MANAGER

Questions?  
Concerns?  
Suggestions?  
My door is always open!

Angus Jennings, Town Manager  
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### Good News from the Fiscal Year 2017 Audit

There is a lot of good news in the FY17 Audit presented at the April 2nd Town Council meeting. After falling below recommended levels in FY15 and FY16, the Town's Unassigned Fund Balance – an important barometer of financial health – is now back in the recommended range. Of at least equal importance, after suffering net operating losses every year for more than a decade, FY17 was the first year that the Audit showed Net Operating Income for the Sewer Fund. More detail will be in the next *Hampden Highlights*.

### Coming Soon: Town Office to Accept Credit Cards

In response to citizen requests, the Town Administration office will soon begin accepting payment by credit card! The third-party vendor will assess a modest per-transaction fee, but for some customers we expect this option will offer great convenience. Special recognition is due to our Tax Collector Barbara Geaghan and Town Clerk Paula Scott for their leadership in bringing this to reality!

### We're in the Zone!

The Town Planner and the Planning Board, with the Council's Planning & Development Committee, have been hard at work for several months on a major package of amendments to Hampden's Zoning Ordinance. Zoning sets the rules for what can be built, where, and subject to what standards – in other words, it's very important! The proposed amendments will greatly improve the current ordinance in substance, format and clarity. The Planning Board Public

Hearing will be on May 9 at 7 p.m. and a Town Council hearing is likely in June. Full detail can be found on the Town website. Look for a button marked "Proposed Zoning" on the home page, third down on the left side, that links to the proposed amendments and summary information. The page includes a series of informational brochures that are informative – and eye-catching too!

### Property Tax Club

The Town of Hampden offers a Tax Club program to its residents. The Tax Club will allow you to make 10 monthly payments on your property tax bill. While this requires some payment prior to the first tax due date in October, as a complying member of the Tax Club you will not be charged interest on those installments paid after the April due date. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Tax Collector Barbara Geaghan at 862-3034.

### Email Lists for Notifications on Topics of Interest

The Town Office maintains email lists to provide residents notice of public meetings related to topics of interest. Current topics-of-interest lists include:

- Adult Use Marijuana Policy
- MRC/Fiberight Processing Facility
- Pine Tree Landfill Post-Closure Monitoring
- Recreational Fields and the Pool Site initiative
- Town Center Planning

However we can add new lists when it appears that a new topic is of shared interest to a number of residents. Once you subscribe, you'll receive an email notifying you when that topic appears on an official Council or Committee meeting agenda. Of course, you can "unsubscribe" at any time! If you're interested, simply contact the Town Office. ■

### Websites:

- [www.hampdenmaine.gov](http://www.hampdenmaine.gov)
- [www.hampdenrecreation.com](http://www.hampdenrecreation.com)
- [www.edl.lib.me.us](http://www.edl.lib.me.us)

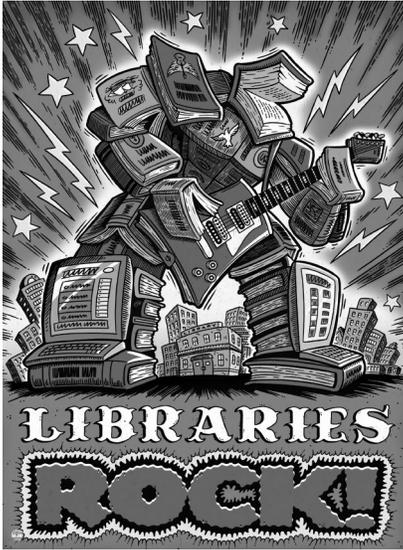
### Facebook:

- [www.facebook.com/townofhampden](http://www.facebook.com/townofhampden)
- [www.facebook.com/HampdenRecreationSkehanRecreationCenter](http://www.facebook.com/HampdenRecreationSkehanRecreationCenter)
- [www.facebook.com/EdytheDyerLibrary](http://www.facebook.com/EdytheDyerLibrary)
- [www.facebook.com/hampdenpublicsafety](http://www.facebook.com/hampdenpublicsafety)

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# Libraries Rock!

Sign-ups for the Summer Reading Program at Edythe Dyer Library starts on June 15th. We have an exciting summer planned



including performances by Frogtown Mountain Puppeteers, Magician, Scott Jameson, and Mr. Drew and His Animals Too. There will be fun weekly programs for toddlers, preschoolers, school-age children, and teens. As always children will receive prizes for signing up, and checking in as well as a chance to win a bike. Please contact the library at 207-862-3550 with questions. See you this summer! ■



## HAMPDEN CHILDREN'S DAY August 11, 2018

The Town of Hampden will be celebrating its 39th annual Children's Day celebration on the second Saturday in August 2018. This event has been celebrated for many years for not only the children but those of all ages. While the Children's Day event is kicked off with a parade in the morning and followed by children's activities throughout the day, the night is focused on community gathering with a band playing followed by a spectacular fireworks show. Games, bounce houses, music, dance and karate demonstrations, cake walks, pie eating contests, crafts from A.C. Moore and projects by Home Depot are just a few of the events offered throughout the day. The grills will be going with burgers and hot dogs, and other treats available including popcorn, cotton candy, ice cream, and more.

The event has been made possible by volunteers, residents, and businesses, and has been part of our community for 39 years. The Hampden Children's Day Committee and the Town of Hampden have worked hard to keep this celebration part of an ongoing event in the community. The Committee is looking for volunteers to help even for a few hours during the event or as part of the planning with the committee. Learn more by visiting our Facebook page – Hampden Children's Day.

Please visit our website at [hampdenchildrensday.org](http://hampdenchildrensday.org) to sign up for the parade or as a vendor or crafter. Organizations are also welcome to sign up for booths.

For more information, contact Janet Hughes at [jhughes@hughesbrosinc.com](mailto:jhughes@hughesbrosinc.com) or 207-768-1396. ■



Looking forward to summertime? What's more exciting than the prospect of fresh local produce provided by your nearby farmers' market?

Starting on May 11th, you can find the Hampden Farmers' Market in the Town Office Parking Lot every Friday, 2-5:30pm, through October 12th. As always, our market accepts credit/debit/EBT cards and we even offer bonus produce to those shopping with EBT cards. Stop by the market's Information Booth to find out more!

Find us on Facebook (Hampden Farmers' Market) or our website: [www.hampdenfarmersmarket.com](http://www.hampdenfarmersmarket.com) ■

## Hampden Historical Society Opens for 48th Year

The Hampden Historical Society (HHS) has opened for the season (April through October) and is celebrating its 48th birthday this year. A completely volunteer non-profit organization, chartered in April 1970, the HHS continues to grow, and with the support of the Hampden community and businesses over the years, it is better than ever.

The Society's capital campaign, Our History Lives Here, is well on its way to raising the \$500,000 needed to ensure that the Martin Kinsley House Museum and Archive continue to preserve the precious collection of your history. If you have considered making a donation but have not yet done so, this would be a critical time. We are within reach of achieving the funds necessary to begin Phase I construction of the project – our new archive wing.

To help us get there, the Society has a series of fundraising events planned. Our annual Yard and Book Sale is scheduled for Saturday, June 9th. It will be held from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the grounds of the Kinsley House Museum. Proceeds help fund general maintenance and upkeep of the museum and grounds. Additionally, this year there will be an “uptown” yard sale area. Items sold from this area will go toward the capital campaign. Included will be gently used items with values that are a little higher than your typical yard sale items. If you have items to donate to either section of the yard sale, please feel free to drop them off at the Kinsley House Museum (83 Main Road South) any Tuesday between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. or give us a call at 862-2027 to arrange for a pick up.

Next up – a Father's Day Pie Sale. What a terrific way to help celebrate that special fellow in your life. Pies are \$15

each and must be pre-ordered by calling Janice Von Brook at 862-3182. Available pies include apple, strawberry rhubarb, cherry, blueberry and pumpkin. The pies can be picked up on Saturday, June 16th, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon at the Kinsley House. All proceeds from the sale of pies will go toward the capital campaign.

Finally, we are going to “raise the (barn) roof” with a summertime concert that is sure to warm your heart and give you the desire to put on those dancing shoes. On Sunday, July 22, the Society will welcome folk fiddler Gus La Casse as he plays in the Cape Breton and Acadian fiddle traditions. Those attending will have an opportunity to meet this wonderful local performer. And sweet treats will also be available! Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15 for children 12 and under. Seating is limited and tickets must be purchased in advance by calling 862-3182 or by stopping at the Kinsley House Museum any Tuesday between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Join us for a terrific summer Sunday afternoon and help us “raise the roof” of our new archive wing.

Please visit the Society's new website at [www.hampdenhistoricalsociety.com](http://www.hampdenhistoricalsociety.com) to see what other programs and events are planned or are in the process of being planned throughout the year. The Museum and Archive are open each Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (April through October) for tours and genealogical research. We would love to see you!!

The preservation of Hampden's history is in our hands – it's up to all of us! ■

## Hampden Garden Club News



With spring upon us and summer approaching, the Hampden Garden Club members are looking forward to outdoor activities. Of special interest is our upcoming annual Perennial Plant & Pie sale on Sat. May 19 at Harmony Hall, 8 am to noon. This event, our only fundraiser of the year, will offer for sale literally hundreds of reasonably priced perennial plants which members have dug and potted. Also house plants and homemade pies will be available. Please plan to come and enjoy.

We are a group of men and women who enjoy gardening or simply getting together with others who love nature in general. Our monthly meetings involve a variety of programs, speakers, and hands-on activities as well as day trips to places of interest. Each year also includes civic projects involving youth programs and tending several town garden areas.

We welcome new members, people of all ages and gardening abilities, and would love to have new people join with us. Our May meeting will be on Tues. May 22 at 7 p.m. at Harmony Hall, 24 Kennebec Road. The speaker's topic will be “Native Spring Wildflowers of Maine”. Why not come and get acquainted with us? FMI call Anne @ 862-3467 or Mary at 862-8172. ■

## Proposed Sewer Borrowing Authorization *from page 1*

This type of damage contributes to inflow and infiltration, which allows non-sewage (such as groundwater) to get into the system. Inflow/infiltration results in a less efficient system, which translates into more costly sewer treatment. Greater volumes of discharge arriving at the Wastewater Treatment Plant – even if that volume results from groundwater, not sewage – result in larger bills for treatment! If severe enough, it can also cause sewage back-ups in the system and street manholes to overflow.

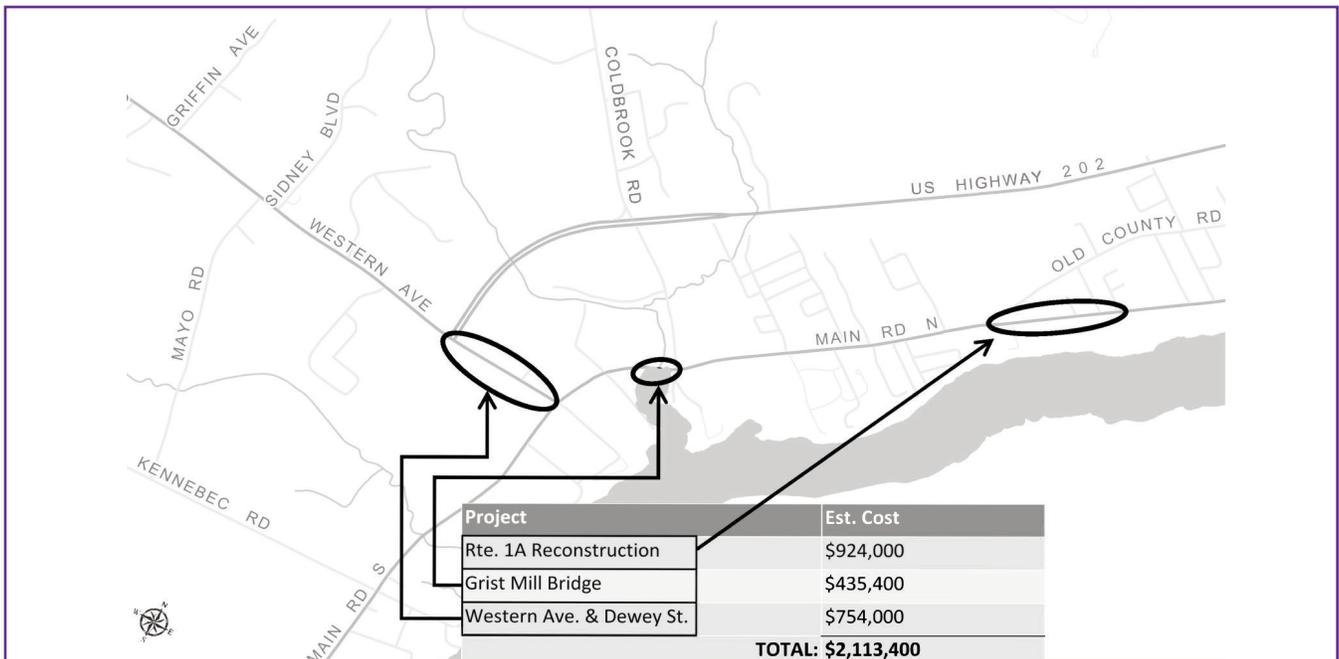
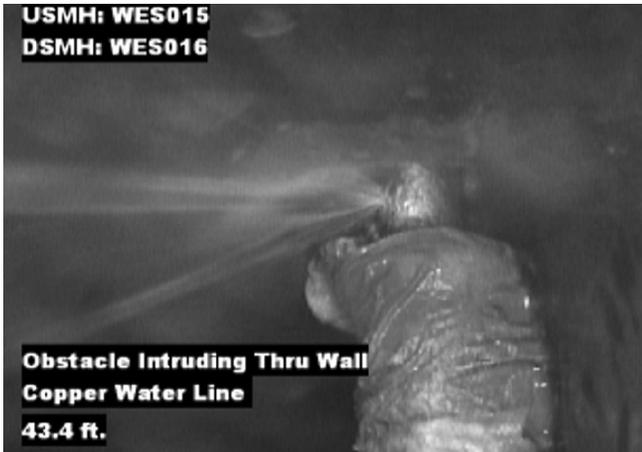
We are very fortunate that the Maine Department of Transportation (MDOT) will be doing work in these locations in the next 1-3 years. The Route 1A and Grist

Mill Bridge projects will be bid out to contractors next winter, with construction beginning spring 2019! This presents us the opportunity to get these repairs taken care of, while minimizing the cost as well as minimizing disruption to users of these roads. Approving these repairs now will allow the Town to keep pace with MDOT's construction schedule, and prevent these areas from having to be dug up twice.

Unlike the Route 1A and Western Ave. projects, the replacement of the sewer mains in the Grist Mill Bridge is needed solely because the bridge itself is scheduled to be rebuilt by MDOT. Although the State will pay all of the costs of the bridge replacement, utilities (like the sewer) must bear 100% of the costs to replace our infrastructure within the bridge. Because this project is required by MDOT – not a deficiency in the sewer infrastructure – the Town Council proposes to pay the debt service (estimated at about \$25,000/year) from the General Fund. Debt service for the other two projects (Route 1A and Western Ave.) is proposed to be paid out of sewer revenues.

**Thankfully, because the Sewer Fund paid off a 20-year bond earlier this year, the anticipated debt service on the new borrowing for the sewer projects can be accommodated without increasing the debt service budget from the current year. At this time, no sewer rate increase will be proposed in order to take on these projects.**

Please feel free to contact the Town Office with any questions or concerns. More information is also online at [www.hampdenmaine.gov/sewer](http://www.hampdenmaine.gov/sewer) ■



## **Town Council** *from page 1*

service would require hearings and public input, but the newly comprised Council will have the option to set that process in motion.

Decisions will also be made on questions that are still coming into focus. Last year the Council agreed to a short-term modification of lease terms for the Kiwanis Civic Center, and has picked up the costs of utilities and maintenance to support the work of the Hampden Kiwanis Club in the community. Looking ahead, will the financial responsibility and/or uses of this building change again, and what outcomes will be best for the Town and its residents?

Questions such as these and many others will be presented to whomever the voters choose on June 12. Steps toward specific policy objectives will be made, or not made, based on choices our newest Councilor will soon be in a position to make.

There are important, complex, and far-reaching decisions that will be made by your Town Council in the coming months. Today's Council will set the course for the kind of town Hampden is to be in the years ahead. Decisions made and directions set by your Town Council will define the Hampden that you hand down to your children and your children's children.

People of good faith can, and do, disagree on what is the best path to take.

Yet for all their differences of opinion, the current Town Council has found broad agreement to make major improvements in policy and practice. It supported personnel changes in the Planning/Economic Development, Recreation, and Fire/EMS that have improved public services. It was a critical partner in bringing water infrastructure to Coldbrook Road, and greatly enhanced the Town's public parks and marina. The Council has enacted significant policies supporting its economic development agenda, including zoning ordinance amendments, and creating TIF Districts at the Business Park and the Coldbrook Corners(Coldbrook/202) intersection. Commercial growth is progressing.

Nevertheless, the questions still ahead are vital and complicated, and the answers are not easy. What town services are worth our hard earned dollars? What are our priorities as a community? What is the relationship between our citizenry and its government?

All elections are important. The Special Town Council election on Tuesday, June 12 is shaping up to be especially important.

We all share the goal of a town government that truly reflects the will of the voters. To achieve that, the voices of the voters have to be heard. Hampden needs to hear your voice to achieve a future that is what our voters want. Please study the issues, learn about the candidates, and make your voice heard in the election on June 12. ■

## **HAMPDEN RECREATION ANNOUNCES SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

**I**n the spring of 2017, the Hampden Recreation Department and the Recreation Committee worked to develop a more formalized scholarship program for program opportunities. In late March of 2017, that work received a huge boost when TEACH|LEARN|SUPPORT, a group of community members and teachers from RSU 22, presented the Hampden Recreation Department with a check for \$700 in startup funds for the scholarship program.

Until the development of this more formalized scholarship program, the department was only able to provide financial assistance for team sport programs run in house. The new program will offer financial assistance to patrons who are looking for recreational opportunities that may be more specialized in the areas of art, science, exercise and sport.

Prior to the new scholarship program, on average, the Hampden Recreation Department provided financial assistance to approximately 6 students per year. Typical requests are from families with students in grade K-6 who reside in the Town of Hampden, and other RSU 22 district communities. A variety of assistance options have been

utilized which included payment waivers, fee reductions, and payment plans.

In order to sustain this program over time, the Hampden Recreation Department will be accepting donations to support ongoing patron requests. Donations are tax deductible and can be made by reaching out to the Recreation Department by emailing [recreation@hampdenmaine.gov](mailto:recreation@hampdenmaine.gov), calling 207-862-6451, or stopping by our office during normal business hours at 1 Main Road North in Hampden. Online donations are also accepted through our online registration website at [www.hampdenrecreation.com](http://www.hampdenrecreation.com) during program checkout. You may also make a donation to the fund by clicking on the Recreation Scholarship icon on the home page and checking out, or the online system will generate a donation question while completing checkout during the registration process for recreation programming.

The Recreation Committee also worked with town staff to formalize the scholarship application process and oversee the scholarship requests that are received. Scholarship information and applications are available on the department website and can found by visiting [www.hampdenrecreation.com/info/dept/](http://www.hampdenrecreation.com/info/dept/). ■

## Election Section

As hard as it is to believe, the June 12th election is right around the corner. Not only will we be holding the Primary Election and the RSU 22 Budget Validation Referendum, but also a Town of Hampden Special Election. The latter will be comprised of a candidate election to fill the vacancy on the Council, created by the resignation of former Councilor Greg Sirois, until the end of the year. The election will also seek voter intent on a Sewer Bond Referendum question. Information on the sewer bond and the candidates is located in this newsletter. Additionally, the League of Women Voters will be sponsoring and moderating a **Candidates' Forum to be held on Tuesday, June 5th beginning at 7 p.m. at the Hampden Municipal Building, Town Council Chambers** and ending at approximately 8 p.m. The public is invited to attend and participate, but if unable to make the live event, it will be broadcast on the cable government public access station, viewable on Facebook Live through the Town of Hampden Facebook page, and rebroadcast at later times. This is a great opportunity to 'meet' your local candidates and to hear their ideas about the future and the direction of Hampden.

You may have also heard that the Ranked Choice Voting system will be implemented for this election, and that is correct. It should not, however, cause a noticeable change in the way we administer the election. While all offices on the state ballot, excluding county offices, are potentially affected by the new law, most contests will not require rankings for this election. The two exceptions in this election are for the office of Governor, and for Congressional District 2. Voters will also be faced with a State ballot question on whether the Ranked Choice Voting method should continue. As for the Primary, remember that you must be enrolled in one of the parties in order to vote the Primary ballot; all other ballots are issued regardless of party. An unenrolled voter (commonly called Independent) may enroll in a party for the Primary, however, once enrolled, they must remain in that party for three months. If you have any questions about ballot content or the voting and election process, please contact me at the Town Office and I will be happy to answer your questions. ■

— Paula A. Scott, *Town Clerk*

## Candidate profiles, Hampden Town Council

All candidates for the at-large Town Council seat were invited to submit a brief bio (200 words maximum) and photo.



### **RENEE CLARK** – Candidate for Town Council

I have enjoyed much in a little town called Hampden Maine. From wonderful childhood memories of growing up on a dead end dirt road on the water in Hampden, to mother of children at Hampden Academy, and now with a granddaughter poised to begin her high school as fifth generation Hampden Academy student my focus has moved from family to greater community. And community service is just what I was ready for when asked to consider running for the at-large Hampden Town Council seat. Working as a licensed mental health professional I have also had the opportunity to see and respond to a variety of community needs. Most recently Saint Paul The Apostle Parish has invited me to become part of the Interfaith Community Opiate Healing team. If elected, I look forward to drawing on a wide variety of experiences to serve the citizens and town where I have had the privilege of spending a lifetime. ■



### **ANDREW COLFORD** – Candidate for Town Council

Hello, once again I am running for the Hampden Town Council. Here is a little background about me. I am a US Air Force Veteran and Fire Fighter for over 21 years. I am married to my wonderful wife Donna, and have three great children. I have lived in Hampden for over 17 years and love the community. I have past years experience as a Hampden Town Councilor and Deputy Mayor. I look forward to serving the citizens of Hampden. Please feel free to message me if I can be of service to you. ■

## Candidate profiles, Hampden Town Council *continued*



### **ERIC J. JARVI – Candidate for Town Council**

After serving in the United States Air Force for six years, I earned my doctorate degree and spent 32 years in pharmacy education, moving to Hampden in 2008 to help establish the School of Pharmacy at Husson University until retiring in December of 2016. I have held positions in the Maine Pharmacy Association, the American Pharmacists Association, Maine's Cancer Impact Network, Idaho Youth Soccer and United States Youth Soccer. As treasurer of the Maine Pharmacy Association, I created a budget process resulting in a 286% increase in association cash reserves and a 166% increase in investment income over the past seven years.

I bring a strong skill set to our town council including: leadership experience, commitment to fiscal accountability, conflict resolution, managing change, communication skills and knowledge of Robert's Rules.

My goals as a town council member include:

- ✓ regular dialog with Hampden residents, businesses, service organizations and RSU 22,
- ✓ making informed fiscal decisions,
- ✓ a commitment to long-term planning,
- ✓ encouraging autonomy of our appointed town committees, and
- ✓ sustaining support for town employees and departments.

It would be a privilege to serve Hampden as an at-large-member of our Town Council. ■



### **SHELBY WRIGHT – Candidate for Town Council**

I had the honor of serving as an at-large Councilor from 2011 – 2013. I seek to rejoin the council to represent you on the many important issues facing our Community.

Hampden is a town that boasts a quality school district, a growing business community, and a high quality of life.

As I drive around town, I once again see new homes being built and businesses and industry choosing to expand within our town limits. This is just the beginning of a new growth cycle that needs a council with a progressive and innovative approach to bring in even more economic development to attract new residents and increase our tax base.

The potential to attract new industry, small businesses, and affordable housing in the Business Park, Coldbrook Road and Main Street corridors is just beginning to be explored. Our hidden riverfront is just one local gem primed for environmentally friendly recreation projects that will attract active retirees and young families.

I will work tirelessly in an honest and balanced manner to ensure that Hampden remains the best community in central Maine to live, work, and raise a family. I would appreciate your vote on June 12th. ■

# Hampden Public Safety



## Police - Fire - EMS

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The warmer temps are bringing all of us outside to clean up after that long winter! Burn permits are becoming very popular. If you plan to burn brush this spring, please stop by to pick up a permit. There's no fee involved when you pick the permit up in person, and you can do it anytime, including evenings and weekends. We ask you to get the permit on the day you plan to burn, because there are times that burning is just not safe. We check the wind and fire danger levels daily, and use that information to decide whether to issue permits or not. Remember to use common sense, keep the burn pile small, feed it gradually, and keep it a safe distance from structures and tree lines. Campfires – contained inside fire rings or pits, do not require permits, provided that the fire is relatively small, always attended, and not disturbing to the neighbors.



Unfortunately, the good weather also brings vandals and thieves outside. We typically see an increase in criminal mischief and burglary to motor vehicle offenses this time of year. Please, lock your doors, windows, and vehicles. Pay attention to the activity in your neighborhood. If you see people or vehicles that seem out of place or suspicious, don't hesitate to call us. Take note of license plate numbers, even if you just have a strange sense or feeling. It may not seem important, but it very well could be. We urge you to call 9-1-1 if you see anything suspicious.

Of course, we understand that some folks prefer to remain unidentified. If you're in that category, just use our anonymous tip line! 862-3911. It's an automated voicemail box, and you simply tell us whatever you'd like us to know while remaining completely anonymous.

We hope you all have a safe, happy, and healthy spring and summer! We'll be here if you need us.

## PUBLIC SAFETY CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Hampden Public Safety has begun to implement a Citizen Advisory Committee. The mission is to provide a forum for the community to offer input and support for public safety services in order to further enhance the quality of life for all citizens.

Committee members will be chosen with intent to provide a balanced representation of the community, voting districts, businesses, schools, churches, retirement communities, etc. Quarterly meetings will be held where the committee will have an opportunity to discuss public safety programming, current public safety trends, assist with long and short term departmental goals, obtain educational information regarding various public safety topics, and meet the public safety service providers.

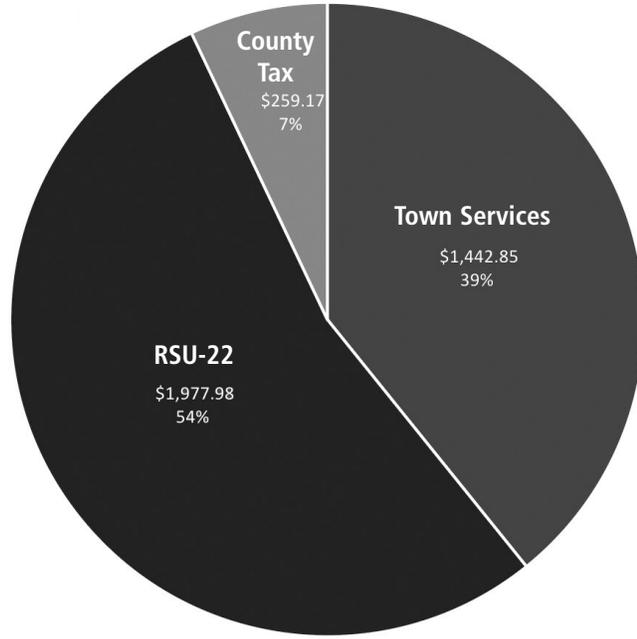
INTERESTED? If you'd like to serve on this committee, please call us at 862-4000 or email [publicsafety@hampdenmaine.gov](mailto:publicsafety@hampdenmaine.gov) ■

**Allocation of Tax Dollars between Town, School and County Services,  
Town of Hampden Fiscal Year 2018**

**Where Do My Tax Dollars Go?**

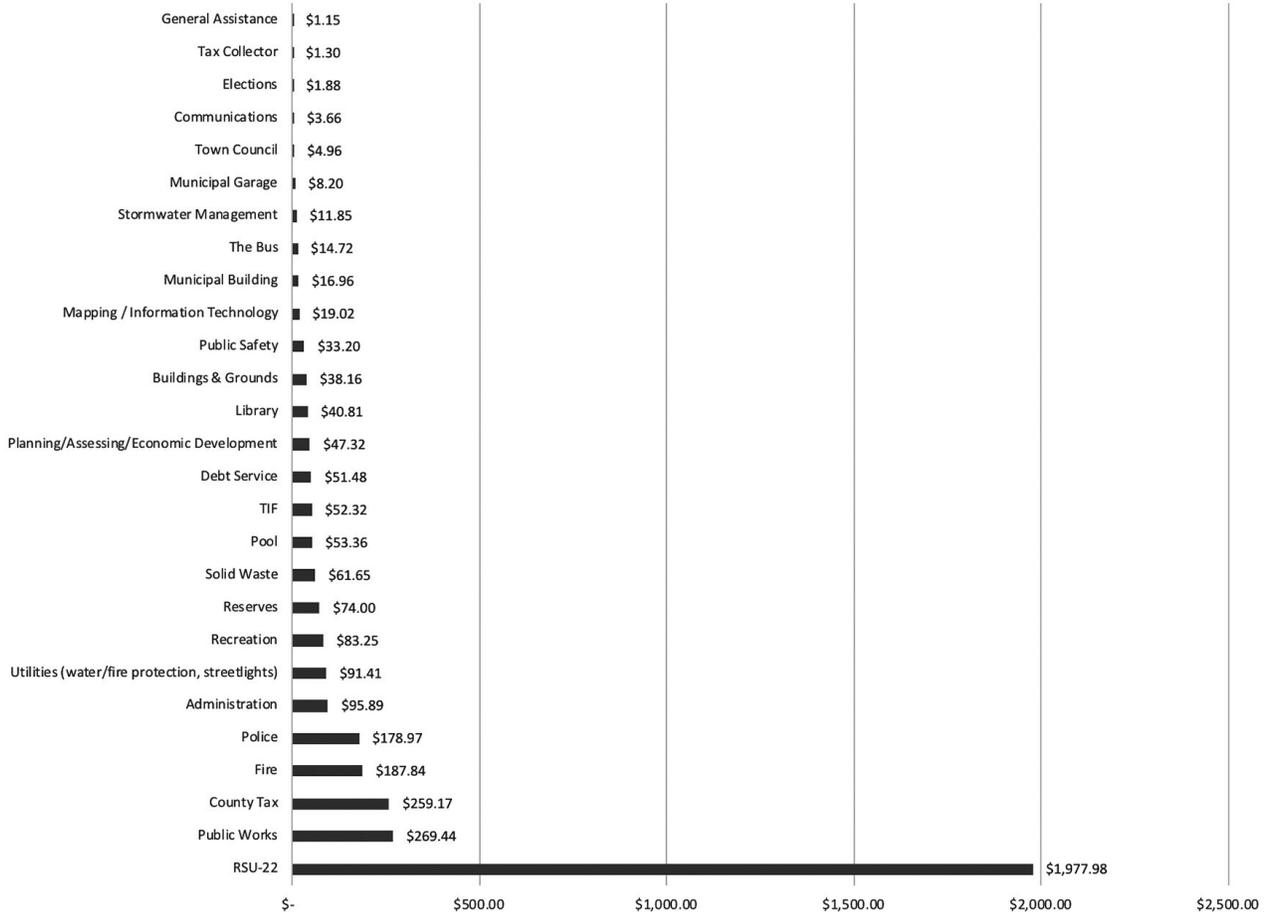
The Town website includes an interactive calculator to allow property tax payers to input the amount of their bill and see how that amount breaks down to various categories of spending. It is online at [www.hampdenmaine.gov/taxcalculator](http://www.hampdenmaine.gov/taxcalculator), and the approved FY18 and proposed FY19 Town Budgets are online at [www.hampdenmaine.gov/budget](http://www.hampdenmaine.gov/budget). This information is part of an effort to make Town government more transparent to the public.

The pie chart to the right illustrates broadly how each tax dollar is allocated between Town, School and County. The bar chart below offers a finer breakdown of tax dollars across the various Town Departments. These numbers are based on the tax bill for a property assessed at \$200,000 - roughly the median home value in Hampden. To see where your tax dollars go, simply enter your tax bill in the online tax calculator! ■



**Allocation of Property Tax Dollars, Town of Hampden Fiscal Year 2018**

Based on taxes paid on property assessed at \$200,000. (Total tax \$3,680).



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## Town of Hampden Stream Cleanup Saturday, May 5, 2018



*Rain Date Saturday, May 12, 2018*



Help keep Hampden's waterways  
clean! Join us for a morning to  
clean trash from our roadways  
and stream banks.

Where: Community Room, Public Safety Building,  
106 Western Ave  
When: 9:00 am until around 11:00 — cleanup  
11:00 until around noon — BBQ lunch



To sign up, contact Karen Cullen at 862-4500  
or [planner@hampdenmaine.gov](mailto:planner@hampdenmaine.gov).