

INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING

MONDAY, September 24, 2012

6 P.M.

HAMPDEN TOWN OFFICE

1. Minutes of 7/23/2012
2. Old Business
 - a) Old 1955 Jeep – discussion of costs for maintenance/parade vehicle
3. New Business
 - a) Route 69 – road condition concerns
4. Public Comment
5. Committee Member Comment

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Attending:

Councilor Shelby Wright	Public Safety Director Joseph Rogers
Councilor Kristen Hornbrook	Paul Stilwell, resident
Mayor Janet Hughes	Susan Lessard, Town Manager
Chip Swan, Public Works Director	

The meeting was opened at 6:05 p.m. by Committee Chair Councilor Wright.

1. Minutes of 6/25/2012 meeting – Motion by Councilor Hornbrook, seconded by Mayor Hughes to approve the minutes as presented. Unanimous vote.
2. Old Business - None
3. New Business
 - a) Loader Bids – The Public Works Director presented the bids received for a loader/backhoe. One was received from Milton Cat and the other was from Nortrax. The Public Works Director recommendation was for the purchase of the Nortrax at a net cost of \$63,000. Included with that bid is a guaranteed buy-back in five years at a price of \$48,800 for the machine with up to 4000 hours of use. The total cost of the machine's five year life cycle would be \$52,200. The Milton CAT total five year life cycle cost would be \$74,900 because the guaranteed buy back after five years was only \$28,000 as compared to the \$48,800 from Nortrax. Motion by Mayor Hughes, seconded by Councilor Hornbrook to recommend to the Council the purchase of the backhoe/loader from Nortrax at a cost of \$63,000 and to refer the financing of it to the next Finance Committee agenda. Unanimous vote.
 - b) Truck Traffic Monroe Road – Citizen Concerns – Paul Stilwell, a resident at 22 Monroe Road attended the meeting to present information related to complaints on the use of engine brakes on Monroe Road where it intersects with Kennebec Road. He had numerous recordings of these events, and presented a letter signed by 27 residents requesting the closure of the road to truck traffic as a means of solving the problem. Complaints have been received for several months, the police department has maintained a higher presence in the area and also contacted companies who were reported to have been in violation. These steps have not curtailed the problem. After considerable discussion, it was the consensus of the Committee that the Public Safety department should operate with a zero-tolerance policy in this regard in this location and issue citations for violations – not warnings. In addition, the Town Manager was directed to send a letter to all trucking/construction/ gravel pit businesses in the region to inform them of the existence of the ordinance, and the consequences of violating it. The Committee agreed to discuss this subject again on September 24th to evaluate progress.

4. Public Comment - None
5. Committee Member Comment – Mayor Hughes requested that the Public Works Director make sure that the MDOT representative in charge of the Route 1A project contact local businesses to let them know about the proposed 7 day road closure for the installation of a large culvert on Route 1A.

Motion by Councilor Hornbrook, seconded by Councilor Wright to adjourn at 6:44 p.m.
Unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Lessard