

# Hampden *Highlights*

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## About this Edition

This special edition of *Hampden Highlights* is abbreviated from a typical newsletter, with just two areas of focus:

**Town Budget:** What to expect from the Town Council's budget

process for FY18 (July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018), and how to stay in the know! (Short answer? Budget meetings (page 2) and look for updates on [www.hampdenmaine.gov/budget](http://www.hampdenmaine.gov/budget))

**Volunteer Open House and Community Forum** sponsored by the Town of Hampden and the Hampden Business Association, with participation from more than twenty-five civic and volunteer organizations who help make our community great!

*Hampden Highlights* will return to its normal format for the next edition, summer 2017. ■

## Town Budget

### Town Council Priorities: What to Watch in FY18

On Saturday, February 20, the Town Manager and Town Council met for the unofficial kick-off of the FY18 budget season. Annual Goal Setting establishes policy priorities for the upcoming budget year (July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018). While the session did not focus strictly on dollars and cents, it established priorities that are a foundation of ongoing budget preparation.

Three major issues were identified as priority items to tackle in FY18:

**Recreational Facilities Planning.** Lura Hoit Pool site evaluation and DEP permitting for expanded parking and potential expanded fields and facilities; Skehan Center lease duration and terms; and longer-term planning for the Library.

**Solid Waste Management.** Evaluate potential changes to how we provide services, including review of current Transfer Station policies, operations and layout, level of service, costs, etc.

**Public Works.** Review staffing levels and outsourcing options to best manage existing and newly mandated departmental functions, and level of service expectations for discretionary functions.

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## Volunteer Open House & Community Forum

On Sunday, April 9th, 2017 from 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. at Hampden Academy, more than twenty-five civic and community organizations will convene at Hampden Academy for a Volunteer Open House & Community Forum.

The Town of Hampden, in partnership with the Hampden Business Association, is pleased to sponsor this special event in recognition and support of the many volunteers who help make our community great.

This special event will bring together Hampden residents with the leadership, members, supporters, and friends of our civic organizations in order to make acquaintance, share information, and welcome new volunteers to support our community.

Part of the event will be in an Open House format where attendees can visit different tables to learn about the organization's activities and upcoming (and ongoing) volunteer opportunities.

The event will also include remarks from participating organizations regarding their mission, activities, and opportunities to get involved!

Light refreshments will be provided, courtesy of the Hampden Business Association. ■

SUNDAY  
APRIL 9  
1 – 4 P.M.

## Budget *from page 1*

Each of these items will continue to be incorporated into the work plan for the Town Council's Services and Infrastructure Committees, respectively, with specific proposals to be referred to the Finance / Administration Committee then to the Town Council for action.

A much broader range of policy initiatives is underway; the Fall 2016 Hampden Highlights (Policy Priorities: Busytown!) offers a detailed summary. However, the three items outlined on page 1 represent the Town Council's top priorities for next year. It is expected that major decisions will be made on each of these issues.

Public attendance at meetings of the Council or any of its Committees is encouraged, and you can also contact the Town Clerk to be placed on a notification list for specific matters of interest.

Stay tuned for updates on the new Town of Hampden website (see page 3), Facebook page, Channel 7, and future editions of *Hampden Highlights*. ■

### Regular Meeting Schedules

- Town Council meetings are generally held on the first and third Monday of each month at 7 p.m.
- Finance & Administration Committee meetings are generally held at 6 p.m. on the same night as regular Council meetings.
- Planning & Development Committee meetings are generally held on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m.
- Services Committee meetings are generally held on the second Monday of each month at 6 p.m.
- Infrastructure Committee meetings are generally held on the fourth Monday of each month at 6 p.m.
- The Planning Board meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m.
- The RSU-22 Board of Directors meetings are held on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m.

Town Council and Committee meetings, and Planning Board meetings, are held at the Town Office. RSU-22 Board of Directors meetings are held at Hampden Academy. In the event of a Monday holiday, meetings are held on Tuesday.

## Key Dates on the Budget Calendar

**B**udget meetings on normal Committee meeting dates will be at 7 p.m. after the Committee meeting. On non-Committee dates, budget meetings will begin at 6 p.m.

### **Monday, April 24, 6 p.m.**

Review of draft FY18 Sewer Expense Budget  
Potential referral of Sewer Rates to Public Hearing

### **Monday, May 1, 7 p.m.** (at Town Council meeting)

Town Manager presentation of proposed budget

### **Wednesday, May 3, 7 p.m.**

Assessor/Planning; Economic Development;  
GIS Mapping/Information Technology; Communications

### **Monday, May 8, 6 p.m.** (at Services Committee)

The Bus

### **Monday, May 8, 7 p.m.**

Library; Recreation; Lura Hoit Pool; The Bus (cont'd)

### **Monday, May 15, 7 p.m.** (at Town Council meeting)

Potential Sewer Rate Public Hearing

### **Wednesday, May 17, 7 p.m.**

Public Works; Buildings & Grounds;  
Municipal Garage; Solid Waste; Municipal Building;  
Marina; Stormwater Management; Sewer

### **Monday, May 22, 7 p.m.**

Public Safety; Police; Fire

### **Wednesday, May 24, 6 p.m.**

Administration; Town Council; Tax Collector;  
County Tax; General Assistance; Education (RSU-22);  
Elections; Outside Agencies; Non-Departmental Utilities;  
Revenues

### **Tuesday, May 30, 6 p.m.**

Capital Program; Debt Service; Tax Increment Financing (TIF); Reserves

### **Monday, June 5, 7 p.m.** (at Town Council meeting)

Budget Review – Town Council Referral to Public Hearing

**June 13, Tuesday:** RSU-22 Budget Referendum and State of Maine Special Referendum

### **Monday, June 19, 7 p.m.** (at Town Council meeting)

Town Council Public Hearing on FY18 Budget ■



## FROM THE DESK OF THE MANAGER

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

Angus Jennings, Town Manager  
townmanager@hampdenmaine.gov  
207.862.3034

### REMINDER: Tax Due Date: April 5 by 6 p.m.

Somebunny is looking out for you... and that would be our new Tax Collector, Barbara Geaghan who wants to remind everyone to ‘Hop on in to the Town Office!’ and pay your taxes! Taxes not paid in full by the deadline begin to accrue interest on April 6th and she does not want you to forget. (If she didn’t carrot all, she would not have included this friendly reminder!)



*Hop on in!*

### Where Do My Tax Dollars Go?

A new resource has been added to the Town website. An interactive calculator allows 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/budget](http://www.hampdenmaine.gov/budget) along with the approved FY17 Town Budget including a line item breakdown of authorized expenses. This tax calculator is part of an effort to make Town government more transparent to the public. ■

## A New Look for the Town of Hampden Website

Work has been well underway on the Town website refresh which is slated to roll out “live” at the beginning of April. Our IT Specialist has been busily migrating information over from the current website, and with the help of Department Heads, has been updating and adding content for a more comprehensive and much more user friendly website.

Some of the most notable changes will be the location of “Town News” and the more prominently placed “Community Calendar” as well as the addition of a marquis in which we will be able to highlight photos of Hampden’s people and places on a rotating basis. This marquis can also be used for important notices that we may wish to make the public especially aware of. The site will also include a live feed of the Town of Hampden Facebook page, so posts on social media will be visible to visitors to our website.

In addition to providing a more visually appealing website, our intent is to make it easier for the public to navigate in order to find town news and information within one or two “clicks.” We are pretty excited about this new look! Let us know what you think!!! ■

#### 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/Hampden.Recreation](http://www.facebook.com/Hampden.Recreation)
- [www.facebook.com/EdytheDyerLibrary](http://www.facebook.com/EdytheDyerLibrary)
- [www.facebook.com/hampdenpublicsafety](http://www.facebook.com/hampdenpublicsafety)
- [www.facebook.com/LuraHoitPool](http://www.facebook.com/LuraHoitPool)

#### Video of Hampden Public Meetings

Live: [live.hampdenmaine.gov](http://live.hampdenmaine.gov)

Archive: [youtube.com/hampdenmaine](http://youtube.com/hampdenmaine)

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## Town Boards and Committees Community Building through Citizen Participation

Paula Scott, Town Clerk

Community is often thought of strictly in terms of its basic definition as a group of people living in the same place or having a particular characteristic in common. (Miriam-Webster)

There is, however, a deeper nuance to community that goes beyond a mere location. It embodies the actual friendly association that is a result of sharing common interests and goals through service for the benefit of the public.

The Town of Hampden is a unique community in every sense and meaning of the word. Its residents have a proud tradition of involvement in its public institutions through volunteerism and service and have long understood the altruistic value in community building. Your public employees, and appointed and elected officials understand the value as well and we thank you. We understand and embrace the fact that singularly, we cannot do it, but corporately, we can all make a difference.

There are many boards and committees in the Town of Hampden that help support various aspects of local government; some currently have vacancies that we

would like to fill. The boards and committee listing is as follows:

Board of Assessment Review	(1 vacancy)
Edythe Dyer Library Board of Trustees	(2 vacancies)
Environmental Trust Committee	(no vacancies)
Harbor Committee	(5 vacancies)
Historic Preservation Commission	(1 vacancy)
Lura Hoit Pool Board of Trustees	(no vacancies)
Personnel Appeals Board	(1 vacancy)
Planning Board	(no vacancies)
Recreation Committee	(2 vacancies)
Board of Appeals	(6 vacancies)

If you are interested in becoming a board or committee member and taking part in the process of local, accessible, and effective government at its finest, we invite you to download an application from our website or stop in the office and speak with the Town Clerk.

As the old adage goes, "Many hands make light work." Let's continue to put our heads and hands together for the betterment and the building of our community. ■

### A Word About Participating Organizations

The goal of the Volunteer Open House & Community Forum is to bring together many people in our community, with participating organizations gaining valuable connections with new and prospective members and volunteers.

Organizers of the event attempted to "cast a wide net" in inviting participation in this event, and the twenty-five organizations confirmed to participate reflect a broad cross section of our community. The Town of Hampden is pleased to sponsor this forum, but the inclusion of any organization in the event is not intended as an endorsement of any specific organization or any of the views expressed. Narratives included in this section were edited only for length and formatting, not for content.

Likewise, it may be that organizations active in the community are not included as participants — not by intent, but by unintentional omission.

It is not too late to get involved! If your civic or volunteer organization is not reflected here, and you would like to be a part of it, please contact the Town Manager Angus Jennings ■

## VOLUNTEER OPEN HOUSE

### Civic & Volunteer Organizations

American Legion Post #213  
Boy Scout Troop 41  
Edythe Dyer Library Board of Trustees  
Gateway Seniors Without Walls  
Girl Scouts of Maine  
Good Shepherd Food Bank  
Goodwill Riders Snowmobile Club  
Hampden Area Diversity  
Hampden Business Association  
Hampden Children's Day Committee  
Hampden Farmers' Market  
Hampden Garden Club  
Hampden Historical Society  
Hampden Kiwanis  
Hampden Neighborhood Food Cupboard  
Hampden Recreation Committee  
Hampden Seniors Club  
Key Club  
Lura Hoit Pool Board  
Mystic Lodge #65  
Reeds Brook Trails Project  
RSU-22 Education Foundation  
Teach/Learn/Support  
Town Boards and Committees  
Whitcomb-Baker VFW Post 4633

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## Hampden Business Association

The purpose of the Hampden Business Association is to provide a unified voice for area businesses, to represent your interests and concerns with the town, and to keep you informed about what's going on in and around the community.

Primary Contact Information:

Mailing Address: PO Box 155  
Hampden ME 04444-0155

HBA President: Cheryl Gray • [clgray@camdenational.com](mailto:clgray@camdenational.com) • 207-991-9547

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Website: [hampdenbusiness.com](http://hampdenbusiness.com)  
Email: [info@hampdenbusiness.com](mailto:info@hampdenbusiness.com)  
Facebook: Hampden Business Association

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### Hampden Recreation Department & Lura Hoit Pool

Online Registration: [www.hampdenrecreation.com](http://www.hampdenrecreation.com)

Patrons may register for programming from the convenience of their own home 24 hours a day. This web based system features Recreation Department and Lura Hoit Pool programming.

Patrons may set up a household account, which allows quicker access for future registrations. One household account will allow you to register for activities with the Hampden Recreation Department or Lura Hoit Pool.

In addition to cash or check (onsite at your local department facility), you may now pay with Credit or Debit Card either online or via kiosks now available at each department facility.

Staff can assist patrons during normal business hours in establishing a family account and/or registering for a program.

For more information please contact us at either of the departments below:

- Hampden Recreation Department  
[recreation@hampdenmaine.gov](mailto:recreation@hampdenmaine.gov) • 862-6451
- Lura Hoit Memorial Pool  
[lurahoitpool@hampdenmaine.gov](mailto:lurahoitpool@hampdenmaine.gov) • 862-4305

### Edythe Dyer Library Board of Trustees

Are you looking for an awesome way to get involved? The Edythe Dyer Community Library has openings for two board members. The Library Board of Trustees is advisory and members are appointed by the Town Council. The Board has the responsibility to give input into the library's planning process, policy setting, and marketing plan. The most important role is to be a strong advocate for the Library. Currently the Board meets the second Wednesdays of September, November, January, March, and May at 7:30 am.  
Contact: Debbie Lozito at 862-3550



### American Legion Hampden Memorial Post 213

The American Legion is the nation's largest wartime veteran's service organization, committed to mentoring youth and sponsorship of wholesome programs in our communities and promoting continued devotion to our fellow service members and veterans.

American Legion Post 213 programs and activities include Flag Day; Children's Day; and sponsorship of a JR Shooting Program. The Legion donates at the local, state and national levels to help veterans and their families during times of need and to provide college scholarships.

For more information on becoming a member or volunteering, please contact William Siemerling, at 41 Canoe Club Rd., Hampden or 570-6825.

### Boy Scout Troop 41

Troop 41 meets every Wednesday night at Kiwanis Hall from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Contact: Tom Turlo at 862-2238

Like us on Facebook @troop41hampden

### Gateway Seniors Without Walls

Gateway Seniors Without Walls is a charitable organization and an Affiliate of the University of Maine Center on Aging. We currently serve older people in the Greater Bangor area, from as far away as Bucksport, Winterport, Dedham, and Ellsworth. There are no membership fees or exclusions; everyone is welcome!

Our primary mission is to expand and publicize activities and services for seniors.

Service projects include publishing the Senior Yellow Pages, a comprehensive manual of services for seniors in Greater Bangor; first printing October 2016, second printing is planned for April 2017.

For more information:

Telephone: 889-3031

[gatewayseniorswithoutwalls@roadrunner.com](mailto:gatewayseniorswithoutwalls@roadrunner.com)

Mailing: 9 Chestnut Ct., Orono ME 04473

Websites:

[gatewayseniorswithoutwalls.org](http://gatewayseniorswithoutwalls.org);

[senioryellowpages.org](http://senioryellowpages.org)

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## Girl Scouts of Maine - 22 Carat Group

With Girl Scouts of Maine, almost 9,000 girls from across the state are reaching their fullest potential! Our girls are discovering what's important to them, connecting with their community, and taking action to make the world a better place.

If you are interested in finding out more about Girl Scouts of Maine, 22 Carat Group, please contact Alison Erickson at the local Service Center at 989-7474

## Good Shepherd Food Bank

Good Shepherd Food Bank is the largest hunger relief organization in Maine and provides for those at risk of hunger including distributing to more than 400 partner agencies (including the Hampden Neighborhood Food Cupboard). In 2016, Good Shepherd Food Bank distributed over 21 million meals to families, children and seniors in need throughout Maine.

Volunteers are a vital part of our work and are used in a variety of ways including sorting and inspecting food donations and maintenance of the facility. Our Hampden warehouse hours are M–Th, 7:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. and Friday from 7:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Extended evening and Saturday hours can be arranged to accommodate volunteer groups of 10 or more.



For more information: [www.feedingmaine.org](http://www.feedingmaine.org)  
Lyndon Hopkins, Warehouse Manager, 989-4672  
11 Penobscot Meadow Drive, Hampden

## Goodwill Riders Snowmobile Club

The Goodwill Riders Snowmobile Club, located on Western Avenue (Route 9) welcomes all residents and non-residents to become a member and join a group of people who work hard on maintaining 37 miles of trails that access our neighboring clubs, and connect us with Newburgh, Hermon, Bangor and Winterport for the enjoyment of winter recreation. Volunteer support for trail and bridge maintenance, grooming trails at our monthly Bean Supper will be welcomed!

Point of Contact: Rich Armstrong, President  
For more information about Goodwill Riders, please call 848-7300.

## Hampden Area Diversity

This group creates a safe online community to increase cultural and social awareness and encourage a positive, safe and nurturing environment for all to share.

For more information contact Sarah Novak, 862-3119.



## Hampden Children's Day Committee

The Town of Hampden will be celebrating its 38th annual Children's Day celebration on August 12th, the 2nd Saturday in August 2017. The Children's Day Committee is led by its President Bill Shakespeare with support from volunteers and financial contributors who unselfishly volunteer their time and donations throughout the year in preparation for this event.

Special thanks to Hamlin Marine for donating its annual boat, motor, and trailer, which is raffled off to pay for a major portion of Children's Day, which culminates in a fabulous fireworks display to end a wonderful day of activities for the children of Hampden.

For more information contact either Bill Shakespeare at 862-4375 or Janet Hughes at 768-1396.

Volunteers are needed for planning and committee work, and for the actual activities during Children's Day.

## Hampden Farmers' Market

The Hampden Farmers' Market's mission is to provide a year round farmers' market that allows the greater Hampden community to support local farmers and artisans while nourishing their families with the best produce and goods possible. Join us every Friday from 2–5:30 p.m. to celebrate what we have to offer! Located in the Hampden Town Office parking lot May 19 – Oct. 13th and at the Kiwanis Civic Center Oct. 20 – April 27.  
[www.hampdenfarmersmarket.com](http://www.hampdenfarmersmarket.com)

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### Hampden Garden Club

The Hampden Garden Club first began to use Harmony Hall for their meetings in 1937, and since then have preserved and maintained the historic building which is an excellent venue for the club's many activities.

Club members keep busy all year with projects which benefit the members and the community. In spring, work centers around the annual Perennial Plant and Pie Sale fundraiser. This event will take place this year on May 20 at Harmony Hall and features hundreds of plants and delicious homemade pies.

The club holds monthly meetings open to the public, and new members of all ages and abilities are welcome at any time.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 25, at 7:00 p.m. at Harmony Hall, Bob Bangs of Windswept Gardens will speak on sustainable gardening.

For more information contact Anne Bennett at 862-3467 or Barb Packard at 862-3080.

### Hampden Historical Society

The Hampden Historical Society is dedicated to the preservation and promotion of the culture and heritage of the Town of Hampden. We support this mission through: public cultural, arts and educational programs; curating an archival repository of documents and artifacts; operating a museum on the Martin Kinsley House property; promoting the preservation of historic and culturally significant buildings and sites; and partnering with local and regional cultural, arts and educational institutions.

We meet on the fourth Monday of the month of March through October at the Kinsley House beginning at 7pm. Guests, new members and volunteers are always welcome. The archive and museum are open each Tuesday, April through October from 10am to 4pm and by appointment.

Contacts: Mary Poulin, President 862-3638 or Jerry Stanhope, Past President 862-3463  
email: [hampdenhistorical@gmail.com](mailto:hampdenhistorical@gmail.com)

### Hampden Kiwanis

The Hampden Kiwanis Club is looking for new members to continue to volunteer and provide for the children of Hampden and the world! Our regular meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. at the Kiwanis Civic Center, 55 Main Road North. We host a bean supper on the first Saturday of the month. For information on the programs we support, please contact Joseph Dowling at 659-0437.

### Hampden Neighborhood Food Cupboard

The Mission of the Hampden Neighborhood Food Cupboard is to provide food and personal items for those in need in our community.

Located in the Hampden Congregational Church at 101 Main Road North, the Food Cupboard is open every Wednesday from 9:30am ñ 11:00am; and the First and Third Wednesday from 5:00pm to 6:00pm.

Donations of food and personal care items may be dropped off at the church anytime in the right side entrance.

Contact: Sue at 862-5248 [hafc04444@gmail.com](mailto:hafc04444@gmail.com)

### Hampden Seniors Club

The Hampden Seniors meet the first Monday of month at Kiwanis, dues are just \$10/year. We currently have about 18 members and are hoping to gain some new members. Every Thursday at the Kiwanis Civic Center we have between 30–36 people for lunch beginning at 11:30 for just \$4.

For more information: Ray Heroux, President  
262-8736.

### Key Club

Key Club is an international student-led organization whose members provide service, build character and develop leadership. Key Club is devoted to helping its home, school and community, while having tons of fun! Key Club works closely with the Hampden Kiwanis.

Key Club meets every 1st and 3rd Tuesday in Hampden Academy Room 216.

For more information, please contact Debbie Daigle at Hampden Academy, 862-7321 or [ddaigle@rsu22.us](mailto:ddaigle@rsu22.us).

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### Mystic Lodge #65

Mystic Lodge #65 holds their regular meeting every month on the third Tuesday beginning at 7:30 p.m..

Contact: Dave Higgins 356-7305  
ddhiggins717@me.com



### Reeds Brook Trails Project

Located in the heart of Hampden, Maine, this is a collaborative effort between community volunteers, members of the Penobscot Valley Ski Club, Troop 41 Boy Scouts, and RSU 22. Our mission is to provide accessible multipurpose four-season recreational trails for all members of the greater Hampden community. We welcome all non-motorized activity including skiing, running, biking, walking, and snowshoeing.

Additional information can be found on our website:  
<https://sites.google.com/site/reedsbrooktrails/home>  
Facebook: [www.facebook.com/reedsbrooktrails](http://www.facebook.com/reedsbrooktrails)  
Peter Buzzini, Reeds Brook Trails, 318-3772

### RSU-22 Education Foundation

The overall mission of the Foundation is to support innovation in District schools through fundraising, engaging volunteers, and building an endowment. Some Education Foundations offer mini-grants to teachers, run scholarship programs and manage alumni relations. Our Foundation is in the process of deciding what to focus on.

We are led by a board of directors who represent Hampden, Winterport and Newburgh.

If you are interested in ways to become a sponsor of local education, please call 862-2811.  
<http://www.rsu22educationfoundation.org/>  
[rsu22educationfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:rsu22educationfoundation@gmail.com)  
Peter Witt, President

### Teach / Learn / Support

TEACH/LEARN/SUPPORT is a coalition of community members and teachers in RSU-22. The main purpose behind this group is to create open communication between the community, teachers, and the school district in an effort to continue providing a strong public education in RSU-22 by organizing opportunities for community members and teachers to work together with the goal of creating a supportive environment for strengthening education, fostering a sense of community through volunteer opportunities, and working together to strengthen education in RSU-22.

Contact Michele Metzler at 862-3791.

### Whitcomb-Baker VFW Post #4633

Our Mission: To foster camaraderie among United States veterans of overseas conflicts. To serve our veterans, the military, and our communities. To advocate on behalf of all veterans.

Throughout the year we sponsor several activities and groups to promote patriotism in our community. At this time we are sponsoring a Venture Crew 1776 for the Boy Scouts, the local little league, participation in Children's Day, aid to the local food pantry, and the Memorial Day parade.

On Friday nights, we open up our post to the community for a fun night of Bingo which starts at 6 p.m. and goes till 9 p.m.

During the year we have fundraisers to help our local veterans. These include our Mother's Day breakfast, Hunter's Breakfast, and our annual Hot Rod Car Show. These are great opportunities for post members to connect and meet with the community

Whitcomb-Baker Post 4633 meets the first Wednesday of every month. Prior to the meeting we provide members, guest speakers, and family of members, supper at 6:30 p.m. and then the meeting for members starts at 7:30 p.m.

41 Canoe Club Road, P.O. Box 555  
Hampden, ME 04444-0555  
862-2553 • Stephen Casey, Commander



# Hampden Public Safety



## Police - Fire - EMS

106 Western Avenue  
Hampden, Maine 04444  
Phone 207-862-4000 • Fax: 207-862-4588



## FALLS AND PUBLIC SAFETY RESPONSE

Hampden Public Safety would like to remind all Hampden residents to call 911 when they need medical assistance. Calling 911 puts the caller in immediate contact with a trained dispatcher, who can then collect the necessary information and dispatch the appropriate personnel. This includes the event of a fall. Even if a fall does not result in any apparent injury, it is appropriate to call 911 for assistance in the event that you are unsure of the presence of an injury, or lifting assistance is needed to get yourself or someone else up from the floor or ground. Further, the presence of trained medical personnel may prevent further injury to the fall patient because an evaluation can be performed prior to the fall victim being moved. Also, an exam can help determine if the patient should be transported to the hospital for additional evaluation or treatment. In the event only lifting assistance is necessary there will be no charge for services, as a bill is only generated in the event of a transport. ■

## Hampden Public Safety Recommends TELECARE Program for Elderly Residents Living Alone

Hampden Public Safety has partnered with TELE CARE, a free daily call reassurance program offered to area elderly residents living alone.

We recognize that aging is not always graceful, and it certainly isn't easy. We all want to remain independent for as long as possible. Knowing that someone will speak with you (or your loved one) every Monday through Friday can be a comforting reassurance.

**TELECARE is absolutely free.** A volunteer will have daily telephone contact with the enrolled member (Monday–Friday). If they are unable to reach you, they will let us know; and we will stop by your residence to see if you need assistance.

It is our goal to deliver the highest quality progressive services possible to all members of our community. The Good Neighbor Program was implemented in an effort to better serve residents with memory or cognitive impairments. We believe the TELE CARE program is an excellent added layer of protection for our residents.

*We urge all elderly residents living alone to take advantage of either or both of these free services.*

TELECARE services are provided through Rosscare, an EMHS Member. For more information, or to enroll in the program, please contact them directly at 973-7848, or visit the website, [www.rosscare.org](http://www.rosscare.org).

If you'd like to learn more about the Good Neighbor Program, or sign up, please contact Hampden Public Safety.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Sergeant Bailey at 862-4000, or email [publicsafety@hampdenmaine.gov](mailto:publicsafety@hampdenmaine.gov) ■

# Budget: Then and Now

During the ten budget years prior to the current year, the Town of Hampden drew more than \$4 million from its Unassigned Fund Balance in order to balance the budget.

This provided some property tax relief during those years, but left the Town's financial reserves substantially depleted. For that reason, the current year (FY17) budget did not rely on any draw from Fund Balance. Combined with increased costs, the absence of Fund Balance revenues increased taxes by about \$37 on the median value home in Hampden. But by reducing reliance on one-time revenues the FY17 budget also placed the Town on a more sustainable financial path.

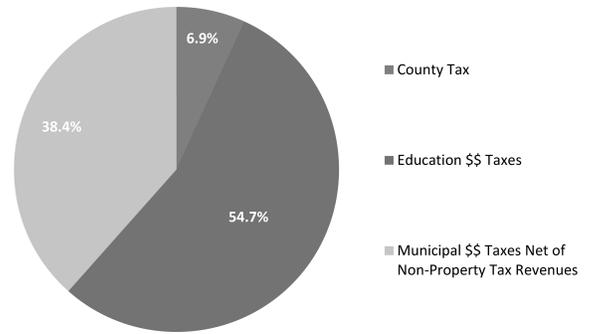
When taxes go up, it is especially important that tax payers have total transparency regarding where your tax dollars go.

In Hampden this year, 38.4 cents of every tax dollar support Town services, while 54.7 cents support education, and 6.9 cents pay Penobscot County tax.

These charts illustrate Town and RSU-22 costs allocated across budget categories. The Town budget, with every expense line detailed, is online: [www.hampdenmaine.gov/budget](http://www.hampdenmaine.gov/budget)

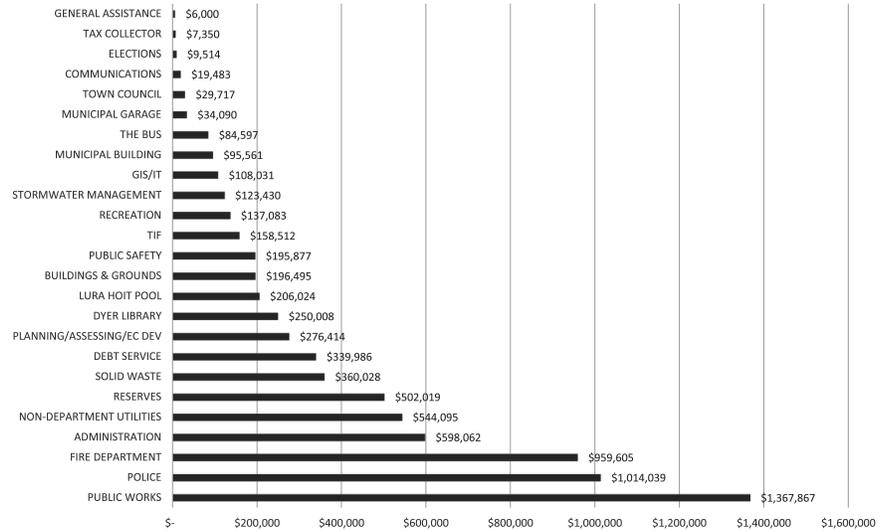
Notably, Municipal Revenue Sharing from the State of Maine, which had been a reliable source of revenue for decades, dropped steeply in FY08 and has only rebounded to 47% of prior levels. Along with rising costs, this drop in State funding has placed additional pressure on local property tax payers. ■

## Hampden Tax Expenses by Percent FY17

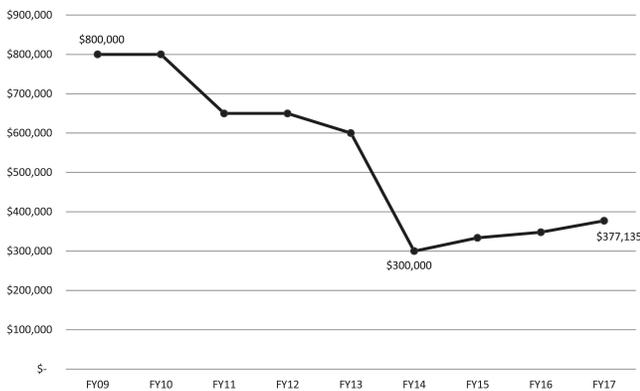


## Approved Budget, Town only FY17

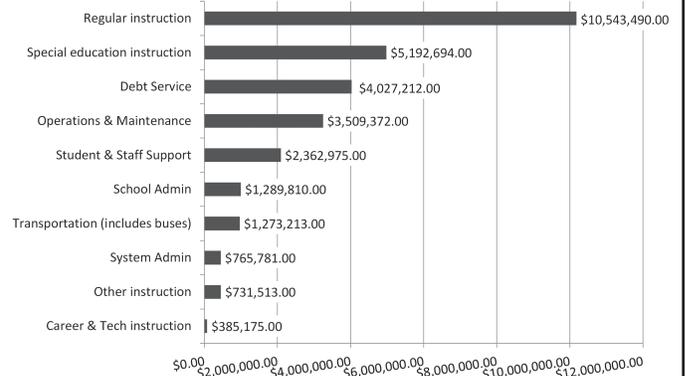
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## Maine Municipal Revenue Sharing to Hampden, FY09 to FY17



## RSU-22 Budget Cost Centers, FY17



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## *Stream Cleanup*

The 12th Annual Spring Stream Cleanup will be held on Saturday May 6, 2017. Last year's event attracted over 80 volunteers! 36 bags of garbage were removed from the streets and streams such as Reeds Brook, Sucker Brook, the Business Park, and Marina Park. If you'd like to participate, either as an individual, family or as a volunteer group, please contact Town Planner Karen Cullen, AICP, who chairs the Town's Stormwater Working Group. Karen can be reached at 862-4500 or [planner@hampdenmaine.gov](mailto:planner@hampdenmaine.gov) — or visit the Town Office! ■

