

INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING
Monday December 9, 2013
6:00 P.M.

HAMPDEN TOWN OFFICE

A G E N D A

1. MINUTES OF 11/25/2013
2. OLD BUSINESS
 - A. Discussion of School Resource Officer Grant
3. NEW BUSINESS
4. PUBLIC COMMENTS
5. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Monday November 25, 2013

Attending:

Councilor William Shakespeare	Town Manager Susan Lessard
Councilor Carol Duprey	Public Works Director Chip Swan
Councilor David Ryder	Resident Terry McAvoy
Mayor Janet Hughes	Incoming Councilor Greg Sirois

The meeting was opened at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Shakespeare.

1. MINUTES OF 10/28/2013 – The minutes of the 10/28/2013 meeting were reviewed. Councilor Shakespeare requested that they be amended under the Public Comment to reflect that resident Terry McAvoy was on the platform outside of the transfer station office for five minutes observing the employees inside. The minutes were approved as amended.
2. OLD BUSINESS
 - A. Discussion of Sewer Projects Approved at 11/5/13 Election
 1. Pump Station Replacements – Route 202 & Mayo Road
 2. (Route1A) Main Road North Sewer Line Replacement – Western Avenue to the Water District

Public Works Director Chip Swan explained that the projects approved at the November 5th referendum election were to rehabilitate two pump stations at an estimated cost of \$280,000, and to replace sewer line from the intersection of Western Avenue/Route 1A to the Water District at an estimated cost of \$413,850. The pump stations were last updated in 1985, and the sewer line in question is clay pipe that was installed in the late 1930's. The Town Manager informed the Committee that a sewer rate hike would be needed to fund the debt service on these projects. She recommended that the Committee review the current sewer rate schedule and alter its composition so that the capital charge on accounts more accurately reflects the cost of debt service for the system. Motion by Councilor Hughes, seconded by Councilor Ryder to recommend to the full Council that this project be designed and put out to bid. Unanimous vote in favor.

3. NEW BUSINESS
4. PUBLIC COMMENTS – Resident Terry McAvoy reported that partial loads of brush/demo were taken from the transfer station for the past two collection weekends. He questioned why the staff was not adhering to the new policy that only full loads would be transported and that partial loads would be left until the next collection weekend.
5. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS – Councilor Duprey reported that her husband Brian had been to the transfer station a number of times during the past weekend with loads of brush and had seen many people dumping leaves into the brush pile, which is a prohibited practice. He also reported that the two staff members were not at the brush/demo areas during his visits to tell persons where to dispose of materials. Public Works director Chip Swan said that the brush and leaves were

separated when the brush was loaded on Monday and the leaves were put into the construction and demo pile. The Town Manager discussed the need for the leaves to be put in the compactors and taken as part of the solid waste to the PERC facility for incineration to help assure that the Town meets the Guaranteed Annual Tonnage that the Town is contractually obligated to provide to avoid penalties. The Public Works Director will meet with staff to insure that disposal and hauling policies are more closely followed.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Lessard
Town Manager